



Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner

April 29, 1945 - February 24, 2023

Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner, 77, of Jonesville, VA passed away on Friday, February 24, 2023 at Norton Community Hospital.

He was preceded in death by his parents Estle Fortner and Bertha Carter Fortner. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Jesse Fortner and Bobby Joe Fortner, and a sister-in-law, Gail Fortner.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Pat Wright Fortner; son, John Fortner (Heather); daughter, Erin Garrett (Chris); grandchildren, Adam Garrett, Ivy Grace Garrett, Kailey Fortner and Joshua Fortner; two sisters, Margaret Clouse (Maurice) and Louise Pendleton; two brothers, Charles "Cotton" Fortner and Jack Fortner (Janie); and a host of nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his faithful canine companion, Kippie.

Mr. Pat graduated from Flatwoods High School and Lincoln Memorial University. He was a Lee County Social Services supervisor for 27 years. He was an adjunct faculty member at Mountain Empire Community College. He was a member of Jonesville First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Pat had many creative talents and various hobbies through the years. He was especially famous for his homemade yeast rolls and mashed potatoes.

Mr. Pat's wishes were to be cremated and for no services to be held. His ashes will be dispersed in a place that was very special to him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Circle of Joy, c/o Jonesville First United Methodist Church, PO Box 280, Jonesville, VA 24263.

A special thank you is extended to Pastor Richard Davis, Mountain Region Home Health, Lee County Community Hospital ER Staff and Norton Community Hospital Trauma Team.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner*

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *MrsPat, I am so sorry. Please know that you and the family are in my prayers. Pat was a very nice man and will be missed. Love and prayers.*



Betty Crusenberry - March 03, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ *Hello Pat - so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. My deepest condolences. Love You - Evelyn*

Evelyn Taylor - March 02, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss!*



Debbie Garrett - March 02, 2023 at 01:44 AM

WG

“ Ms Pat, So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and your family at this time.

W.R. Gay

W.R. Gay - March 01, 2023 at 09:25 AM

CP

“ So sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Cheryl & Dane Poe - March 01, 2023 at 08:06 AM

PR

“ Prayers for Ms Pat, John and Erin, all family members and friends. I have been friends with Patton for several years, we have visited several places such as Pipestem Park in Athens. W Va. remember one evening after supper at the Lodge everyone including Mr Pat(Patton), and myself got up and watched the sunset. It was one of those the sky looked fiery red and looked like it was on fire. We have seen a lot of sunsets over the years as friends. But now he has taken off into that sunset far beyond the sun and stars, that Heavenly Home and one day all of us the Redeemed will also. He is now absent from the body but present with Our Lord! We will see him and all the Redeemed with Jesus now that is a comfort and a promise from Jesus. In closing he and I could talk for hours on any subject but most of it was on God's Word. I have been blessed knowing him and he said I was the only person called him Patton LOL but first time he said his name to me years ago I said Patton and for me it stuck in my mind. So now my precious friend I will not say goodbye because Christian we never say goodbye forever but see you later. I 'll talk to you each day from my heart because our loved one's and friends are in our hearts till we See each other Again! Love You my friend till then. Pastor Paul Rife.

paul Rife - February 28, 2023 at 07:52 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss! Prayers for comfort and peace 🙏

Julia Wyrick - February 28, 2023 at 02:10 PM

EC

“ Evie Christopher lit a candle in memory of
Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner



Evie Christopher - February 28, 2023 at 02:04 PM

LS

“ Lorrie Skiffington lit a candle in memory of
Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner



Lorrie Skiffington - February 28, 2023 at 08:53 AM

LS

Mike and I send you big hugs to comfort you and your family Mrs. Pat.

Lorrie Skiffington - February 28, 2023 at 08:54 AM

TM

“ Tony & Tonya Morelock lit a candle in memory
of Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner



Tony & Tonya Morelock - February 28, 2023 at 08:18 AM

TA

“ *Tinker Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner*



Tinker Anderson - February 27, 2023 at 10:12 PM

LH

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. You and all your family is in our prayers. We love you all!*

Leigh Ann Bralley Huffman

Leigh Huffman - February 27, 2023 at 08:54 PM

SP

“ *Sharon Pigeon lit a candle in memory of Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner*



Sharon Pigeon - February 27, 2023 at 07:48 PM

TR

“ *Dear Pat, we are so sorry to hear of your loss, know that you are in our thoughts and prayers, with all our love, Terry and Sandora Ratliff.*

Terry Ratliff - February 27, 2023 at 07:13 PM

RT

“ Ms. Pat,
Mr. Pat was such a kind and humble man. Cindie and I pray for
God's comfort and peace for you and your family.

Ram & Cindie Tankersley - February 27, 2023 at 06:00 PM

MA

“ Pat - We are very sorry for your loss. Know that you are in our
thoughts and prayers. What a full life you and Mr. Pat enjoyed
together! We should all be so blessed. Love to you and your family.

Mike & Diane Abbott

Mike & Diane Abbott - February 27, 2023 at 05:25 PM

ER

“ My dad used to always ask when we come to one of the holidays he
would said what did we want him to cook my dad was famous for
potatoes he always got them do smooth there was never one lump
in them we will miss him so very much dad we love u u will always
be in our heart u never ever be forgotten forever

Erin - February 27, 2023 at 04:45 PM

PA

“ So sorry for your loss.



Patsy Brimelow Adkins - February 27, 2023 at 04:33 PM

SH

“ *My Sweet Friend Pat Prayers for Comfort and Peace during the days ahead. I know how much Mr. Pat was your Happiness and Joy. LOVE YOU!!!!*
Sherry and Doug Horne

Sherry Horne - February 27, 2023 at 04:04 PM

DB

“ *DONNIE & LORETTA BLANKEN lit a candle in memory of Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner*



DONNIE & LORETTA BLANKEN - February 27, 2023 at 03:48 PM

JM

“ *Mrs. Pat I am so sorry to hear about your loss me and my family will be praying for you and the family through this most difficult time.*
Joey Musick



Joey Musick - February 27, 2023 at 03:48 PM

DB

“ *Miss Pat May GOD comfort in your time of loss. I enjoyed working with Mr Pat.*

DONNIE & LORETTA BLANKEN - February 27, 2023 at 03:47 PM

AG

“ Dear Pat, Sending heartfelt condolences on the loss of your husband. So very sorry. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Always, Anne Grassler

Anne Grassler - February 27, 2023 at 03:46 PM

SW

“ Susan Bartley Widener lit a candle in memory of Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner



Susan Bartley Widener - February 27, 2023 at 03:30 PM

Jl

“ Joshua Ingle lit a candle in memory of Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner



Joshua Ingle - February 27, 2023 at 03:28 PM

LD

“ Linda Dean lit a candle in memory of Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner



Linda Dean - February 27, 2023 at 02:36 PM

JM

“ *Jennifer And Brian Mosley lit a candle in
memory of Ross Patton "Mr. Pat" Fortner*



Jennifer and Brian Mosley - February 27, 2023 at 02:30 PM