



Noelle C. Patton

August 31, 1999 - March 14, 2020

****PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN SERVICE DETAILS****

Family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18th at Richardson Funeral Service, where the visitation will adhere to the strict guidelines of a maximum of ten individuals at a time. Private Memorial Service for the family will occur.

CEDAR FALLS – Noelle Christine Patton, 20, of Cedar Falls died Saturday, March 14th at her home.

She was born August 31, 1999 in Xiangtan City, China, daughter of Philip Patton and Paula Gilroy.

Noelle graduated from Cedar Falls High School. She was a student at the University of Northern Iowa where she studied History and Anthropology and worked as a student assistant in the History Department. She was also employed as a hostess and server at Tony's La Pizzeria in Cedar Falls.

Noelle was a wonderful child much beloved by her family and all who knew her. She was a smart, strong-willed adventurous soul. She loved horses, wildlife, her snakes and her special dog, Lance. May she now finally embrace the beautiful, talented, strong and intelligent person that was our Noelle.

Survived by: her parents of Cedar Falls; a sister, Elise Patton of Cedar Falls; and an aunt, Christine Gilroy of Clarks Summit, PA.

Preceded in death by: grandparents, Paul and Joyce Gilroy; and grandmother, Juanita Lorentzen.

Memorials may be directed to the Black Hawk Wildlife Rehab Project (2027 S. Union Road, Cedar Falls).

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
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Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
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Tribute Wall



“ *Paula, Phil, and Elise,
My heart is heavy and sore as I am just now learning of Noelle's
going home.*

*Phil and Paula, I have walked in your shoes and I'm so sorry that
you have entered this "club"
I remember when you and the girls started attending St Tims. The 4
of you brought so much life and light to everyone.
KNOW if needed I would help. Wendi will know how to reach me.
I'm so feeling for the three of you. God bless,
Linda Miller*

Linda Miller - July 03, 2020 at 02:02 PM

AM

“ *Paula, Phil & Elise,
I'm so saddened by the news of Noelle's passing and wanted to
convey my deepest condolences to you at this most difficult time.
I remember when you adopted the girl's and loved all the stories
you shared of them when I was still your hairstylist. I haven't seen
you in many years but I'll never forget your beautiful family.*

Amy McInroy

Amy McInroy - April 06, 2020 at 05:20 PM

PB

“ *Your family has been in my prayers and thoughts these past days.
Noelle was a bubbly, kind student in our classroom. Wishing your
family comfort and peace.*

Paula Bachhuber

Paula Bachhuber - March 22, 2020 at 07:38 AM

MG

“ I met Noelle at the Waverly Dog Park. She loved Lance so much and was always a pleasure to talk to. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Mindy Gordon - March 21, 2020 at 10:11 PM

JJ

“ I was so very shocked and saddened to hear of Noelle's untimely death...I am out of the country and unable to attend...Noelle was so very bright and attentive in school...so sad...my sincere sympathy and heartfelt condolences. Mr. D.

Jack Darland Jr. - March 20, 2020 at 03:58 PM

LD

“ Phillip, Paula and Elise
My deepest sympathy to all of you at the loss of Noelle. You may not remember me but I was one of Dr. Chandra's office nurses and had seen Noelle and you when she came in for any appointments. She had the best smile and I remember her talking so proudly of the horses that she loves. She will be deeply missed but will always be in your hearts and memories. She will be by your side in the soft breeze, a horses whiny, a bright sunny day, and many beautiful smiles.
May you find some peace knowing that she is ok now and always the loving little girl with the big beautiful smile. May God Bless you all and keep you in his loving hands.
My deepest sympathy, Lynette Delagardelle (Dr. Chandra's office nurse for 9 years)

Lynette Delagardelle - March 19, 2020 at 10:03 AM

CB

“ LOVED hearing your mom Juanita speak of her love for you all... especially your 2 precious children. You and your girls brought her so much joy!!

