

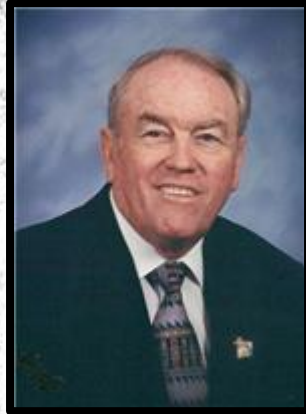


IN MEMORIAM



Donald "Don" Ray Patterson

December 4, 1931 - August 22, 2014



Don R. Patterson, 82, of Carlsbad, NM, passed away Friday, August 22, 2014, at his daughter's home in Anton, TX.

Donald Ray Patterson was born December 4, 1931, in Big Spring, Texas, to Jake and Gladys (Long) Patterson. Don served in the US Army as a scout for the 40th Co. in the [Korean War](#) from 1951-1954. He married LaVerne Finsterwald on July 28, 1956. Don worked in several jobs for the city of Carlsbad that included the State Health Dept. In 1987, he was named administrator for the city of Carlsbad, a job he held until he retired in 1995. During that time, Don worked tirelessly in earning numerous improvement grants for the city he loved so much.

He received great satisfaction in serving with the Carlsbad Lions Club for a number of years. He enjoyed helping and serving others and spending time with family and friends. He especially loved his role as "Grandad" to his treasured grandchildren. He was honored to serve as an elder at Fox & Lake Church of Christ for a number of years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Gene Patterson.

Survivors include his wife, LaVerne Patterson of Carlsbad; daughters: Donava Seales and husband, Larry of Anton, Texas, Sherri Gossett and husband, Bucky of Anton, Texas; Lisa Muñoz and husband, Chuck of Tyler, Texas; grandchildren: Jarrad Seales, Ryan Seales, Lauren Seales, Jason Seales, Lisa Sanmann, Amy Gossett, Jake Gossett, Melissa Muñoz and Jennifer Muñoz.

Memorial contributions may be made to: New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM 236, Portales NM 88130, or Lakeview Christian Home, 1905 W. Pierce Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220.