



## Ronald George Patton

September 4, 1926 - October 19, 2014

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“ I first met your mom and dad on Stuart Island in Prevost Harbor...I learned it was one of their favorites over the years. I had lost my wife to cancer and was raising two kids 6 and 8 on my own. Ron shared his experience growing up and helped me understand my kids would be okay. They had a small boat but a huge heart and nothing could stop your dad. at one point he dropped a top to a pan over the side of the boat and thought nothing of diving in after it. He would often bring limbs from his orchard to give us for our dogs to chew on...just guessing that we would meet up. They were a pleasure to talk with and be around. We can learn so much from our elders. I lost my mom at 25 and had been estranged from my father many years before that. Ron on our annual visits coached me like a dad might. Every time I have been on Stuart, i wondered how they were and if I might see them again. Thank you so much for sending me your kind note. They invited us to their home, but unfortunately we never made it. He told me about his snake hunting 410...I had one as a child...but for partridge in Minnesota. God Bless them both and you their children. You are all in my prayers.

*Jim Kirsila*

*Bellevue, Wa*

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**Jim Kirsila** - December 30, 2015 at 04:08 PM

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“ Our father, Ronald George Patton, was laid to rest with his wife and our mother, Margaret Ellen Patton at the Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park on Aurora Avenue Seattle Washington. Upon entering the front gate you turn RIGHT and drive a very short distance (.1-.2 mi) to find the rocky hill just past two tan mausolium buildings and look for the Home Depot sign seen across the street and you are there. The path ahead curves around and up to the back side of the rocky hill where our parents grave site is located, just past the resting place of Ronald's father, John Patton.

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**Sharone Lee (Patton)** - November 03, 2015 at 01:36 PM

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“ Ronald George Patton was born in Seattle, Washington on September 4, 1926 to John and Isabella ("Bella" Cant) Patton, who were Irish immigrants. He also had a loving and fun big sister Eileen (Born June 16, 1923). Ronald remembered having a wonderful early childhood until The Great Depression pushed the family into poverty and loss. This required that his father leave to look for work right after his young mother prematurely passed of liver failure when Ronald was just six years old. He was sent to live with his loving paternal grandmother and his much older and rough and tumble uncles in Vancouver, British Columbia in Canada. In his early adolescence his father returned, having found steady local work with the Safeway grocery chain designing new produce refrigeration and freezer systems. Ronald was able to move back to be with his family in Seattle after his father remarried a young wife (Mildred) to care for him and his sister, Eileen. However, relations with their immature step-mother were stormy for Ronald and Eileen. As soon as she was able, Eileen left home to live and work on her own and soon Ronald followed after and moved in with Eileen. However, with Eileen struggling to finish school and support herself, Ronald was still left to get into less to more serious trouble as a young man. World War II began and, as soon as Ronald reached enlistment age, he joined the Army Air Corp and was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. After the war ended he returned to Seattle where met Margaret Ellen Jones, his future bride. Margaret had come to Seattle to rejoin her mother and father where they had found post-Depression work following the loss of their family homestead of her birth place in Bozeman, Montana. She was working to complete her secondary education at Broadway High School and doing waitress work after school when she met Ronald. Ronald would often tell the story of leaving Margaret a two-cent tip and having it hit him in the back of the head as he walked out the restaurant door, which would make our always mild-mannered mother smile with a twinkle in her eye saying, "He made me laugh." (See Margaret's Life Story) Ronald and Margaret married on May 30, 1947 and moved into a sweet little honeymooners apartment in Salem, Oregon along with their first "Sky" dog, a Weimaraner. Ronald began work in retail

*sales at Sears and Roebuck Co. Though his salary was meager at first, with the help from his father and the GI bill, Ronald was able to buy a small home on the nice little rural side street Sandringham Drive, just off Lancaster and the Silverton Hwy. Ronald and Margaret longed to have a family, but experienced a series of miscarriages. Their first born son, Timothy John Patton, arrived prematurely on January 19, 1952 weighing in at under five pounds. Ronald often recalled the nurses calling him their "miracle baby" because he survived with no additional neonate care. Their second born daughter, Sharon Louise Patton (aka Sharone Lee), arrived prematurely on March 15, 1955, weighing in at over five pounds and he would remember his relief at having a "big" healthy baby girl. With their family complete and Ronald experiencing noteworthy success in every department that the Salem Sears store management assigned him, he was eventually promoted to the big ticket department of home improvement where, with the help of his volunteer fire fighter buddies from the nearby Four Corners Fire Station, he won a national award for his remodeling of their home in 1960. This project included transforming their home's one car garage to a new master bed and bath suite and adding on a two car garage, patio, and laundry room. With the \$1800.00 prize money he was able to buy a new car and boat so that the whole family could enjoy their love of hunting and fishing all round the PNW. Ronald's career took off in 1963, when he was transferred to be the merchandise manager of the Sears store in Wenatchee, Washington. There he excelled at work and enjoyed local fishing and hunting in that high desert territory. In 1966, his success in this smaller market store led to his transfer to a new and larger market Sears store in Lacey, Washington near the state capitol of Olympia. He remained there until a massive downturn in the retail chain caused massive layoffs. Just as both their kids were enrolled at the University of Washington, Ronald was shuttled off on a doomed mission to be assistant store manager to a struggling store in Spokane, Washington in 1973, presumably where he would fail and be fired in the second round of chain cuts. Yet, his store was the only store to show a profit in the national chain downturn. This success was acknowledged to be due to his sales and marketing*

*training of the store's retail staff. A few years later, he returned to the Seattle area of his birth to work in his strength in merchandise management at the regional level. He and Margaret found a lovely home at the Fairwood Golf Club in Renton, Washington, where they lived along with their second "Sky" dog (circa 1982) until Ronald retired. In 1986, they returned to Wenatchee, Washington to built their big dream home at the base of Castle Rock and to live near their son, Dr. Timothy Patton and his wife Renee (Butler) and their four sons, Sean, Conor, Rory, and Ross. During their retirement years up through their Mid-Eighties they enjoyed hunting and fishing in the spring and fall in Wenatchee, traveled the San Juan's every summer in their boat, and enjoyed the sun bird life in their fifth wheeler every winter in the Palm Spring desert area along with a series of beloved Weimaranar "Sky" dogs as their traveling companions. On their way south in the fall and north in the spring they visited their daughter Sharone and her husband Joseph (Laronge) and their son Jacob, his sister Eileen and her husband Jerry Clark and all their long time friends living in Salem, Oregon. Sadly, his beloved Margaret experienced the onset of dementia and serious illness in their late Eighties. In the spring of 2014, Ronald lost his sister and her husband and was overcome by rapid onset dementia and failing health soon after, which prevented him from continuing to care for Margaret in their home. Ronald was admitted to hospital for acute mental health care and Margaret was admitted to a nursing home for hospice care in the summer of 2014 there in Wenatchee. Ronald passed on October 19, 2014 and Margaret passed soon after on November 17, 2014. Ronald and Margaret were laid to rest together in Seattle, Washington, where they first met, near the final resting place of Ronald's father in a lovely site at Evergreen Washelli Memorial Park on Aurora Avenue. Go with the memory of all the good things of your life Dad in light, love, and peace and freedom from all of life's pain and sorrows. (Story by Sharone Lee and Tim and Renee Patton)*

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**Sharone Lee (Patton)** - October 09, 2015 at 02:23 PM



“ *In Loving Memory of Our Father and Grandfather.* ”



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**The Patton Family** - October 04, 2015 at 11:02 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Ronald George Patton* ”



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November 09, 2014 at 05:35 PM