



Dear Friends of Dick and Margaret Patty,

We, the Patty children, are writing you their last formal newsletter earth-side. Both of our parents are in heaven now, our dad relocating in July of 2021 and our mom in September of 2024. Thank you for the many years you loved, prayed for, and supported our folks and their ministry to the military.

We know that your care for them was also care for us and our families. Only God knows the many ways your prayers and friendship helped shape our lives, yet we are gratefully aware of your influence.

As you know, Dick and Margaret were some of the founders of OCSC/Cadence International, a ministry to military that is still going strong 70 years later (Cadence.org/History). They pioneered a fruitful outreach to Sailors at Subic Bay in the Philippines, then served for eleven years from the Headquarters in Denver as our dad was the second president of OCSC. Twelve years of leadership of the Europe Field followed from their home in Germany, along with Mom's work as a nurse at the military hospital in Heidelberg. During those years all of us were involved in



youth ministry as young adults with Malachi Ministries, now Cadence Student Ministries.

Back at their home in Englewood, which they had rented out during the Germany years, Dad and Mom were

active in their church, neighborhood, and continued hospitality ministry. Both of them were still regularly mentoring and encouraging others until God called them Home.



In the summer we noticed that Mom was having more days of discomfort. She still

lived independently and was driving, with a dear seminary student as a guest in her basement. In late August we learned she had a large cancerous tumor on her kidney (that explains the discomfort!). On September 10 the doctor confirmed it was stage IV and inoperable and admitted her to the hospital. Through the next five days in the hospital and three days in inpatient hospice, Mom received compassionate and competent care. Dave and Connie, Steve, and Josh were able to come to Denver and all of us were blessed to share those last precious days with her before she died peacefully at age 96 on September 18, 2024.

Our parents left us and our families a rich legacy of faithfully walking with God, sharing the gospel and their lives, and finishing well. We'd love for you to experience their memorial services if you have not yet seen them. They can be found at: Cadence.org/DickPattyMemorial and Cadence.org/MargaretPattyMemorial. All of Margaret's family, except five of her great-grandchildren, were in Colorado for her memorial service and then Oregon for her burial.

Since our mom would be updating you on the family at this point in their letters, we will do the same.





Joyce and her husband, David, serve with Cadence International from the Headquarters where David has been the president for almost 30 years. They plan to continue as Cadence missionaries in a new season of ministry after the presidential leadership transfer in July of 2025. Joyce recently published a book on military in the Bible (*The March and Music of Military in the Bible*) which is available on Amazon. Their four adult children, Kerith (and Jacob), Justin, Kyrie (and Jake), and Jonathan all currently live in Colorado which means the six beloved grandchildren also live close by!

Dave and Connie live in the Czech Republic (and even have dual citizenship!) and continue their ministry with Josiah Venture, where Dave serves as President. Their three grown children, Tyler (Lara), Caleb (Haley), and Claire (engaged to Max) live in Czech and Albania as do their six delightful grandchildren. Tyler and Lara and Claire serve with Josiah Venture and Caleb and Haley serve with GEM.

Steve keeps on the move—literally all over the country and the world—as he speaks, consults, and trains leaders and non-profit organizations through his leadership business, Dialogues in Action. He lives in the Portland area and has, with Josh's assistance, become the next generation “farmer” of our family as he manages Patty land near where our dad grew up. He also oversees the small, beautiful vineyard on the property.

Josh and Kristi have lived in Slovenia for 24 years serving with Josiah Venture as regional leaders. Blake and his wife, Sara, also live in Ljubljana, as does Luke who is in his last year of high school. Becca, Mitchell, and their sweet daughter are newly appointed missionaries with JV and raising support to return to Slovenia. Kendra just moved to Irpin where she ministers with JV to youth in Ukraine.

If God brings any of us to mind in the future, we will value your prayers for us and the generations to come. May we follow the Lord faithfully and bring blessing to the world as did our parents.

We close this letter, and the 70 years of newsletters from Dick and Margaret Patty with a prayer for you from Hebrews 13:20–21.

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

With love and thanks,
Joyce, Dave, Steve, Josh



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