



Patty family July 24, 2021

# David & Joyce Schroeder

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In the latter years of his life, Joyce’s dad would often quote Psalm 45:4 as the guiding verse for his final season. “In your majesty ride forth victoriously on behalf of truth, humility, and justice; let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.” This psalm was not only written for the king of Israel but also about the King of Kings, Messiah Jesus.

Dick often referenced his desire to live out these truths in honor of his Lord and Savior. Well, he most certainly did, and his life inspired us all to ride “on behalf of truth, humility, and justice.” Joyce was with her dad as he breathed his last breath on earth July 14, 2021, at 11:57 p.m. at the age of 95. He went quickly and peacefully, and we imagined him “riding forth victoriously” as he was summoned to heaven by his Savior.

Joyce’s mom and brothers were able to be by Dick’s side during his final hours. While we rejoice in his homegoing to Jesus, we continue to grieve not having him here with us any longer. We miss him! If you have not had the opportunity to watch his memorial celebration, we’d love for you to experience it at [Cadence.org/DickPattyMemorial](https://Cadence.org/DickPattyMemorial). He wanted to be remembered as a Farmer, Missionary, and Patriarch, and we think you’ll be inspired by the stories shared at his service.

Recently, while Joyce and I traveled overseas to visit our Cadence staff, some of our kids and grandkids harvested his last crop of large pumpkins. These pumpkins are the final ones planted from the seedlings Dick grew in his homemade greenhouse in his garage. In our family, this annual harvest will always be known as “Grandpa’s/Bapa’s pumpkins.”

Our hearts go out to any of you who also said goodbye to a loved one in these past months. We have all been impacted by the pandemic, and we are aware that a few of you experienced the significant loss of a family member because of Covid-19 or another cause.

I think this global suffering has caused many of us to ponder both the preciousness and fragility of life—the importance of living for what matters, what lasts, and what represents the heart of God.

In Cadence, as with the rest of the world, we have been forced to pivot, adjust, change, adapt, and then adjust some more. I’ve been proud of our staff who, although not being able to carry out one of their greatest means of ministry for a season (hospitality), have continued to bless military people and their families in countless and creative acts of love and kindness.

The Apostle Paul said in Colossians 1:6, “In the same way, the gospel is growing and bearing fruit throughout the

whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace.”




In other words, the gospel of Jesus Christ cannot be stopped—not by a pandemic, not by our enemy the devil, not by suffering, hardship, persecution, tragedy, nor loss. The gospel will always bear fruit and the kingdom of God will always advance because our King Jesus continues to “ride forth victoriously.” We take great comfort and encouragement from this truth.

## Celebrating

### the Goodness of God

### in the life of Dick Patty

April 1926–July 2021

**Farmer, Missionary, Patriarch**  
 “But God gave the increase.” 1 Corinthians 3:6



Harper, Landon, and Rilyn on Bapa’s pumpkin





Cadence Leadership Community



Cadence Europe Staff

God continues to bless Cadence’s ministry to the military. The mission has seen growth in our number of staff and continues to be financially stable. We’ve also opened five new hospitality house ministries in the past 18 months! In addition, we have a strong and healthy Cadence Leadership Community who work well together on behalf of the mission and people of Cadence.

Joyce and I really enjoyed our recent trip to visit our Cadence staff in Europe. We participated in their field-wide retreat as well as visited all our ministries and staff in Germany. What joy we experienced as we engaged in their gatherings, heard their stories and challenges, and had wonderful conversations with military people.

Most of our hospitality houses are full once again; indeed, some of them are overflowing with military people. All of them are teeming with a new appreciation and hunger for rich fellowship and deep community. The rooms of these homes are filled with love, joy, worship, Bible studies, and the lively chatter of renewed face-to-face relationships.

Each of you is an important part of this growth, fruit, and ministry. Your prayers and financial support fuel and sustain this important work, and Joyce and I are so grateful for you!

Thank you also for your prayers for our family. We’ve been delighted to recently welcome our new grandson, David Ruturang Cain (Davey), from India.

Kerith and Jake have worked and prayed toward his arrival into their family for almost three years. It’s been a joy to see Davey’s siblings embrace him with such love and delight.

Kerith continues as a pre-school teacher. Jake now manages the GraceFull Cafe, a ministry-focused restaurant in Littleton, Colorado. Both Kyrie and Justin finished their master’s degrees and are full-time high school teachers. Justin teaches English at Two Roads Charter School. Kyrie teaches Math at South Salem High School in Oregon, and her husband, Jake, is a tax accountant. Jonathan is overseeing his burgeoning videography business and created over two dozen wedding videos this past season. We value your prayers for our family.

Thank you for your friendship, love, and support. Joyce and I pray that the One who rides victoriously will give you strength, wisdom, and courage in your lives, your families, your communities, and your battles.

With great love,  
**David, for Joyce and the family**



Cain kids with new brother, Davey



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