



Richard Robert Patton, Sr.

January 31, 1932 - May 14, 2011

Richard Robert Patton, Sr., 79 of Spencer died Saturday, May 14, 2011 at his home.

Born January 31, 1932 in Morganton, he was the son of the late William R. Patton and Grace Schell Patton. He was educated in the Morganton schools and graduated from Catawba College.

Mr. Patton was a veteran of the US Navy during the Korean War. He taught physics for a number of years in the Rowan County schools and was well known as a premier custom knife maker.

He was a member of the Professional Knife Makers Association and a former member of the Spencer Jaycees.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Richard Robert "Rob" Patton, Jr. and wife Gina Diggs Patton of Salisbury, Jennifer Patton Crawford and husband William R. "Bill" Crawford of Spencer, Wanda Gwynn and husband Barry Gwynn of Travelers Rest, SC; former wife, Judy Slate Patton of Salisbury; brother, Aldine Patton of Athens, GA; sisters, Grace Patton Swann of Morganton, Peggy Patton Levesque of Panama City Beach, FL, Polly Patton Wall of Greensboro; grandchildren, Colin Patton Crawford of Greenville, NC, Caitlin Julia Crawford of Charlotte, Catherine Frances

Crawford of Spencer, Jennifer Fortner Edris and Thomas Terry of Travelers Rest, SC.

A Memorial Service will be conducted 5:00 PM – Wednesday (May 18) at Central United Methodist Church with the Rev. Elinor Wilburn, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4-5 PM – Wednesday at Central United Methodist Church and at other times the family will be at the home of Jennifer Crawford.

Memorials may be made to Rowan Relay for Life, c/o Frances Morris, 1103 Burkesway Dr., Salisbury, NC 28146

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Jeannie and Rob,

We are so sad to hear about your Dad's passing. Uncle Dick will be missed by us all. My son and I will always remember the knives he made for us!

You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

love, Larry, Kay and Brant##imported-begin##Larry

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