



## William M. Patterson

June 6, 1929 - August 18, 2017

William M. Patterson, 88, of Holland, passed away on Friday, August 18, 2017. Bill was born in Warsaw, Indiana, on June 6, 1929, to William and Della Patterson. Bill graduated from Warsaw High School with 8 athletic letters and was a two-time Indiana high school all-state basketball player. He had the opportunity to play basketball at Purdue University and practiced with the Fort Wayne Pistons before they moved the professional basketball team to Detroit. Instead of following a path using his basketball talents, Bill instead opened the first drive-in restaurant in Indiana at the age of 18. He later sold the drive-in and joined the U.S. Air Force. In 1949, he married the love of his life, Marilyn Shidler. Bill and Marilyn moved to Holland, Michigan, and raised their family. Bill opened Patt's Paper Specialties in 1962, which later became Shoreline Container. Bill enjoyed his work at Shoreline and retired in 1990. In retirement, Bill drove the Roger Penske Motor coach for Roger and the Penske Race Team from 1990-2002. Bill and Marilyn enjoyed their retirement winters in Fort Myers from 1990-2006. Bill was a longtime member of the Holland Elks Lodge, and was a past-president of the Pioneer Club. He was preceded in death by his son Brian, and his wife of 62 years, Marilyn, in 2012. He is survived by his children: Brad and Donna Patterson of Holland, Brent and Amanda Patterson of Holland; grandchildren: Tyler, Kyle, and Spencer; in-laws: Ed and Marlene Schidler of Holland and their 4 children. A private funeral service will be held. Interment will be in Pilgrim Home Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Holland. [www.langelandsterenberg.co](http://www.langelandsterenberg.co)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William M. Patterson*

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“ *"To the entire Patterson family, We were sorry to learn of the death of your father. I have many fond memories of Bill, Marilyn, and the entire family, beginning with our wonderful days at Big Star Lake. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers."*

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**Bob and Judy VanderZwart** - September 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM