



Dr. David Maxwell Patrick

May 7, 1938 - September 1, 2023

Dr. David Maxwell Patrick, Professor Emeritus at the University of Southern Mississippi, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 7, 1938, the fourth child of the late Cecil Callen Patrick and Russell Maxwell Patrick, all of whom were teens when he was born and have predeceased him. He died at home in Hattiesburg on 9/1/2023 with his wife, Cathy, by his side.

Dave graduated from Shortridge High School, Indianapolis, and earned a B. S. degree in Civil Engineering and Geology from Purdue University of Missouri at Columbia, MO where he earned an M. A. in Geology in 1964. He subsequently attended the University of Oklahoma, where he earned a Ph. D. in Geology in 1972.

He was an engineer for the U.S. Army and did active-duty service in Germany, returning to serve in the Army Reserve in Mississippi. At the same time, he was employed with the U.S. Army Engineers' Waterway Experiment Station in Vicksburg, MS. He began his teaching career in Geology at the University of Southern Mississippi in 1974. He mentored scores of young geologists and was finally able to retire (more than a little late, because he was too valuable at grant writing for USM to let him go!)

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Cathy Ingram Patrick. Also surviving are stepdaughter Catharine, and her children Cameron (Megan), Grace and Davis, stepson Todd (Stacey) children Cori (Josh), Jacob and Dalton (fiancé

Makayla), and Brent (Margaret) and children Cameron and Meredith, Nieces Pat (Dave) Johnston, Barbara (Erv) Herman and Marjorie (Dave Bury) and nephew Phil Irwin, as well as 8 grandnieces and nephews and 12 great-grand nieces and nephews.

The family was blessed to have Lawanda Peabody as his sweet tender supporter and friend; we appreciate her dedication and expertise.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have known Dr. Patrick since 1982. He was a very special person. I actually remember the first time we spoke. I indicated my interest to him about possibly being accepted into the M.S. Geology Program at USM, mentioned my cumulative GRE scores, mentioned my GPA, and advised him that I had not yet completed a field camp. He was gracious and told me not to worry about field camp or my GRE scores before being accepted into the Geology Program. He always treated me with kindness during the 8 years working towards and obtaining my Masters Degree. During 2004, when Dr. Patrick attended a Geochemical Conference and Air Force Tier I Partnering Team Meeting for a few days at the Wakulla Springs Resort just south of Tallahassee, Florida, I and my wife had the pleasure of meeting-up with Dr. Patrick and his wife to have dinner together during the evening.

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“ Shuying Wang and Lunjin Mao purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dr. David Maxwell Patrick.



Shuying Wang and Lunjin Mao - September 08, 2023 at 08:44 AM

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“ Shuying Wang and Lunjin Mao planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. David Maxwell Patrick.

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