



Charles Lee Patterson Jr. COLUMBIA - Charles Lee Patterson, Jr., 80, passed away Monday February 13, 2017. A memorial service will be held Friday, February 24, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at Faith United Methodist Church in Richmond, Texas. Charles was born in Tahoka, Texas, to Charles Lee Patterson, Sr. and Sarah May Debusk. He graduated from Lubbock High School in 1953. He joined the [U.S. Marine Corps](#) after high school and was a proud veteran of the [Korean War](#). His time in the Marines took him to Korea and Japan, which began his lifelong love of travel and learning. After his time in the Marines, he attended Texas Tech University through the GI Bill, an event that would change his life. He became the first person in his family to graduate college, when he graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Sciences in Petroleum Engineering. After graduation, he was employed as a petroleum engineer with Chevron in New Orleans, Louisiana. It was there, that he met and married Yvonne Marie Nadeau, of Grenada, Mississippi on June 4, 1966. While working with Chevron, he was given the opportunity to go back overseas. For the next 18 years, he would work in Indonesia, Bahrain, Scotland and Louisiana. During this time, his life with his wife and daughter became an adventure that they would always treasure as they traveled throughout Europe, Asia and the United States. He remained employed with Chevron, until he retired in Lafayette, Louisiana in 1992. Unfortunately, his wife Yvonne died suddenly two years later. In retirement, he became active in the Lafayette Genealogy Society and the Chevron Retirees Association, before moving to South Carolina to live with his daughter. He enjoyed working on his computer, developing his own genealogy website and helping others with their websites. He also enjoyed helping his daughter in her garden, and was an invaluable help with her various home improvement projects. He will be dearly missed by his daughter and by all the many people whose lives he touched. He is survived by his daughter, Cassandra Patterson of Blythewood; and his sister, Frances Marie Patterson Buckner of Houston, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Lee Patterson, Sr. and Sarah May Debusk Patterson; and his wife Yvonne Marie Nadeau Patterson. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. Please sign the online

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