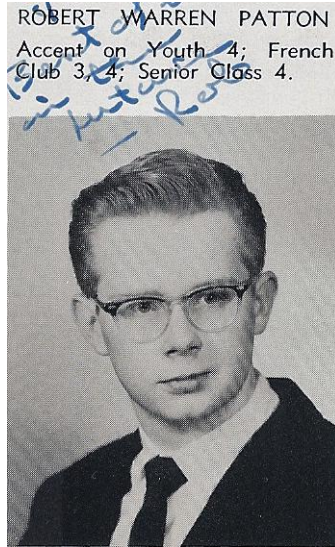


ROBERT W. PATTON



Oak Park, IL - Robert W. Patton, of Oak Park, IL and Michiana Shores, IN, died from post-surgical complications at Loyola University Hospital, Maywood, IL on February 20th, 2006. He was 62.

The eldest son of Dr. Robert L. and the late Mary Louise Patton, longtime residents of Ithaca, he graduated from Ithaca High School in 1961 and received the BA and MFA degrees from Cornell. He also held an MS degree from Roosevelt University in Chicago.

He was an expert in direct mail marketing, having worked for some of the giants in the field. He was also a poet, with two books published, and a frequent contributor to journals. He taught writing classes at Cornell, Northern Illinois University and Oakmont Community College.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah; his daughter, Catherine of Madison, WI; his father; and his brother, James L. Patton of Baton Rouge, LA. He was preceded in death by his mother; and his daughter, Alice.

He was a volunteer guide at the Ernest Hemingway Museum and Home in Oak Park. He was a member and vestryman of Christ Church (Episcopal), River Forest, IL. A Eucharist was celebrated in his memory at Christ Church on February 24th. Burial was at Bronswood Cemetery, Hinsdale, IL. The family asks that memorials be sent to the American Brain Tumor Association, Des Plaines, IL. When a good man dies, for years beyond his ken, the light he leaves behind him shines along the path of men.

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