



## Allan Gregg Patterson

February 20, 1931 - December 30, 2020

Allan Gregg Patterson, age 89 of Bend, Oregon, peacefully passed away on December 30, 2020, surrounded by his family.

Allan was born on February 20, 1931, in Weymouth, Massachusetts to Viola and Walter Patterson. After his parents separated, he was raised by his mother and grandmother. He excelled in school and worked in a haberdashery and a grocery store to put himself through college. He attended Boston College where he earned both a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and a Master's in Psychology. After graduation, Allan was drafted into the Army during the Korean War and was stationed in Japan for two years, serving in the Military Intelligence Division.

Allan married the love of his life, Gloria Margaret Bonsall, in Baltimore, Maryland, on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1956. They were the classic example of opposites who appreciated each other's differences and turned their relationship into an amazing lifelong love affair. Allan and Gloria had two children, Gale and Gregg, and spend their early married years living near Washington, D.C.

After leaving the military, Allan started his professional career in the U.S. Government. He held executive positions within various Federal Agencies, including the State Department, Office of Management & Budget, Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Department of Energy.

In 1973 Allan and Gloria moved their family to Bainbridge Island, Washington, where they loved exploring all the region's outdoor adventures, as well as commuting to work by ferry. In 1983, Allan retired as Director of the Federal Department of Energy for the Northwest Region. Allan pursued a lifelong interest in cultures, personalities, as well as organizational dynamics. He both taught and modeled a marvelous approach to management that made him a beloved and respected leader throughout his career.

In retirement, Allan continued to pursue his interests in hiking, reading, writing, international cooking, traveling, sailing, book clubs, politics, bird watching, jazz music, and eastern cultures and religions. He was a lifelong member of the Nature Conservancy and a volunteer educator at Group Health Seattle, where he focused on providing support for those with chronic diseases.

Allan and Gloria moved to Bend, Oregon, in 2016 to be closer to their children and grandchildren. On November 24, 2020, just two days after celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary, they were both diagnosed with COVID 19. Allan passed away from complications just six weeks later.

A self-described introvert, Allan was often a man of few words, but those words were always powerful, honest, insightful and gracious. He loved a good conversation about meaningful topics and was always open to new perspectives and ideas. He had enormous integrity, loyalty and compassion.

Allan was predeceased by his grandmother, Hattie Gregg, mother Viola Valentovich Hobart, his stepfather Stewart Hobart, and his father Walter Patterson. He is survived by his wife, Gloria, his children Gale (& Gwil) Evans and Gregg (& Cece) Patterson, and his six grandchildren, Kacie, Jack, and Nick (Evans), and Suzanne, Stacey, and Shannon (Patterson). Contributions

can be made to Partners in Care in Bend, Oregon.

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

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