Cindy Bailey - March 19, 2020 at 08:06 AM

KK

“ Phil, Paula, and Elise,
I so loved watching Noelle play daily with Karter in preschool and also with Karris and Elise. They all built such a beautiful bond. I will always remember the excitement in greeting each other in the morning, sometimes in the parking lot, already full of smiles. And I remember their stuffed dogs they would bring, all the talk about cats, playing at each others' houses, and one special time I'll always remember when Noelle played at our house and she became so excited about a sunset she could barely see through the neighbors' trees, and she grabbed Karter's hand to run to see it. I remember Noelle as sweet, full of information, and always, always having fun.

Karla Krueger - March 18, 2020 at 09:30 PM

Jl

“ Patton family you are in my thoughts and prayers! Having Noelle in class brought me so much joy. Noelle was such a kind, caring, animal-loving, curious student. I remember when she won a horse! Her amazing parents supported her loves, including the love of horses. I enjoyed her sense of humor so much, too. I have so many happy memories of a special child. My deepest sympathy goes out to you all. With love, Jill Bergman

Jill - March 18, 2020 at 09:14 PM

MB

Phil and family: I can only imagine the depth of your loss. Prayers for your family are coming your way.

Michael Barron - March 19, 2020 at 10:02 AM



Paula, Phil, and Elise, I am so so very sad to hear about the passing of Noelle. I remember her at the CDC with a big smile on her face always ready to play. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time. Suzy, Dean, Sam and Sophia

Suzanne Freedman - March 21, 2020 at 11:13 AM

KS

*“ Phil and family...I am so very sorry to hear of Noelle’s passing. My deepest condolences to you during this difficult time. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Kirk Stufflebeam*

Kirk Stufflebeam - March 18, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Noelle C. Patton.



March 18, 2020 at 09:32 AM

KE

“ I’m so very sorry to hear of Noelle’s passing. My name is Kasey Eller and I was Noelle’s kindergarten teacher. She was always smiling and such a sweet girl. Prayers to your whole family.

kasey Eller - March 18, 2020 at 07:50 AM

SP

“ Dear Phil and Paula, Elise:

We were so very sorry to hear the news of your loss. We can not begin to comprehend the pain that you must be feeling right now, and we extend our deepest sympathies. We regret that circumstances will not allow us to to be present with you to share in your grief. Any words that we can offer can really not provide the comfort that you are seeking right now. Only God can do that. Seek His comfort, and He will provide it, in His time. Please be assured that you are in our prayers.

*Scott and Deb Patton
Maddie and Haileigh*

Scott Patton - March 18, 2020 at 12:38 AM

ML

“ My name is Mary Love I had worked at Companion animal clinic for 30 years, ,I saw Phil and Paula adopt these two sweet ,beautiful girls, I was heartbroken to hear what had happened to Noelle Phil ,Paula, and Elise,
I wish had words of wisdom to add but I don't.....
I will be sending a gift to Black Hawk wildlife rehabbers., in Noelle" S name
I wish I could be there for you ,but we are in midst of what we believe is coronavirus ,we do know now it is not flu.
I feel bad that I can not attend.....
I remember them coming in to the clinic as small children ,asking very grown up questions I was sure she was grown up be someone special,I hope in her heart she did.
If there is anything at all that I can do for you after my quarantine please call.
With All My Heart,
Mary Love



Mary Love - March 17, 2020 at 11:56 PM

CA

“ Noelle was and amazing person that I and many were blessed to know. She made me laugh all the time. And shake my head at others. I loved seeing her fly full speed on her horse in the field without a care in the world. She was brave. Then she would snuggle the kittens with such love. When she walked in the barn it always made me smile. I'm thankful for her being in my life. I pray for you her family and embrace you with a hug so strong and comforting that you feel only the pure presence of peace. A place where she rests in your hearts.

Cassie - March 17, 2020 at 10:49 PM

EF

“ I remember riding the bus with Noelle throughout elementary and junior high. She was always incredibly kind-hearted and quick to laugh at the jokes we shared. I was very saddened to learn of her passing. Sending love and prayers to your family!

