



## Claude Patterson

April 14, 2007

NIAGARA, Wis. - Claude C. "Pat" Patterson, 86, of Niagara, died Saturday, April 14, 2007, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

He was born on June 7, 1920, in Mason City, Ill., the son of the late Christopher and Maude (Miller) Patterson.

Pat graduated from Niagara High School in 1938. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941, serving in the European Theater as a cook during World War II. He was discharged in 1945. He then went back to work at the Niagara Paper Mill for 44 years, retiring in 1985.

When Pat returned from the war he took flying lessons and earned his pilot's license. He flew out of the Quinnesec airport. Flying was his passion. He was also a dedicated bowler, serving as the secretary-treasurer for his league for 32 years. In 1995, Pat was inducted into the Tri-City Bowling Hall of Fame.

Pat married Evelyn Edict on Aug. 10, 1946, at the Union Protestant Church in Niagara.

Pat and Evie built their home and cut pulp wood together. The couple also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling together. They loved spending time with their family and took their daughters and grandchildren on many

camping trips.

Pat was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He will be remembered as a great storyteller, sharing many stories, especially war stories with his family and friends. His favorite saying was "Nothing is ever simple." He was also an avid bird watcher.

Pat is survived by his wife, Evelyn; his daughter, Cheri (Roger) Hamilton of Iron Mountain; his son-in-law, Jerry (special friend, Donna Mansfield) Kuester of Niagara; four sisters-in-law, Doris Patterson of Pembine, Alice Welch of Phillips, Wis., Lillian (special friend, Bill Polomis) Leonard of Niagara, Wis., and Beth (Kenny) Goeden of Hot Springs Village, Ark; one brother-in-law, Ken Edict of Friendship, Wis.; four grandchildren, Angela (Nicholas) Gayan, Michael (Megan) Anderson, Dan (Heather) Kuester, and Steve (Sheila) Kuester, eight great-grandchildren, Kellen, Emma, Abigail, Liam, Preston, Gavin, Charles, and Brody and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Peggy Kuester and his brother, Herbert Patterson.

A gathering of friends will be held on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Riverside United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the church. Rev. Pat Nolet will officiate.

Burial will be in the Niagara Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Claude C. "Pat" Patterson can be expressed online at [www.tondinfuneralhome.com](http://www.tondinfuneralhome.com).

The Tondin-Ross and Freeman Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Aunt Evie and the entire family, As you mourn the loss of your husband, father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather, I know that you will also celebrate his life. When I saw him last fall as I prepared to move to Arizona I wondered if I would see Uncle Pat again. I am sorry to say that didn't happen but I rejoice in knowing him. As a little kid Uncle Pat was one of the first Uncles I remember since I spent a lot of time there and he and my dad logged together. I remember running through the new house in progress and being told to slow down by the gruff voiced Uncle. I know now he was only looking out for my safety and as I grew older I realized that he was a hard-working proud man who took great pride in making his family comfortable and able to enjoy things in life. I remember seeing photos of him in his flying outfit next to his plane and on horseback and imagined them both being stored "out back" in the old house or in the machine shed waiting for his return. Uncle Pat was always interested in my life and his honesty and openness always shown through like a comfortable sweater. There was no other father or Grandfather that I have met who "bragged-up" his family like he did all of you. I wish you all my heartfelt sympathy, Joy and love as you celebrate his life.

Dan Leonard

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathies. I can picture Evelyn and Claude out at Timms Lake and also on the snowmobling adventures we met you all at in WI. Always jovial, always enjoying life!

*I would also like to let you know that my Mother, (Arlene) and sisters Janet and Janice are currently in Florida visiting their brother Darrell and are saddened that they will not be able to stop by and extend their sympathies in person. Please know they are thinking of you at this difficult time.*

*May your warm memories comfort you at this difficult time.*

*In Gods Love, Mary R. Oman*

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**Mary Oman** - April 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM