



## Kenneth Patterson

December 2, 1969 - January 29, 2026

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Dr. Kenneth "Mannie" Patterson, 56, beloved father, son, educator, and proud military veteran. He transitioned from this life on January 29, 2026. Born on December 2, 1969, he lived a life marked by service, scholarship, and unwavering devotion to his family and community.

While our hearts are heavy with grief, we find solace in honoring his life. A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Mannie embraced the values of discipline, service, and leadership early in life. He honorably served his country as a logistics officer in the United States Army, where he also had the distinguished privilege of serving as Aide-de-Camp to the 21st Theater Support Command under Brigadier General George Wells. A decorated military leader, Mannie later deployed 226 soldiers as a U.S. Army Reserve Company Commander during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, establishing a forward logistics base at Q-West (Qayyarah West) in support of ongoing combat operations. His military service allowed him to travel the world, deepening his appreciation for global cultures, new experiences, and a lifelong spirit of adventure.

Mannie excelled academically and held a profound belief in the transformative power of education. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, laying the foundation for a career defined by intellectual curiosity and disciplined study. Motivated by a passion for

leadership and global business, he went on to complete both his MBA in International Business (Global Supply Chain Management) and his Ph.D. in International Business--with the dissertation "Exploring Integrated Solutions for Supply Chain Management"--from Northcentral University, a testament to his commitment to academic excellence and lifelong learning.

Mannie's professional career was defined by extraordinary breadth, impact, and steadfast leadership. He began in the financial sector, applying his analytical expertise at Merrill Lynch and Edward Jones before expanding into the fields of supply chain and logistics. Over the years, he led major global logistics initiatives across both the private sector and the U.S. military, holding influential roles with Coca-Cola, General Dynamics, and Tapestry Solutions. In each position, he strengthened and refined the operational insight and leadership skills that would later shape his work as an educator in Supply Chain Management and Logistics.

Mannie was a proud, nearly 20-year member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, faithfully living out its principles and embodying its public motto, "Achievement in Every Field of Human Endeavor." He carried the spirit of achievement into every aspect of his life. Mannie was also a devoted fan of his hometown teams--the Baltimore Ravens, the Baltimore Orioles, and Alabama Crimson Tide Football--cheering them on with unmistakable passion, pride, and loyalty.

Education was one of Mannie's deepest callings. His academic career began in January 2021 as an Adjunct Professor at Coppin State University, where he first brought his real-world expertise into the classroom. In January 2023, he continued his commitment to teaching as a Professor and Program Coordinator for Transportation and Supply Chain Management at Baltimore City Community College (BCCC). Mannie inspired countless students with his sharp intellect, high expectations, and genuine love for learning. He

challenged them not only to excel academically but to believe in their own potential and to pursue excellence in every area of their lives.

Mannie's greatest joy, however, came from being a father. He leaves behind his cherished children--his daughter Kennedy and his son Kenneth James "KJ"--who were the center of his world. He could often be heard beaming with pride as he spoke of their successes. He also leaves behind his ex-wife, Koni Patterson, who, through their shared journey, remained a part of his life and the family they built together. He is also survived by his father, Tyrone Patterson. His devoted mother, Gwendolyn Hollis, who nurtured and supported him throughout his life. Mannie's legacy of love, integrity, and service, lives on in each of them, and in the countless lives he touched along his journey.

Mannie is also survived by his brothers, Tyrone Patterson Jr. (Crystal), Kareem Patterson and Myrone Foster (Daphne); his loving aunt, Patricia Dowell; and a host of beloved first cousins, including Troy Hollis (Tangier), Anissa Walker, Andre Pearmon (Nicole), Terry Crosby (Tangi), Tara Mitchell (Larry), Tonya Ingram (Kevin), India Hollis, Gary Hollis Jr., Devin Gallop, Donte Blackwell-Sawyers (Jimmy), Vernon Patterson, Jr, Allen Patterson, Jr, Latrice Patterson, Julie Patterson, Paul Patterson and Kimyatta Patterson. He also leaves behind childhood friends, Reggie, Tubby, Lamont, Herman, and Purnell; as well as many extended family members and friends who loved him dearly. Mannie was further embraced by special brothers and sisters in spirit who stood behind him through every season of life -- bonds that were deep, unwavering and a cherished part of who he was.

Mannie's interests and personality shined brightly in his everyday life. He had an impeccable eye for the latest urban fashions and took extraordinary pride in his personal style. Mannie especially loved collecting and wearing watches

and retro Air Jordans, often selecting pairs that matched his look, mood, or the moment. Additionally, it was nothing to see him in a tailor-made suit or trying on the newest of fashion trends. His style was unmistakably his own--sharp, expressive, and full of personality.

His presence will be deeply missed by all who were touched by his wisdom, strengthened by his encouragement, and uplifted by his generous heart. Mannie's legacy of love, integrity, faith, and service will continue to live on through his family, students, and all who knew him. May his memory continue to inspire all who knew and loved him.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. – Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110

## Wake

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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FEB 11. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Kenneth Patterson*



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**March Life Tribute Centers** - February 03 at 01:10 PM

DM

“ *Debra M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kenneth Patterson.*



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**Debra M.** - February 10 at 05:12 PM

TP

“ *Tyrone, Crystal & Shamira Patterson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Kenneth Patterson.*



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**Tyrone, Crystal & Shamira Patterson** - February 10 at 01:02 AM

TC

“ *Trish Collier & Suzanne Chandler purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Kenneth Patterson.*



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**Trish Collier & Suzanne Chandler** - February 10 at 12:44 AM

MW

“ *It is with deep sadness that I pay tribute to my military aide, MAJ Kenneth Patterson, both a colleague and friend. He served with honor, dedication, and unwavering commitment, embodying the true spirit of what it means to be in the military. MAJ Patterson was not only a skilled professional but also a compassionate servicemember who could lift the morale of everyone around. His courage, integrity, and kindness will never be forgotten. We are grateful for his service and the lasting impact he made on me and the 21st Theatre Support Command.*

*With Great Respect, MG(R) Bill Wells*

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**MG(R) Bill Wells** - February 05 at 08:26 PM

MW

“ *MG(R) Bill Wells and Deb Wells purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Kenneth Patterson.*



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**MG(R) Bill Wells and Deb Wells** - February 05 at 08:23 PM

MW

“ *MG(R) Bill Wells and Deb Wells planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Kenneth Patterson.*

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**MG(R) Bill Wells and Deb Wells** - February 05 at 08:23 PM

MC

“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love, and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**March Life Tribute Center** - February 03 at 01:13 PM