



## Archie Badger Patterson

January 27, 1931 - January 3, 2021

Archie Badger Patterson was called home on the 3rd of January 2021 in Riverton, Utah just a few days short of what would have been his 90th birthday. He was born January 27, 1931 to Judson and Lillian Patterson at a ranch near Burley, Idaho. He graduated from Columbia High School in Richland, Washington then enlisted in the US Army in 1950, and was honorably discharged after 2 years. He returned home where he launched a 60 year career as a machinist. He married Betty Helen Fred. They made their home in Richland Washington and later in West Linn, Oregon. They became the parents of three daughters, Shari, Sue, and Jan and one son, John. He loved spending his leisure time riding horses, fishing, hunting, camping and boating with the family. He was a scout master and the family would spend 2 weeks each summer in the Wallowa Mountains during scout camp. Years later, Archie and Betty were divorced.

In the later part of 1980, he was introduced to Donna King Benedict. After a short courtship they stunned everyone who knew them with an invitation to a wedding which took place in January 1981 in Emmett, Idaho. They were subsequently sealed in the Jordan River temple. They went on to calm the nerves of any who may have had doubts about their “out of the blue” matchup, by going on to have a busy, happy life together for the next 39 years until Donna’s passing in 2019. Archie quickly won the hearts of Donna’s children and grandchildren and easily became an important part of their lives.

Archie and Donna resided for most of their time together in La Grande, Oregon, where they always had a large garden, and kept bees and chickens. They both shared a love for horses and dogs and cats and spending quality time in the great outdoors. They went hunting and fishing together all over Idaho, Oregon and Alaska. They served in the Ventura, California mission from 1994 to 1995 and several years in the Boise, Idaho temple.

Archie was a tough hombre who managed to survive three different malignant cancers and he even shook off a bout of COVID-19 before old age finally claimed him. Archie was always a cowboy at heart from his western cut shirts to his cowboy boots and hat. He

loved country music and western movies and TV shows not to mention his complete collection of Zane Grey western novels. He was a strong, easily likeable man with a big heart who touched many lives and will be greatly missed by all of us. He will be missed most for his love and the kind and patient father he was to his children and grandchildren. We feel grateful and blessed to have had him in our lives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and Donna and Betty (who also passed away in 2019). He is survived by his brother Kenneth Patterson of Richland, Washington; and his sister Leola Lewis of Grandview, Washington as well as his children: Sharon Lynn Ginther (Bruce) of Pasco, Washington; John Lyle Patterson (Laura) of Eugene, Oregon; Sue Ann Patterson and Janice Beth Morgan both of Portland, Oregon, and six grandchildren. Donna's seven children have also called Archie dad: Tim (Kay) Benedict (who passed away serving a mission in Estonia in 2018); James (Christy) Benedict of Logan, UT; Russel (Maxine) Benedict and Jay Stanley (Brenda) Benedict both of Rexburg, ID, Cynthia (Raymond) Capell, of Riverton, UT; Lalove (Richard) Hilton of Dillon, MT and Barbara Benedict of Cedar City, UT.; along with 48 grandchildren to whom Archie was a very well loved granddad.

Due to logistical difficulties due to COVID restrictions there will not be a funeral. There will be a graveside service at 12 noon on Saturday the 9th of January at the Sunset Gardens cemetery, 915 Bypass Highway, Richland, Washington. In lieu of flowers please feel free to donate to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery

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## Sunset Memorial Gardens

915 By-pass

Richland, WA,

# Events

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**JAN** **Graveside Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Sunset Memorial Gardens

915 By-pass, Richland, WA, US

# Comments

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“ Archie and Donna burst into my family's lives on January 2, 2000. We were traveling home to Lake Oswego, Oregon, from Henefer, Utah. In-between Baker and La Grande, we were part of a multiple-vehicle pile-up in white-out conditions. Once my wife, Marla, and son, Daniel, were released from the hospital in La Grande, we had no vehicle to go anywhere. It was a Sunday evening.

On a whim, I called the phone number to one of the local LDS wards. Archie, who was the ward clerk at the time answered. I asked if he could find someone to give us a ride to a drug store and a local motel. I said he would see what he could find. Not 10 minutes later, Archie showed up at the hospital and load the three of us and our standard poodle into his car. I thanked him and asked him to take us to a motel after an open drugstore. He said sure, but he had a stop to make first. He took us to a store to get a prescription. A few minutes later, he pulled up to a house and said, "Here is your motel." He took us inside, had us sit down, and then Donna came home from choir practice. He surprised her by asking her to help feed us dinner. She laughed and said she would be happy to.

Archie and Donna fed us a wonderful hot meal and then spent the next several hours teaching us some of the handmade games they had on hand. They distracted all of us and especially Daniel from the trauma of the day. When it was late, they took us upstairs and put us in some very comfortable beds for the night.

In the morning, my father-in-law and mother-in-law arrived to help us get the rest of the way to Lake Oswego. Before leaving, Archie and Donna insisted on feeding all of us a hearty breakfast. On our way out, Archie handed us two of his homemade games.

In the years since, we stayed in touch with greeting cards and visits to their home when we were passing through. Archie and Donna also came to Henefer for my father-in-law's funeral and my son's mission farewell.

Archie and Donna are the definition of being charitable and kind. We will always remember them with warmth and gratefulness. We love them because they made us feel like family.

Gregg, Marla, Daniel and Marissa Anderson  
Henefer, UT

**Gregg Anderson** - June 19 at 08:44 PM

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“ Doyle & Connie S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Archie Badger Patterson.



Doyle & Connie S. - January 09 at 12:58 PM

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“ When I was young, my uncle Archie would give my twin sister and I motorcycle rides around several streets in Richland, Wa. We loved it. He will be greatly missed.  
Laurene Liddell

Laurene Liddell - January 05 at 07:48 PM