



Frederick Lawrence Patrick

September 28, 1942 - December 21, 2024

Frederick Lawrence Patrick, a devoted father, Eagle Scout, educator, and global citizen, passed away on December 21, 2024. He was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 28, 1942, to Virginia and Clyde Truman Patrick. Fred was the eldest of three sons, all of whom graduated from Sapulpa High School: Fred in 1960, Tom in 1964, and Pat in 1968. Clyde and Virginia, too, were proud graduates of SHS in the 1930s.

Fred's life was marked by a deep love of learning and adventure. As a young boy, he formed a lifelong bond with his close childhood friend, Dennis Whittlesey, and the two enjoyed countless outdoor adventures, often hiking and camping. Fred earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Sapulpa and spent summers on the farm of Bill and Helen Steele, between Drumright and Sapulpa, where he fostered his love for nature. Later, Fred introduced these joys to his own sons, Scott and Todd, with whom he traveled the world. Both Scott and Todd graduated from the American Community School in the United Arab Emirates, Scott in 2001 and Todd in 2003.

After graduating from Sapulpa High School, Fred attended the University of Oklahoma, where he was an active member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. In the early 1990s, he returned to OU for a Master's degree and was elected chair of the OU Student Senate. During this time, Fred also served as Beta District Chief, overseeing chapters at both the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Fred's academic journey continued as he earned a Master's degree at the

University of Kansas from 1968 to 1969, followed by a Doctorate in Education (EdD) from Vanderbilt University in 1996. His dissertation, *The Harris-Hillman Story*, was published by the University of Michigan Press.

A pivotal chapter in Fred's life came when a fellow Beta Theta Pi recommended him to the U.S. Peace Corps, where he served as Audit Director in Washington, D.C., from 1973 to 1976. Fred and his team were responsible for auditing over 100 Peace Corps programs worldwide every two years. He personally conducted audits in Central America and Asia.

In addition to his Peace Corps service, Fred worked in municipal government, starting as Budget Director for the City of Fort Worth, Texas. He went on to serve as municipal finance director for Lompoc and Ventura in California, all while teaching finance and accounting in the evenings at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Community College.

Fred married Maggie Wright in 1980, and together they raised two sons, Scott and Todd. The family spent the last two decades of Fred's life in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where Fred retired. Even in retirement, Fred remained active, working part-time for several years (2012-2022) with school districts in Benton County, Arkansas, where he used his expertise to help shape local education.

Fred's legacy of service, education, and adventure lives on through his sons, family, friends, and all whose lives he touched. He will be remembered for his boundless curiosity, integrity, and unwavering commitment to those he loved. There are no services planned at this time. To sign the online guestbook, please visit: www.wassonfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ My father, Sam T Allen III (Tom) served as assistant Ccunty Attorney under Fred's father, Clyde Patrick, in the early 1950s. My dad & I were both Betas in Norman before & after Fred. I later practiced before Judge Clyde Patrick & have very fond memories of his mother, Virginia, playing bridge in our home. A great family & very sorry to read of the loss.
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“ Fred exemplifies the Best Attributes of Our Beloved BETA THETA PI, GAMMA PHI Chapter.
God's Peace and Blessings to the Family, Pledge Brothers and Friends.
“Of Ever Honored Memory.”
Tony Bumpas

Tony Bumpas - December 24, 2024 at 10:19 PM

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“ Fred was always so kind when he would come to the Siloam Springs high school as a guest teacher. Prayers for your family.

Ann Smythe - December 24, 2024 at 09:45 PM

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“ Had the opportunity to serve as Fred’s major professor in his doctoral studies at Vanderbilt University. We shared many ideas, concepts, and new visions for the world at large. He was indeed a great visionary world traveler, and most of all a person who gave back his knowledge and kindness to our others.

After serving more than 40 years as a professor at Vanderbilt University, I moved my research work to Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Fred approached me about developing a cross culture education program with Lianion University from China.

Fred was very helpful and helping make the transition for these faculty members into the United States and visited with us at Western Kentucky University to help facilitate the program. Fred was a very giving person who always put others first. The world has indeed lost a great person.

R. Wilburn Clouse, PhD

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“ Fred was my Graduate Assistant and he was absolutely brilliant. He was also a warm and caring person who became a friend for life. I will miss him. My sincere condolences to his family- Suzette Dyer.

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