



Thomas H. Patterson

December 8, 1943 - October 22, 2020

Thomas Henry Patterson, 77, of Hudson, NY, passed away on October 22, 2020. Coach Patterson was a beloved spouse, father, grandfather, teacher, and coach. Tom was born in Des Moines, Iowa on December 8, 1943, and attended Central College in Pella, Iowa. Although he made New York his home, he remained a life-long devoted Iowan.

After graduating college, Tom was drafted and served two years in Vietnam. Upon return to attend grad school (Springfield College) he met his wife Snookie on a blind date. They were both PE teachers and landed jobs in Hudson, NY two weeks before their marriage in 1971.

Tom Patterson spent most of his 77 years serving as a Coach and Mentor, helping kids to find the best part of themselves. He taught Physical Education at Hudson High School from 1971 to 1998 where he also coached tennis, track, and football. He also had successful coaching careers at Marist College, Ulster County Community College, and Hudson Valley Community College.

He was an active member and dedicated volunteer of the Reformed Dutch Church of Claverack for over 45 years, serving as youth group leader, Property Chair, Sunday School teacher, and elder. When he retired from teaching, Tom's goal was to play golf 8 days a week, and he did.

Tom Patterson will always be remembered for having a bone dry sense of humor. He was quiet and unassuming, so was often able to work his mastery of comic timing to its utmost. He was the best comic straight man and delivered his 'zingers' with a twinkle in his eye. Coach Patterson's many famous sayings, his ability to inspire people to work hard, and his depth of caring for everyone in his community are part of his legacy.

His greatest joy in life after coaching was the arrival of his first grandchild, and in spite of Covid-19, he was able to meet and hold his grandson, Remy Thomas, born in May of this year.

Tom is survived by his wife Snookie, daughters Joy (Matt Bell) of New Orleans, LA, Sara (Brendan Cornwell) of Newington, NH, and Kerri (Ryan Suess) of Seattle, WA, grandson Remy Thomas Suess, nephews Daniel Patterson and William Patterson (Carrie), and great-nieces Tessa and Hannah, through whom his memory, his humor and poignant sayings, and love will live on. "Every kid should have the opportunity to be coached by

someone like him.”

Due to Covid-19, a memorial service will be held in the future. A scholarship fund is being established in Coach Patterson’s name. Donations may be sent to the Tom Patterson Scholarship, Hudson Senior High School, 215 Harry Howard Ave, Hudson, NY 12534, made payable to the Coach Patterson Memorial Scholarship.

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