



## Michael Damon Patterson

July 11, 1957 - October 25, 2017

Michael Damon Patterson, 60, of Peoria passed away surrounded by family in Joplin on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. Mr. Patterson was born on July 11, 1957 in Lancaster, California to Damon Willie and Frankie Almetta (Pendergraft) Patterson. He married Rebekah Knowlton on December 31, 1979 in Saint Augustine Florida. Michael had a zest for living and found joy and fulfillment in helping others, his was a generous soul. Michael was a skilled and capable man who held many titles in his lifetime; a pilot, a fisherman, a rancher, an employee known as Mad Dog of Southwest Airlines for over thirty years, Son, Husband, Father, Grandfather and friend. The title Michael cherished most was grandfather. Mr. Patterson was preceded in passing by his father Damon Patterson.

Survivors include his mother Frankie Almetta Patterson, his wife Rebekah Patterson , a son Patrick Damon Patterson, a sister Rebecca Susan Hembree along with his grandchildren Kaylee Grace Patterson, Damon John Patterson and Emma Lynn Patterson.

Visitation will be from 6-8PM on Friday, October 27, 2017 at the Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, October 26, 2017 at Faith Pentecostal Church in Miami under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Michael's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
5 B Street NW  
Miami, OK 74354  
(918) 542-3311  
info@brown-winters.com  
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

## Celebration of Life

OCT **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Pentecostal Church  
9701 S 590 RD  
Miami, OK 74354

# Tribute Wall

SG

“Mike, you were a good friend and, yes, mentor. I recall all of the times that the only thing running through my mind was "I can't believe he just said that!!!". You could be counted on to do the right thing, and absolutely go out of your way to always take care of your friends. You were respected and loved, and I can say that you lived your life right out loud!!!

Love You Brother,  
Scott A. Gandy  
SWA

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**Scott A. Gandy** - October 29, 2017 at 02:04 PM

OG

*Our condolences to all of Mike's family. May God bless you and keep you during this time of bereavement. Wanda Knowlton is my cousin and our hearts go out to all her family for their profound loss. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Amen.*

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**Owen Lee Gilbert** - October 30, 2017 at 05:57 PM

SD

“ Well Mike, rest in peace brother! We pulled several good ones together thru the years, last night I was thinking about the early days of Chicago and what I call the "head caper". We had landed at MDW after stops in Tulsa, MCI to allow time to be in the proper frame of mind to go to a party. Mike knew I was having dinner with some big shots, so he somehow came upon a mannequin which he promptly decapitated. He jumped in a taxi with the head under his arm and got to the dinner site before us. He slipped the waiter some cash and placed the head with all the decorations in the room and of course Colleen saw it first, followed by Wimberly and the rest..... Mike came in the room to enjoy the laugh. The head ended up at TGI Fridays near MDW, resting beneath a wagon sitting on a ledge near the bar. I will miss Mike, and always laugh when I hear his name or stories from others. Also Mike wrote a few short children stories for me after the birth of my first Grandchild, they were very good and I could tell he had worked hard on them. All around great guy! To the Patterson family, my warmest thoughts and prayers your way.

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Steve Day - October 29, 2017 at 11:11 AM

MP

“ *RIP Mike "Mad Dog" Patterson! Thank you for all the great times! As long as I am alive, there will always be lots of great memories and stories because of you. You were a great Friend, Coworker and a fellow Sailor. What more could a guy ask for? You had one of the biggest hearts of any man I ever knew. Godspeed my friend!*

*My daughter, Sarah called me and sent her condolences for the loss of a Friend. We shared a good cry and talked about one of the many stories of time spent with Mad Dog. She recalled a time when he came over for dinner and told her she had to eat her baked potato skin (which she had never done before) because it was the best part and contained all the vitamins. She was so intimidated by this "larger than life" man, that she ate the whole potato and still does to this day.*

*To Mike's family, Please accept my sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time.*

*LUV,*

*Mike & Sue Perna  
SWA  
DAL Field Tech*

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**Mike Perna** - October 29, 2017 at 03:47 AM

JB

“ *Mad Dog was there to help. I remember in Maintenance Control, being in earshot, Mad Dog was always helpful and quick to offer technical assistance. He will be missed.*

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**Jason Bakewell** - October 27, 2017 at 11:01 PM

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Karen (cousin) - October 27, 2017 at 04:19 PM

