



Robert Bruce Patterson

August 11, 1961 - October 18, 2013

Robert Bruce Patterson, 52, passed away Friday, Oct. 18, 2013, of natural causes after a lifetime defined by generosity and Christian humility. He was a noble soul who bore the scourge of schizophrenia for more than 32 years. The disease interrupted his education and his work in food service. He was born Aug. 11, 1961, in Philadelphia and is a 1979 graduate of Fort Myers (Fla.) High School. Despite his own ills, Bob was first to empty his pocket for someone else in need. He was warm and witty; he loved to laugh, and hated going to the doctor. He worried about family and friends as much as they did about him, and he adored his little dog MacMac. Bob had a keen intelligence, delighted in history and football and in a juicy steak, and understood that the change we wish to see in the world must begin with each of us. Bob was a man of great faith, who believed all people of faith should act to care for the least among us. He is no doubt rejoicing in spirit for having, at last, achieved his hard-earned heavenly reward. Bob is survived by his mother, Joan; brothers Don (spouse Cheryl) and Steven (May); sisters Karen, Donna (Ron) and Debbie (Dennis); stepmother Maureen; aunt Eleanor; nieces and nephews Ryan, Brittany, Michael, William, Melanie, Juliana, Will and Carolyn; and cousins, friends and others touched by his warmth, humanity and resilience. His father, Don; grandparents Bill and Olive, and Helen; and uncle Bill predeceased him. We who remain behind are broken-hearted. Visitation is 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Anderson-Patterson Funeral Chapel in Lehigh Acres, Fla., 2701 Lee Blvd., with funeral at noon and interment to follow at

Lee Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's memory to your local food bank.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Bruce Patterson*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



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January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



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