Emily Fishel - March 17, 2020 at 09:49 PM

LK

“ So sorry Paula Phil and Elise these are the memories I'll keep. Will keep you guys in my thoughts



lindsay krienert - March 17, 2020 at 09:00 PM

LC

“ Paula, Phil, and Elise-

I was so sorry to learn of your family's loss.

While I have not seen Noelle since she was in daycare at the CDC, I have many wonderful memories of her. She was so much fun to be around and the staff and kids all loved her. My husband and I were remembering how often our son would come home and talk about Noelle. He always wanted to play with her.

My husband also could not believe it was her, now this lovely young woman, in his history class. He mentioned that he was a lot more excited about it then she was. He really enjoyed having her as a student.

I will never forget her. Please know that so many people care and grieve with you.

All my thoughts are with you,

Leslie Cohn

Leslie Cohn - March 17, 2020 at 05:20 PM

TC

“ *So awful to hear about this terrible loss. Noelle was a wonderful addition to the History Office and to our major. She will be missed here. I am sorry for your loss.*

Thomas Connors

Thomas Connors - March 17, 2020 at 05:19 PM

EM

“ Noelle was one of my students who I worked with closely. She was a smart, interesting person with a good heart, and I genuinely enjoyed getting to know her. I wish she could have seen the value and potential in herself that I saw in her.

Emily Machen

Emily Machen - March 17, 2020 at 04:51 PM

MH

“ Paula my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I remember several years of seeing you pushing the girls in the stroller at Sturgis Falls I'm so sorry for your loss.



Meg Heatley - March 17, 2020 at 04:31 PM

CH

“ *Phil and family*
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Hope you can feel our arms around you in a virtual hug.

Christie and Doug Kangas

Christie - March 17, 2020 at 04:08 PM

LI

“ Going through old Christmas cards to save the photos tucked inside, I recently found several years' worth of photos of Noelle and Elise as they were blooming into young ladies. The news about Noelle was a sad shock...so much life ahead of her, to leave it behind. It's a moment in time never to be forgotten. Paula, Phil, Elise, and Chris, you will be kept close at heart. Deepest sympathy from Pennsylvania friends. Linda & Bill

Linda - March 17, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *I remember Noelle as a sweet, energetic little girl from the UNI CDC. I not only have fond memories of her, but of your whole family. My prayers are for your peace and comfort in this trying time of loss.*

Donna Adelmund - March 17, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ *Paula, Phil, and Elise, such awful news. Margaret and I always enjoyed Noelle at St. Tims and getting to watch her grow to a poised young woman. It has been lovely, and also heartbreaking, to read the tributes to Noelle posted here. And it will be extra sad that the coronavirus will make it harder for people to hug you and share our love personally, but please know that we love all of you. Please call on us if we can do anything for you.*
Margaret and Tony Reid

Tony Reid - March 17, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ *Paula, Phil and Elise,*
This is so heartbreaking. We send our love and prayers. We will forever cherish our time with Noelle.
Love, Abbie, Wes, Jack and Luke

Abbie Miller - March 17, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ *Paula, Phil, and Elise,*
I am so very sorry for your loss. Wishing you peace and love in this difficult time.
-Rowena Tan

Rowena Tan - March 17, 2020 at 01:11 PM

TF

“ *The History Department, her colleagues and friends purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Noelle C. Patton.*



The History Department, her colleagues and friends - March 17, 2020 at 01:08 PM

CW

“ *I knew Noelle through her work in the History department office. She was always helpful and cheerful. Such a lot pf potential lost! I am so sorry!*

Charlotte Wells

Charlotte Wells - March 17, 2020 at 01:03 PM

BC

“ *Phil, Paula and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. Noelle was part of our history department family and we will miss her very much.*
- Barbara Cutter

Barbara Cutter - March 17, 2020 at 12:29 PM

BL

“ *Phil and family,*

So sad to learn of Noelle's passing. I have you in my thoughts and prayers.

