



Gerald "Yogi" Patrick

September 21, 1953 - April 27, 2026

Gerald "Yogi" Patrick, 72, of Carthage, Missouri, passed peacefully from this life on April 27, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on September 21, 1953, Gerald was the eldest son of Gene and Dorothy Patrick. He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by ten brothers and sisters, along with a large extended family who loved him dearly. A lifelong resident of Carthage, Gerald was known by many and loved by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Gerald worked for many years as Maintenance Supervisor at Steadley Manufacturing until the company sold in 1997. Prior to that, he worked at Country Pride Turkey Plant, where he earned the nickname "Yogi". In retirement, he continued serving others as a taxi driver for the City of Carthage until fully retiring in 2017. More than any title or occupation, Gerald will be remembered for the life he lived and the people he loved. He was a coach, a father, a big brother, a deacon, a Papa, and a faithful friend. He was the kind of man people ran to in hard times, because he brought peace, wisdom, and steady strength with a little humor mixed in. His name became known for honesty, integrity, generosity, and hard work. Gerald loved the Lord with all his heart and treasured the Good Book, whose pages guided his life and anchored his faith. Through trials and blessings alike, he remained steadfast, trusting God every step of the way. He shared a beautiful love story with his wife, Joyce, of fifty years. Gerald was a devoted father to his three sons and their wives, and a proud Papa to eighteen grandchildren. He was also blessed with three great-grandchildren

(with two more on the way.) Being Papa was one of his greatest joys. He always made time for each child, whether it was finding baby turtles, starting maple trees, looking through “mo-car” magazines, and simply making ordinary moments unforgettable.

He loved us all for a lifetime long, and he leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, strength, and family that will continue for generations.

He fought the good fight,

He finished the race,

He kept the faith.

Any contributions in honor of Yogi may be made to Servants Church in Webb City, in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be made at www.ulmerfh.com.

The funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 4, 2026, at Fairview Christian Church in Carthage. A visitation will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Ulmer Funeral Home in Carthage. The burial will take place at Fasken Cemetery in Carthage immediately following the service.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Fasken Cemetery

Carthage, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Ulmer Funeral Home
1208 S. Garrison
Carthage, MO 64836
(417) 358-2222
ulmerfh@gmail.com
<https://www.ulmerfh.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fairview Christian Church
Carthage, MO

Tribute Wall

RH

“ *The Lord's life was surely shown through the life of Yogi's. I have never met a man so dedicated to being a servant to the Lord and to people. Always a smile to greet all who met him on the ball field or off.*

I am blessed to have known him for so many years. See ya soon Yogi.

To all the family:

May the Lord bless and keep you. May He shine His face upon you and show you His grace. May His favor be on you. May the Lord give you His peace.

Ron Hitchcock

Ron Hitchcock - May 01 at 08:25 AM

PC

“ I have a memory that I dreamed about last and I know in my heart Yogi from heaven is telling me I must tell ya all what one of many practical things he did to me. We had a lady that rode the taxi and bless her she hashburgers desese and I drove the handy cap van, I went and got her took her Aldi's ,I always waited just a min. To make sure she did ok. She got her basket and I Yogi told him I was free and he Pam no your not you hooked the cart and was dragging Kristy across parking lot, needless to say I stopped immediately in panic got out ran back there and he sitting at Iggys diner dieing laughing at me. Of course he said he scared me but he said you should of been on end watching g this unfold. Oh my gosh the relief when I didn't see her back there and I looked at him Yogi Patrick you you,all while he laughing 😊 he told that story to so many even my father in law which a kick out of it. He told he couldn't resist because I was so easy to be fooled. Bless his heart. I wasn't upset or anything just relieved and I laughed with after I seen him. One many things he did. Made my day,every day single day. I had very tight abs from laughing with him. He was always full life and laughter. Love him so very much!!!

Pam Cossey - April 30 at 09:30 AM

AJ

“ Dear Patrick Family,
I never personally knew Yogi, but I felt like I was acquainted with him because of knowing his sons. I know he was a wonderful man in all aspects because of the way the boys spoke of him and because of the how great his sons are. My deepest sympathy to all of you. Your family holds a special place in my heart. I will be holding you close in thought and prayer.
Alice Johns

Alice Johns - April 29 at 09:23 PM

BH

“ Yogi made the world a better place. What more can be said for any of us? Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Bill Halvorsen - April 29 at 05:47 PM

PC

“ When we started working together on City Taxi there wasn't a day that he didn't have me in stitches all of passages loved him, he always went that extra mile for who ever needed.it. He was and is a God sent to every person he came contact with for. I always called him my buddy he told me he adopted me as his little sister. My heart goes out to Joyce and her family. Love and miss you Buddy we will see each other again one day.

Pam Cossey - April 29 at 03:10 PM

TC

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for peace during this time. May God wrap him in his loving arms. He is with Jesus in Paradise.



Tiffany Cox - April 29 at 02:30 PM