

E.N. Patterson, 77, Retired Merchant, Dies in Hospital

Edward Nelson Patterson, 77, a merchant in Fairfield for nearly 30 years, died Tuesday, December 22 at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

He owned and managed Patterson Equipment Co. in Fairfield from 1956 until he sold the business in 1983 to Early Equipment Co. of Harrisonburg, which has continued the Fairfield business under the Early name.

He was born August 30, 1921, in Brownsburg, son of the late William Frank Patterson and Mary Johnston Patterson. He was married to Agnes L. Patterson and was a lifetime member and former deacon of New Providence Presbyterian Church. He was a member and past president of the Brownsburg Ruritan Club and a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Rockbridge. He was the former owner of Patterson Equipment Co. in Fairfield.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Bruce Patterson of Fairfield; a daughter, Marie Coleman of Fairfield; five grandchildren and a stepgrandchild.

The funeral was held Saturday at New Providence Presbyterian Church by the Rev. David Dickerson. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Providence Presbyterian Church memorial fund. Arrangements were by Harrison Funeral Home.

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