Brian Looby

Brian Looby - March 17, 2020 at 12:05 PM

GE

“ Paula, Phil, and Elise my heart is breaking for your family. We have you in our thoughts and prayers. Gina, Rick, Carson and Dawson Ellingson

Gina Ellingson - March 17, 2020 at 11:13 AM

CM

“ We are so saddened by the news. Our thoughts and love to Phil, Paula, and Elise. - Chris Martin, Bettina Fabos, Olivia Martin, Sabine Martin

Christopher Martin - March 17, 2020 at 10:18 AM

JS

“ Paula my heart is breaking for you and your family at the loss of your lovely daughter! Deepest love and healong to you all.

Jackie Siems - March 17, 2020 at 10:13 AM

AL

“ Paula, Phil and Elise, You are so much in my thoughts and prayers these past few days. Annette Lynch

Annette Lynch - March 17, 2020 at 09:19 AM

DW

“ We are very saddened by the news of Noelle's passing. I am her Godmother and want very much to be there with the family to be part of this difficult time. However, life and distance made it impossible for me to make that happen. One of my early memories of Noelle was when she was very little. I was helping babysit once in a while. Paula was vacuuming upstairs when she sneezed. Noelle said, "bless you mom". A few minutes later she sneezed again. Again Noelle said, "bless you mom". A few minutes later Paula sneezed for the third time. Noelle said, "Mom! what is the matter?". We were dying laughing and she continued playing and laughing with us. After that, I and Paula say "what is the matter?" when our friends sneezed at work. It was our inside joke and a reason to laugh even under stress. Noelle was very smart, funny and said things that made me laugh. I saw her last in 2017, grown-up and so cute. She is missed by me and my family. Paula, Elise and Phil please know that you have a home in California anytime you want to hide from the routine and the snow. You are in our prayers.

Deginesh Worku - March 17, 2020 at 12:27 AM

HI

“ Patton family-

So sorry to hear of Noelle's passing. Having had Elise and Noelle both in class in 8th grade science, I'll always remember the sly smile that would slowly make its way across Noelle's face. She would always give me a smirk with a terrible science joke, even when others groaned. I always told her she'd make a terrific earth scientist, but that never seemed to strike her fancy.

Praying she's found peace and comfort. Praying you all are engulfed with memories in the days ahead.

-Hilary lehl

Hilary lehl - March 16, 2020 at 11:34 PM

AS

“ So very sorry to hear of Noelle’s passing. My deepest condolences to you during this difficult time and hope you find comfort in happier memories together. Praying for all of you.

Ashley - March 16, 2020 at 11:13 PM

CI

“ Phil, Paula and Elise - We are so sorry to hear of Noelle’s passing. We have many wonderful, fun memories of Noelle and all of you when we were all showing. Praying for comfort, peace and love for all of you....please let us know if there is anything you need❤️

Cindy - March 16, 2020 at 10:37 PM

TR

“ We're so very sorry for the loss of this beautiful life. Noelle was a cat sitter for our neighbors, and our family met her a few months ago at a birthday party. Please know we send our deepest condolences during this difficult time.

Tyann & Chris Rouw - March 16, 2020 at 10:29 PM

MD

“ I'm so sorry! I had the privilege of teaching Noelle in her junior high days in Family Consumer Sciences (FCS). We also were neighbors (we moved from Springbook a year and half ago). I remember helping Noelle with one of her sewing projects (a red polyester drawstring bag) in her 8th grade year..I told her it might be tricky to sew on but she could do it. ;)...she ended up using the seam ripper more times that I could count and we would seam rip and chat. She was determined to get that bag finished (and finished right!), and I always admired her for her work ethic. I remember seeing her walk her dog around our neighborhood and I'd always get a smile and wave from her. :) I am so sorry and our thoughts and prayers are with you all in the difficult time. ~Megan and Ryan Droste

Megan Droste - March 16, 2020 at 09:41 PM

MS

“ I'm just in shock!!! Noelle got her puppy Lance from my husband and I. She was such a nice kind hearted person. She still kept in touch with me and would share pics of Lance. RIP Noelle

mindy smith - March 16, 2020 at 09:20 PM

KW

“ My heart is breaking for your family. I remember her dancing and always smiling! Noelle was a shining light and will be missed. May God grant you peace in the coming days. Love, hugs and prayers.

