



## Dexter Leon Patton

January 1, 1952 - June 18, 2024

Dexter Leon Patton was called home unexpectedly on June 18, 2024 at the age of 72. Dexter was the first New Year's baby born in Stigler, OK on January 1, 1952, to parents Eliga and Ethel Irene Dilday Patton. His family moved to Ivanhoe, CA when he was two years old. He was raised in Ivanhoe, attended Ivanhoe Elementary and continued to Redwood High School where he enjoyed playing football. He graduated in 1971.

Dexter met the love of his life, Carol Buckmaster, in youth group at Farmersville First Southern Baptist Church at a young age of 15 years old. Their love grew and they married on July 21, 1972. Following this union, they had two wonderful sons, Jeffery and Scott.

Dexter was a terrific human being, if you needed anything he was there to help. He loved to travel with Carol, along with family and friends, going camping, spending time in the mountains in his fifth wheel or at the cabin. He loved his family and doing anything with his boys including coaching them in little league baseball. He was a big sports fan; he loved his Dodgers and 49'rs. Dexter never met a stranger; he found the good in everyone and always had a smile on his face.

Dexter began his career working at Save-Mor Market in Ivanhoe, then onto Git & Go markets in Visalia.

He spent most of his career doing route sales, starting with Rainbo Baking Company. He then owned a mini mart for a short time, then moved on to Mission Linen where he retired from in 2007. After retiring he worked seasonally for Delta Mosquito and Vector Control for an additional 13 years until 2020.

Dexter was a member of Visalia Elks Local 1298, a past member of Visalia Moose Lodge and Teamsters Local 94.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carol Patton, his sons Jeffery Patton and daughter-in-law Leah, Elk Grove, CA, Scott Patton and daughter-in-law Leslie, Visalia, CA, and two grandchildren Quinn and Eliga of Visalia. Brothers Danny Patton (Mary), Sacramento, CA, Dennis Patton (Amanda) Tulare, CA, sister Diane Findley (Kevin) of Hinton, OK, brother and sister In-laws Frank and Jean Chesser, Gary and Cindy Buckmaster, Bobby and Deana Coburn, all of Visalia, 17 nieces and nephews, several cousins, and many friends.

Celebration of Life to be held on July 10, 2024 at 10:00 am at Grace Community Church, 2525 S Lovers Lane, Visalia, followed by a luncheon.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Valley Children's Hospital or a charity of your choice.

Services have been entrusted to Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salserandddillard.com](http://www.salserandddillard.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 10. 10:00 AM (PT)

Grace Community Church  
2525 S. Lovers Lane  
Visalia, CA 93292

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love The Horsting Families purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dexter Leon Patton.



Love The Horsting Families - October 14, 2024 at 02:18 PM

RT

“ Dexter and I grew up together. We had many wonderful memories, including vacation trips to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Clear Lake in Northern California, and Indio California. Dexter and Carol came to visit me in Washington. So many memories with him and Carol. Dexter, I have to say "until we meet again"!!!

Raymond Trammell - September 15, 2024 at 06:45 PM

SN

“ Skip, Misty, Kevin and Debra Nugent purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dexter Leon Patton.



Skip, Misty, Kevin and Debra Nugent - July 08, 2024 at 08:00 PM

RB

“ Roy Fowler and Lisa Brown purchased the Faires t of All for the family of Dexter Leon Patton.



Roy Fowler and Lisa Brown - July 08, 2024 at 09:01 AM

RB

“ Roy Fowler and Lisa Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dexter Leon Patton.

Roy Fowler and Lisa Brown - July 08, 2024 at 09:01 AM

DC

“ Its so much datker when a light goes out than it would have been if it had never shone.  
Dexter always made me feel welcomed at family dinners. He always went out of his way to help out.  
His laughter, good spirit, and memories of him are a gift that will always be with you.

My prayers are with you  
Debbie Coburn

Debra Coburn - July 01, 2024 at 10:18 AM

JK

Been so so many many years but it's like yesterday also. I have never forgot any of u tried to find you guys last May.  
Dexter was so kind and loved Carol and those boys with all he had.  
Praying that God will give each of you peace and comfort.  
Jeannie Parker king  
Harrison Ar

Jeannie King - July 10, 2024 at 01:07 PM

MM

“ Carol and I are devastated by the passing of Dexter, we know God's plans are perfect even though we don't understand now. May God bless you and all the family! Much love, Mark and Carol  
Montgomery

mark Montgomery - June 29, 2024 at 03:04 PM

DS

“ So sorry Carol about Dexter couldn't have known a better person than Dexter other than yourself it's been year's sence I saw him at his store you are in my prayers Dwayne Salyer Fort Worth, Tx

Dwayne Salyer - June 28, 2024 at 02:29 AM

CL

Carol not sure that you remember me but I certainly remember you. I thought Dex was a kind and amazingly good man. I was just so sorry to hear of his passing. I'm praying for you with all my heart. You were one of my favorite people when I was married to Tommy. I do much enjoyed camping with you and Dex after Tom and I broke up. I had a wonderful time. Annee and her friend had a good time sleeping in your SUV. We loved you guys.

I wanted so much to attend his service tmrw. I'm in KH having a knee teplacement. I wish I could be with you. I've never forgotten how nice and sweet you always were to Annee and me. ❤️🙏❤️

Cynde Lee - July 09, 2024 at 10:54 PM

NF

Carol, I am so sorry to hear of Dexter's passing. Sending hugs and prayers. Gary & Naomi (Davis) Faucett

Naomi Faucett - July 22, 2024 at 08:49 PM

DW

“ My condolences to all the family! Sending you all so much love and many prayers!!

God Bless  
Donna Whelan



Donna Leigh Whelan - June 27, 2024 at 01:14 AM

JC

*We loved Dexter so much, he has been a wonderful, endeared part of our family even before he married Carol. Our heart breaks, however, we know he is with Jesus and earned his wings. Till we all meet again, our love and support is with you Carol, and all the family. Frank & Jean*

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**Jean Chesser** - June 27, 2024 at 01:39 PM

GJ

*We have been neighbors to Dexter and Carol since 1977 and it is true Dexter was an extraordinary man. Yes he has returned to his real home and I bet he is having a great time although he will be missed by his many friends.*

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**Gladys and Jerry** - June 28, 2024 at 08:27 PM