



## Darl D. Patterson Sr.

April 23, 1939 - January 4, 2026

Darl D. Patterson, Sr., age 86, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, passed peacefully from his earthly home to his heavenly home on January 4, 2026. Darl was born on April 23, 1939, in Decatur, Arkansas, to Orville and Marie (Dill) Patterson. He was the youngest of four children and was raised on the family farm, where he developed a lifelong love for the outdoors. An avid outdoorsman, Darl especially enjoyed fishing and hunting, passions that stayed with him throughout his life.

At just 17 years old, Darl proudly joined the United States Navy, serving his country from 1956 to 1960. His strong work ethic continued after his military service, and he spent most of his working years as a truck driver. Darl retired in 2009 from PAM Transportation after many years of dedicated service.

In March of 1970, Darl met the love of his life, Ruth Maudine Slack. The two were married on May 15, 1970, and shared 55 years of marriage filled with love, family, and faith. Together, they raised four children: Shellie, Marena, Darl Jr., and Martha.

Darl is survived by his devoted wife, Maudine (Slack) Patterson; three daughters, Shellie Kindy and husband Dennis of Siloam Springs, Marena Harmon and husband Dude of Siloam Springs, and Martha Whittington and husband Wade of Tontitown; seven grandchildren and their spouses; five great-grandchildren; his sister, Carol Underdown; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Marie Patterson; his

sister, JoAnn Meek; his brother, Junior Patterson; and his son, Darl Patterson, Jr.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has offered support, prayers, and condolences during this time of loss. Darl will be remembered for his love of family, his junking, his wheeling and dealing, his quiet strength, his dedication to hard work, and the legacy of love he leaves behind.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 9, 2026, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and services will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 2 p.m., both at Wasson's Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at Falling Springs Cemetery in Decatur, AR.

# Cemetery Details

## Falling Springs Cemetery

Falling Springs Cemetery  
Decatur, AR 72722

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
(479) 524-5131  
wasson@wassonfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.wassonfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home  
441 U.S. 412  
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## Burial

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JAN 10 (CT)

Falling Springs Cemetery  
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Decatur, AR 72722

# Tribute Wall



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Darl D. Patterson Sr..*



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January 08 at 05:02 PM



“ *Maudine, I was saddened to read the news of Darl's passing. I really enjoyed getting to know Darl and you during my employment with PAM Transport. Darl was a very dedicated and safe professional driver. With that said, he was even a better bass fisherman! I enjoyed competing against him in our PAM bass tournament and talking fishing with him at other times when he was in the office. I was also raised in Decatur, so we have that in common as well. I now live in Arizona, but wanted to let you know that I was thinking of you and your family.*



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**Alan Roller** - January 08 at 12:29 PM



“ *Maudine, Marena and family....we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories and God's love bring you peace, comfort and strength at this difficult time.*



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**Larry & Lana Hurt** - January 07 at 07:34 PM

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“ ‘JRS KIDS’ sure have a lot of memories of our Uncle Darl.

*I know Ronnie could write a book on his adventures with our Dad, Orval Jr. and Dads brother Darl and I’m sure Lavonna has a few memorable moments as well.*

*My first memory of Uncle Darl was as a five or 6 year old girl and him showing up on our door in his Navy Whites. He was like a handsome Prince to that little girl.*

*Uncle Darl even made an impact on my Canadian son-in-law, Brad, during a visit to Oklahoma. Brad recently shared a memory of a fishing trip he went on with my Dad (JR), my brother Ronnie and my dear Uncle Darl who he had never met. He showed up at the boat in shorts (I believe this was October) and Uncle Darl looked him up and down and exclaimed “Son, where are yer britches!” Haha!! He definitely made a first impression impact on our Brad!*

*Fond memories from loving a niece hoping to share the joy and humor this man brought as you grieve the loss of this memorable man.*

*With love, Shari*

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**Shari (Patterson) Bjornsen** - January 07 at 01:30 PM

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“ *With love from JR’s KIDS purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Darl D. Patterson Sr..*



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**With love from JR’s KIDS** - January 07 at 12:48 PM