

PATTERSON HOMECOMING

August 14 - 17, 2025

Friday August 15 began as a cool summer day; however that did not dampen the spirits of the Patterson family as they arrived at the Glen Leslie Church. Patricia (Patterson) Spencer, who goes by Pat, is a spry 90 year old who came all the way from Sebastopol, California. She was accompanied by her two daughters, Lynn (Jim) Fleck and Michelle (David) Graff. Pat's son David could not attend but his son Benjamin and daughter Ashley (Brandon) Reed with their children, Penelope & Hazel, were in attendance. Wanda Zenner facilitated the tour and the audience thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the history of the Church along with anecdotes about the restoration process and the centennial celebration. The accompanying pictures provided a look back in history to when the Church was an integral component of the Community along with the Glen Leslie Cemetery where many Patterson's and their Ogden, Stark relatives now rest.

Val (Patterson) Williamson provided a lovely brunch of eggs, sausage, bacon, hash-browns, ham, pancakes, fruit, muffins and yogurt. All to be "washed down" with coffee, tea or juice.

The family was then off to drive by all the "Patterson Homesteads" followed by a delicious supper of beef, chicken and ham with all the "fixins" - once again prepared by Val Williamson. It was a lovely time as everyone had time to relax, visit and talk about the "good old days".



Another point of interest was a quilt on loan from the Bezanson Seniors' Centre known as a "Friendship Quilt". It appears that the ladies had a project where they each quilted a square and then someone sewed all into a quilt. There are many "Patterson" squares in the quilt. A true piece of local history.

HISTORY OF PATRICIA PATTERSON'S FAMILY

Victor Daniel Patterson was born in Illinois, USA on April 12, 1895. The following year the family moved to Iowa. 1916 brought another move, this time to Glen Leslie, Alberta accompanied by his father, Baxter Davis and four brothers; Rex, Artie, Ernie & Guy. Victor filed a homestead application on SW 10 72 3 W6; however, he subsequently cancelled the application. Victor met & married Mae Harker in San Francisco in September 1929. Two children were born to the union; Baxter Davis (nicknamed BD) in 1930 and Patricia Mae in 1935. In July 1936, the family decided to move to Grande Prairie where they lived for a few years originally staying with Victor's brother Ernie. In 1937, another move to land that Baxter Davis had purchased from John Axon. Three years later, it was time to move again - this time to the **Goodwin** area where they lived until 1952 when it was decided to move back to Iowa followed by a move to California in 1953.

Victor passed away in 1959 - Mae in 1970. Patricia married Duane Spencer and they had 3 children; David, Lynn & Michelle. BD married Barbara Pogue and they also had 3 children; Loren, Dianne & Daniel.



Pat in front of her Goodwin Home. Photo by Duane Stevenson

Victor Patterson family home from 1940 - 1952 was located in Goodwin.

Tara Sutley donated the house to the **DeBolt Museum** when the Stevenson family was looking for a suitable building to house "Edna Stevenson's" memorabilia. The former owner, Jon Siebert had replaced the roof in 1985 thereby saving it from the ravishes of time.

DEBOLT MUSEUM CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

August 16th, 2025

What a perfect time to open the "Patterson" home to the public. Duane Stevenson provided a private guided tour for the Patterson family



Note:
Most of Edna Stevenson's medical equipment is upstairs. Apparently needles were in such short supply that they would be sharpened and then sterilized.

The log house has been restored with great care and attention & furnished with period-specific items including all of Edna Stevenson's artifacts. Duane Stevenson did an exception job to bring the Patterson home back to life and honour his family at the same time.

Written by Wanda Zenner August 2025



Pat takes the microphone and thanks everyone for the hard work and planning that went into the restoration of her childhood home. MP Chris Warkentin in background getting ready to present Pat with an "Oldtimer Certificate" along with a Canadian Flag & pins.