



C. Raymond Patton, Jr.

July 21, 1950 - June 17, 2020

C. Raymond Patton, Jr., 69, passed away on June 17, 2020, after a brief struggle with cancer. Ray is survived by his wife of 46 years, Marilee Melius Patton, his sons, Michael and Mathew, his brother Jon, and beloved dogs, Millie and Gunner.

Ray was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on July 21, 1950 to C. Raymond and MaryLou Patton and grew up in West Tulsa with two brothers, Richard and Jon. Ray attended Riley elementary school and Madison junior high. He graduated from Central High School in 1968. Ray majored in finance at the University of Oklahoma and continued his education at OU law school, where he graduated in 1976.

Ray put his finance degree to work by taking a part-time job at the Oklahoma Department of Securities while he was in law school. He accepted a full-time position upon graduation and advanced rapidly to become Director of Registration. Ray entered into private practice in Oklahoma City in 1978 but was called back into public service as the Administrator of the Department of Securities in 1984. As Administrator with a staff of 35 lawyers and accountants, Ray was responsible for securities regulation in Oklahoma, the regulation of stockbrokers and investment advisers and investor protection.

In 1986, Ray left the Department to practice law in Tulsa. For the last 22 years, he was a shareholder at Conner & Winters practicing in the areas of securities and corporate law, mergers and acquisitions and corporate litigation, arbitration and mediation. For more than 10 years, Ray served as an adjunct professor at the University of Tulsa College of Law where he taught alternate dispute resolution, securities regulation and mergers and acquisitions. He also served as an adjunct settlement judge in federal court and as Chair of the Oklahoma Capitol Investment Board from 1988-91. He was recognized by his peers in the Best Lawyers publication, as a Superlawyer, and as a Lawyer of the Year for many years. Clients, colleagues and friends recognized his professionalism, loyalty, positive attitude and boundless sense of humor.

Ray's professional achievements and many friendships paled in comparison to his love of family. He cherished Marilee; whom he described as his beautiful bride, a flower gardener extraordinaire and his soulmate. Ray also was very close to Marilee's extended family and developed a large circle of friends in her hometown of Faulkton, South Dakota from 35+ trips, many of which involved pheasant hunting with his sons. Michael and Matt, were

always in Ray's spotlight. Ray would beam when he shared stories about the accomplishments and activities of his boys. For many years, Ray was involved in Ducks Unlimited and spent his free time near Ft. Gibson teaching the boys about hunting, fishing and enjoying the out-of-doors.

A memorial in celebration of Ray's life is planned for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 2:00 at Fitzgerald Colonial Chapel, Southwood, 3612 E. 91st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137. A mask will be requested to be worn for anyone attending the service.

A gift in memory of Ray may be made to Humane Society of Tulsa, 6232 E. 60th Street, Tulsa, OK 74135.

Events

JUL Memorial 02:00PM

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Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel

3612 East 91st Street South, Tulsa, OK, US, 74137-3976

Comments



“ Marilee,

I'm thinking of you during this difficult time and send my prayers to you and the boys.

Your cousin, Nancy Melius Adkison



Nancy Adkison - July 26 at 02:55 AM



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Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel - July 23 at 03:01 PM



“ Chatting with Ray was my favorite morning ritual up at the firm. He was such a kind man, a wise colleague, and he loved dogs every bit as much as I do. It is hard to be up at the office and not have him there. What a fine fine person. He is greatly missed.

Teresa - July 21 at 04:03 PM



“ I so enjoyed having the office next to Ray at Conner & Winters' these last two years. Ray was the kindest man. He had a great light about him and always a smile. He looked extra sharp when he wore his hat. He was easy to talk to and I always enjoyed our chats. Thinking of all his family and loved ones today and as you navigate the journey of grief. May peace be with each of you and may you feel his presence always with you in your hearts.

Hillary Cinocca - July 21 at 03:53 PM



“ "Extra sharp" :)

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“ Marilee

i last talked to Ray a year ago and as usual he made me laugh about a dozen memories of drinks, softball, and stories. Of course we had to relive the hot tub adventure. Still exciting for old men 30 years later. i recall asking him when you moved to Tulsa what firm he was going with. He replied "Dewey Cheatham and Howe." i still tell the joke. I'm so sorry for your loss and that we didn't get together the last several years. He told a joke at my bachelor party which i won't repeat on this forum but nobody could crack people up like Ray. Sorry this virus keeps me from coming

Steven Clark - July 21 at 03:50 PM



“ What a wonderful guy. I will miss his wry wit and easy going ways. Someone in the Patton family will need to take on the Christmas newsletter and send to his friends and colleagues. My love and thoughts are with you.

Gentra Sorem

Gentra Sorem - July 21 at 03:16 PM



“ Marilee, I wish Steve and I could be there with you. Ray always brought his own special brand of magic and sunshine to a room. He is deeply missed but will be remembered. Fondly,
Melinda Kirk and Steve Capron

Melinda Kirk - July 21 at 03:10 PM



“ Ray was a GEM, and meant so much to our family. He was genuine through and through. I appreciate the friend he was to Rich, and for the deep love he had for his family. You will be missed Ray Patton. We are praying for you Marilee, and hope that you feel God's presence through the difficult days ahead. We are always here for you.

Jana Love

Jana Love - July 21 at 03:06 PM



“ All of us at C&W will miss Ray dearly. He was the smartest, funniest, kindest and most supportive man- always in your corner. I am so glad we will be able to view his service remotely. Please know we are all with you.



Rob James - July 21 at 02:16 PM



“ Ray and I became great friends while going through Law school. After school we practised law in Tulsa and continued to be friends. What a great guy. Thanks buddy edwards I will really miss Ray for the rest of my days

Buddy Edwards - July 21 at 03:27 PM



“ Hi Marilee,

We wanted to attend to see you and the boys but under the circumstances we will watch remotely....wish we could give you a big hug.....Ray was such a wonderful person and he loved you and the boys so much.....know we love you and praying and thinking of you today.....

Rest in Peace Ray



Janice Wilburn - July 21 at 11:10 AM



“ Ray I miss you so much. Best trip ever was Lake Ontario, Erie Canal, Hudson River, East River, Atlantic Ocean to Newport Road Island. What an adventure!
Cara Barca - Cara Vita my friend



Mike McKee - July 20 at 04:50 PM



“ How can you forget this enormous guy folding himself into his BMW. Getting out was never as easy for him as getting in. He always had a good word and smile for everyone.

William B Federman - July 20 at 03:09 PM



“ Marilee- I just learned of Ray’s passing. I am so sorry. Ray meant the world to me. Please let me know if there is anything at all you need.

John Wirth - Minneapolis

John Wurth - July 02 at 04:28 PM



“ Marilee--I am so sorry to hear about your husband! Please know that my thought are with you during this difficult time in your life.

Mary Bundy - June 26 at 12:36 PM