GW

“ *Worked with Mike at SWA for several years. He kept us wondering what he would do next. He was always ready and eager to help. I remember when one of the people that had worked with us that went back to another company passed in a car accident, leaving a car partially overhauled. Mike completed the overhaul so his widow could sell it. Mike's retirement was much too short.*

Glenn Wilmoth - October 27, 2017 at 04:13 PM

BG

“ *Bryan & Ness Glenn purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Michael Damon Patterson.*



Bryan & Ness Glenn - October 27, 2017 at 10:21 AM

LR

“ *Mad Dog will be greatly missed by his SWA family he always brought a smile to my face. When him and Dan Mega were together is was always trouble. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

*Lanette Hutchins Rhoads*

lanette hutchins rhoads - October 27, 2017 at 07:39 AM

KC

“ Mike came to my high rise one night. It was around Christmas . I think Brad was joining us too. He rang the doorbell and he was holding this enormous arrangement of poinsettias. He said Merry Christmas! I said wow those are gorgeous. He could barely carry the arrangement it was so big. I had him put it on my dining room table. In about 10 minutes. I said Mike, are those out of my lobby. He cracked up and yes they were! I made him return then to the lobby ! We have laughed about it for years! You never know what he will do! So fun!  
I am going to miss you so much Mikey! Love always, Kay Caldwell

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**Kay Caldwell** - October 26, 2017 at 07:56 PM

 Crystal  
Jones  
Derwin

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I know I'm not alone in saying that visiting with Mike always brightened my day and he will always have a place in my heart. He was a wonderful man! ❤️

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**Crystal Jones Derwin** - October 26, 2017 at 06:24 PM

RL

“ To quote my husband about what he said on Facebook:

*I will never forget his kindness. He and Faine from the SWA Res center came over to the house. He had me take my Grandson and his uncle to the park while they cooked a Thanksgiving Dinner for all of us. The man was not only a great SWA aircraft mechanic but a great cook.*

*He was a wonderful friend, to us the Yankee Puerto Ricans he was family. He would call me Puerto Rican Sister like I didn't have a name.. I have many more memories of how big Maddog's heart was. He touched many hearts. R.I.P. Maddog.*

*We love you, Until we meet again!*

*Ruben & Tina Lopez*

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**Ruben & Tina Lopez** - October 26, 2017 at 04:21 PM



DD

“ My definition of Michael "Mad Dog" Patterson. A trusted friend. A trusted confidant. Outspoken, yet respectful of others. Old school. A great story-teller. Big hearted. Will be missed terribly. RIP Mad Dog. I love you Bud.

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**Dennis Dvorak** - October 26, 2017 at 03:26 PM

CB

“ I didn't know Mad Dog well, but what I will remember is how very kind he was to everyone. Loved how he would call us "Lil Sis". He will be greatly missed by all of us.

*My deepest condolences,  
Cindy Bruchmiller  
HOU Tech Ops Admin*

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**Cindy Bruchmiller** - October 26, 2017 at 03:19 PM

 Tom  
Selby

*Michael Patterson will surely be missed by all he touched. He had a heart of gold flowed to everyone. Our condolences go out to his family.*

*Tom & Genita Selby*

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**Tom Selby** - October 29, 2017 at 02:23 PM

KM

*Mad Dog was one of the first people from MX I met when starting at SWA 28+ years and always great to work with on projects. It was probably about a year before I heard anyone call him Mike. Someone in the memory entries mentioned that when Mike and Dan Mega were together was always "trouble". I remember some those escapades and remember them fondly. My thoughts go out to his family and to let them know Mike will be greatly missed by his SWA family as well.*

*Kathryn Mossom*

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**Kathryn Mossom** - October 30, 2017 at 11:49 AM

JB

*Sweet, Sweet Mad Dog. Doesn't sound like those words should go together but Mike could pull it off. The big smile, the big hugs, the big heart. When he walked in the room all heads turned, you surely made your presents known. And yet so humble, never blowing your own horn. Always hearing about your latest act of kindness, not from your lips but from others. I'm sure others remember before Kenneth "Cowboy" Mitchell passed away. Some of Kenneth's meds were so expensive he couldn't afford them. . .without having to give it a second thought, Mad Dog reached deep into his own pockets. That's just how you were, that's just what you did. Thank you Mad Dog for all your love, laughter and kindness that you shared with us so openly. See ya on the flip side . . My thoughts and prayers to your family.*  
*Janet (Crues) Bailey*

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**Janet Bailey** - October 30, 2017 at 05:15 PM