



Mr. Robert Franklin Patrick

July 6, 1929 - August 28, 2022

Mayor Robert Patrick passed away at his home in St Charles Arkansas Sunday August 28th, he was 93 years old.

Born and raised in Dewitt Arkansas, Robert worked in many jobs- one was delivering ice where he met his sweetheart, Doris Dawson. He joined the US Navy and served during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge, he married Doris and started a small food brokerage. His next career phase was with the Dixie Cup Company. He received multiple promotions with Dixie that moved the family all over the country- Fort Smith, St Louis, Pontiac Michigan and finally Ridgefield CT.

While raising his family in Ridgefield he involved himself in many civic activities. He was president of Ridgefield Little League, President of Pop Warner and President of the Ridgefield Boys Club. He was an active leader of scout troop 116, coached many of his son's baseball and football teams and umpired and refereed many games. He was also a member of the Lions Club in both Connecticut and Arkansas.

In 1988 Robert and Doris retired and moved back to their roots in St Charles to be close to family. They began a little wood craft business and enjoyed traveling to craft fairs. Not being

one to sit back and relax he needed a project and that turned out to be Saint Charles.

His election of mayor started him on a path that led to numerous improvements to the town and many seats on boards and committees throughout the state. He was President of the Municipal League for the state of Arkansas for a term. He was also a recipient of the KARK community service award in 2009 for volunteerism. These are just a few highlights of the countless accomplishments of his well lived civic minded life.

He was predeceased by his wife Doris (Dawson) Patrick and his daughter Pam (Patrick) Inman.

Mayor Patrick will be missed by his son Kevin and his wife Adria of New Milford CT, his longtime friend and companion Naomi Mitchell of St Charles, three grandchildren, Robert and his wife Madeline, Natalie and partner Brian Bertram of New Milford CT and Mark and partner Lyza Santello of Watertown CT. He is also survived by his sister Alma Young of Dewitt and his brother Raymond (Phyllis) of Searcy as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10:00 Saturday, September 3 at Essex Funeral Home with burial in St. Charles Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the St. Charles Cemetery, P.O. Box 221, St. Charles, AR 72140, Dana's House, P.O. Box 138, DeWitt, AR 72042, or the American Legion, P.O. Box 204, DeWitt, AR 72042.

Cemetery Details

St. Charles Cemetery

St. Charles, AR

Previous Events

Service

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Essex Funeral Home
1405 South Grandview
DeWitt, AR 72042
(870) 946-3104
<https://www.essexfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *Mayor Patrick was a very accomplished gentleman. St. Charles and Arkansas County was fortunate to have him. Our sincere sympathy to the family and community of St. Charles.* ”

Jerry & Connie Moser - September 03, 2022 at 08:32 AM

EH

“ *Mayor Patrick was always a sweet southern gentleman! You couldn't find a more intelligent and well informed person. He will be missed by so many, and especially the town of St. Charles!! He was a great man, as well as my parents neighbor.* ”



Ester Poston Hageman - September 01, 2022 at 05:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Franklin Patrick.* ”



September 01, 2022 at 04:24 PM

WB

“ *St. Charles Mayor Robert Patrick was one of the most dedicated public servants I've known in my twenty-two year career at the Arkansas Municipal League. Rightfully so, Mayor Patrick championed St. Charles and achieved many great projects and improved the quality of life there. He will be missed by his League family, along with elected officials from across Arkansas. I am praying for all of the family as they navigate the loss of a great man. With sympathy and love,*
Whitnee Bullerwell

Whitnee Bullerwell - September 01, 2022 at 09:48 AM

TR

“ *Mayor Patrick was a diligent public servant always looking out for the best interest of his community. He was a southern gentleman. Prayers for peace to family and friends.*

Tiffany & Russell Rogers - September 01, 2022 at 08:22 AM

MP

“ OH such sad news. Mayor Patrick was one of the first Mayors to welcome me when I first became Mayor in 1999, and being a minority as a woman and also being a pregnant Mayor, he (and many others) offered help to me at all the league meetings that first year. We became such good friends and we always looked for each other at meetings. I was a young Mayor also, and so Mayor Patrick was great to share his experienced advice with me on many city government topics. He also had a heartwarming chuckle when he laughed, and as Mayors talking about our City work, it was always great to hear him laugh. My heart is sad to hear of his passing. I pray he is looking down on us from Heaven.
Rest well, Mayor Patrick, you deserve it.
May you Rest in Peace with the other angels.
Asking blessings for all his Family,
Mayor Veronica Post, Altus, Arkansas

Mayor Veronica Post - August 31, 2022 at 06:41 PM

LC

“ Sorry for your loss , we will be remembering you in our prayers.



Larry and Sandraa Childers - August 31, 2022 at 11:54 AM

NS

“ Sending Mr Patrick's family our deepest sympathy, love, and strength.

Neil & Marla Swanson - August 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of Mr. Robert Franklin Patrick.*



August 31, 2022 at 11:28 AM



“ *Prentice And Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Robert Franklin Patrick*



Prentice and Sue Davis - August 31, 2022 at 08:27 AM



So sorry to hear of Mr. Robert's passing. He was always a great guy.

Prentice and Sue Davis - August 31, 2022 at 08:29 AM



Our condolences on your fathers passing.

Jon and Shelley - August 31, 2022 at 04:11 PM



I had an opportunity to work with Mayor Patrick on several water and wastewater projects. He loved his town of Saint Charles and worked diligently to improve the quality of life for his citizens. He was always smiling and had a unbelievable sense of humor. He will be greatly missed.

Mark Bennett - September 01, 2022 at 01:47 PM