



Wayne Warren Patton

February 19, 1934 - August 3, 2025

Wayne Warren Patton, born on February 19, 1934, in Jackson, Michigan, passed away at home in his favorite chair, surrounded by love and care on August 3, 2025, in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. His remarkable life of dedication, both professionally and personally, left an indelible mark on the hearts of many.

Wayne shared his life with Marilyn M. Reetz, his companion of 10 years, who stood by him through many of life's ups and downs. He is survived by his beloved daughters, Deborah Obenauf (Gary), Cyndy Lou Baker (Glenn), Joanna Elston (Ron) and his cherished sister Pat Roadarmel. He also leaves behind a legacy of love in his six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Ellen Patton, his loving wife of 60 years, Jeanene, and his beloved daughter Catherine Wyandt and her husband Mike.

Wayne's academic pursuits began at Tecumseh High School, where he graduated as part of the Class of 1953, earning participation in all four varsity sports. After high school, he furthered his education by graduating from Stautzenberger Business College, laying a solid foundation for his future endeavors.

For 38 years, Wayne devoted himself to the field of education as a college

admissions representative and director. He played a pivotal role as owner of several business colleges for Stautzenberger Business College and Patricia Stevens Career Colleges, culminating his career as Vice President of the University of Northwestern Ohio, in Lima.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Wayne proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Infantry, a testament to his character and service to others. He was a devout member of St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Maggie Valley, NC and a regular attendee, along with his companion, at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

An avid golf enthusiast, Wayne enjoyed playing the sport throughout his life. As a member of the Maggie Valley Country Club and the Men's Golf Association, he cherished the time spent on the greens, surrounded by friends and fellow golfers.

Wayne had a deep appreciation for his fur babies, who brought joy and companionship to his life.

Wayne Warren Patton will be remembered as a dedicated family man, a leader in education, and a beloved member of his community. His spirit and contributions to those around him will live on through the memories he created and the lives he touched.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, November 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Toledo, Ohio. Graveside services will be held at Ridgeway Cemetery on Friday, November 14 at 2:00 p.m. with Military Honors. Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

A memorial luncheon will be held on Nov. 15th from 11:30-3pm at Walbridge Park Community Building.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Haywood Hospice, 13 Haywood Office Park, Suite 107, Waynesville, NC 28785 or Immaculate Conception Church in Toledo, Ohio.

Cemetery Details

Ridgeway Cemetery

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
434 Eastern Ave.
Toledo, OH 43609

Memorial Luncheon

NOV **15**. 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

Inactive - Walbridge Community Building

Tribute Wall



“ *Saying goodbye to you is not the end but a new beginning as you continue to live on in our hearts and memories!* ”

Denis McLaughlin - August 10, 2025 at 01:28 PM



*You will be so missed!!! You will forever be in my heart dear friend.
Love George Hawes.*

Lula M Thurlow - August 16, 2025 at 01:45 PM