



Walter Bell Patterson

November 11, 1934 - October 21, 2010

PATTERSON, Walter B. Age 75 of Nashville, October 21, 2010. He was preceded in death by his daughter: Lora Ann (Dinky) Patterson, parents: Edgar Ezell & Mary Riggs Patterson, brothers; John & William Patterson. He is survived by daughter: Wendy Plunkett, grandson: Joshua Plunkett, granddaughter: Rachel Plunkett & former wife: Ruth Patterson. Walter had a great love for the circus, from his days of gymnastics in high school. After winning the NCAA Championship medal for trampoline & tumbling at the University of Iowa he made a profession of the circus. For over 30 years he performed with Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey & Shrine Circuses all over the country & overseas. After his performing years he continued to be involved through producing & setting up shows. Truly the circus was his life. He was extremely proud of his two daughters who continued carrying on this tradition. He worked with IATSE Local 492 Stage Hands Union & was a member of Masonic Lodge 762 in Madison. Visitation will be Mon, from 4-8pm at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home with services Tues. Oct. 26 at 11am in our Chapel.

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Bell Patterson*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Dear Wendy,*

I wanted to extend my deepest condolences to you during this time of mourning. All I have is good memories working alongside you at D7. Your smile always cheered up my day. Although I never got to meet your father I'm sure his spirit was passed on to you. I wish you all the best during this sad time.

*Sincerely,
James Bennett*

James Bennett - October 27, 2010 at 07:01 PM



“ *Wendy,*

i am thinking of you and hoping you can find comfort in all the fond memories. your dad was such a presence and he is missed. i have such fond memories of pops from the summerfest days. thank you for sharing him with us.

*warmly,
randi*

randi armour - October 25, 2010 at 08:59 PM

SW

“ Wendy, I am so sorry for your loss. I am still reeling from a loss of my own just this Friday, so I know exactly where you are at at this moment. By deepest condolences. We never completely get over the pain, and no words can help, it just eases with time. God bless you and be with you.

Scott Wetherhold - October 25, 2010 at 05:37 PM

WW

“ Damn! I miss him already, although we rarely saw each other. Our lives paralleled in many ways, and I always considered him a great example - in most ways. Heartfelt best wishes to Wendy.

wayne wright - October 25, 2010 at 04:28 PM

PS

“ Walter was a great performer and such a fun guy. He was also a patient teacher, I have very fond memories of both Ruth and Walter and our circus days! My sincere condolences.

pia stratton - October 25, 2010 at 02:21 PM

CR

“ Wendy,
We are truly sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. If we can do anything for you and your family please let us know.

Cameron and Kim

Cameron & Kimberly Roberts - October 25, 2010 at 01:41 PM

AT

“ Wendy, We are thinking of all of you this week. Your family is so special to Doug. They offered such kindness to him when he first came to the circus. We know how much he thought of your Dad. You are in our prayers.
Blessings, Charlene and Alex Terranova

alex Terranova - October 25, 2010 at 01:27 PM

JS

“ May you find tranquility in knowing that friends and loved ones share in the loss of your dearly departed... we are all here for you..
Love Ya, Joanna

Joanna & Gayle Snoddy - October 22, 2010 at 10:30 PM