



## Katrina Lynn Patton

July 13, 1955 - April 18, 2024

Katrina Lynn Patton of Summerville moved her membership to the Church Triumphant on Thursday, April 18, 2024, following a lengthy and courageous battle with leukemia and related health issues. Katrina was born in Bristol, TN on July 13, 1955, to John King Patton and Linda Stout Patton. She grew up in the greater Cincinnati area and graduated from Wyoming High School, Wyoming, OH in 1973. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from College of Mount St Joseph in 1977. She graduated from the Cincinnati School of Law and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1986, and to the South Carolina Bar in 1987. Katrina practiced family law in Hilton Head, Beaufort, Charleston and Summerville. She closed her law practice in 2009 when she was appointed to serve as Magistrate Judge for Dorchester County. She served from 2009 to 2019, serving as Chief Magistrate from 2012 until her retirement. Additionally, Katrina served as Dorchester County coroner for six months during 2016.

Katrina was a member of the Board of Trustees of Epworth Children's Home in Columbia, SC from 2018 until her death. She was a member of Bethany United Methodist Church in Summerville serving on various boards and committees. In recent years, Katrina served as a counselor and bus driver for Bethany UMC Kids Care after-school program. She participated in multiple Bethany mission trips to Honduras and Haiti and served as a member of Bethany's Missions Possible team and as a member of UMC Women in Faith.

Most recently, Katrina served on the worship team for Bethany's Word and Table contemporary worship service and was a member of the Brooks-Swicegood Circle.

Katrina was a dedicated supporter of the Summerville Family YMCA and participated in various Y outreach programs. An avid runner in years past, she completed the Mayor's Midnight Sun marathon in Anchorage, AK 1997 in support of the SC Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Additionally, Katrina completed the first Beach to Beacon 10K race in Cape Elizabeth, ME in 1997, the Bar Harbor Half Marathon in 1998, and the First Annual Willie Nelson 10K for Farm Aid race in Austin, TX in 2001. Katrina also competed in numerous local races including the one and only "Burn the Bridges" Run.

Her twin passions were the welfare of children and animals. As a practicing attorney in the family court, she was instrumental in the successful adoption of many children by loving families. She was a strong advocate of the "adoption option." Her work with Epworth was particularly gratifying to her, especially her work on behalf of Epworth's foster care "Hubs." Not blessed with children of her own, she nevertheless was "Miss Katrina" to many.

As a teenager, Katrina was a regional champion riding 5 gaited show horses. The Patton Horse Barn at Charleston Animal Society was sponsored by her family. Katrina served on then-Attorney General Henry McMaster's Dog Fighting Task Force in 2008. To say that Katrina loved cats would be an understatement. She is greatly missed by her knuckleheads Scratch and Blackjack and all the neighborhood dogs.

Katrina is survived by her loving husband, Luke Biggs; her brother, Casey Patton (Laurel); nephews: Trevor (Emily) and Corey (Ayaka); niece, Meredith Nappi (Stephen), her cats, and many, many friends.

The family will receive friends at James A. Dyal Funeral Home from 6:00pm-8:00pm on Sunday, April 28th, 2024. A celebration of Katrina's life will be held at Bethany UMC Fellowship Hall at 11:00am on Monday, April 29th, 2024. Burial will be in Bristol, TN at a later date.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials in her honor be made to Epworth Children's Home, PO Box 50466, Columbia, SC 29250, Bethany United Methodist Church, 118 W 3rd S Street, Summerville, SC 29483 (memo "Missions Possible"), the Summerville Family Y, 208 W Doty Avenue, Summerville, SC 29483, or the animal rescue organization of one's choice.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends & Family

APR **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Katrina Lynn Patton



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James A Dyal Funeral Home - April 28, 2024 at 11:51 AM



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James A Dyal Funeral Home - April 28, 2024 at 11:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Katrina Lynn Patton.



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April 25, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ Love, Epworth Children's Home planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Katrina Lynn Patton.

Love, Epworth Children's Home - April 25, 2024 at 01:20 PM



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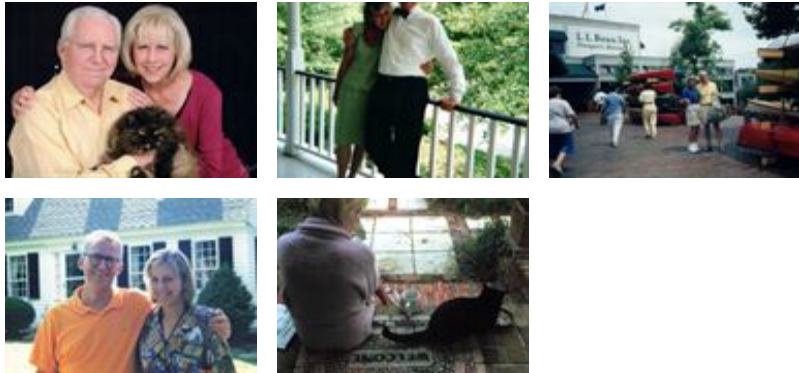


“ Katrina was such an amazing person who gave back in so many ways. She was a very valuable member of the Epworth board, and she will be missed beyond measure. I am fortunate to have known her and will be praying for your comfort and peace. Charlotte Jones

Charlotte Jones - April 22, 2024 at 10:55 AM



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