Kerri and Rick Wilson

Kerri Wilson - March 16, 2020 at 08:34 PM



CS

“ *Phil and family,*

I am so very sorry to hear of Noelle's passing. My heart breaks with you. Thinking of you during this very difficult and sad time.

Carol Squires

Carol Squires - March 16, 2020 at 07:18 PM

JL

Phil and Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Noelle's passing. May you find comfort in happier memories of her. Jo Loonan

Jo Loonan - March 16, 2020 at 09:31 PM

GP

“ *Noelle has been a beloved part of our lives since she was a little girl. Some memories that stand out are watching her excitement as she learned to walk, playing games with her and her family, laughing and talking with Noelle and Elise when we visited, cheering her on at horse riding competitions, and enjoying each other's company during Christmas holidays at her Aunt Chris's home. Noelle was smart, inquisitive, an explorer, and an animal lover. We loved her and our hearts are grieving over her loss. She'll never be forgotten. Paula, Phil, Elise, and Chris, we love you so very much. You are continually in our prayers. George and Barbara*

George and Barbara Palmiter - March 16, 2020 at 06:42 PM

CW

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Crystal Waltz - March 16, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Noelle C. Patton*.



March 16, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Noelle C. Patton*.



March 16, 2020 at 03:24 PM

 Jenna
Eidness

“ Noelle and I had become friends while at the dog park. We were making plans to take the dogs hiking since I had moved. Lance and Nya had become so picky with dogs to play with that it had gotten to the point where they would only play with each other and a few other dogs. Noelle encouraged me and cheered me on in my final semesters of nursing school. She would take Nya when I was sick so Lance and her could wear energy off and she always checked in on me. We loved to swap dogs and just hang out talking for hours about the weirdest things in life and what we had seen. She became one of my best friends and I considered her and Lance family, I will miss our adventures. Nya sits at the door waiting for her best friends whenever I say their names. We will both miss you for the rest of our lives. You are truly loved and cherished. And Nya and I will never forget either of you.

Jenna Eidness - March 16, 2020 at 02:43 PM

DB

When Noelle was a little girl she visited my home around Christmas time. She had a sparkle in her eye and a gift that she had wrapped herself to give me. Her mom had no idea what was inside. As I opened the preciously wrapped gift, Noelle's eyes brightened even more when I found the chocolate chip cookie with one bite out of it to make sure it would be OK for me. It remains to this day when is my most treasured gifts. You are greatly loved and will be missed by all who were blessed that you know her. Donna Hewlett Bator

Donna Bator - March 16, 2020 at 03:23 PM

CW

Jenna, you were the one person from the dog park I really wanted to let know about Noelle's passing. I only knew your dog's name, so I'm glad to see a comment from you and to see that you were informed. Lance was also Lulu's favorite dog playmate. They are both going to be missed so much. Crystal (Lulu's mom)

Crystal Waltz - March 16, 2020 at 03:30 PM

GB

I am a horse-lover friend of Noelle's who has shared her horse passion for many, many years. We attended hundreds of horse shows together where Noelle never went out of the show ring without a ribbon. She was an extremely talented, beautiful rider with a passion for both her riding and her horses. She always wanted to learn more, be a better rider and was willing to share her knowledge. Once when I fell from my horse, Noelle was the person who attended to my horses and later brought my horse to the RV to see that I was okay. You will be missed, Noelle, by all of us who appreciated your courage, your determination and your love of horses. Gail

Gail Brown - March 16, 2020 at 05:34 PM

AW

“ I love Noelle so much, ever since we were kids she's always been there for me to talk or explore. We shared so much together and she is a big part of my life. I would feel safe with her and was always so impressed by her braveness and strengths. There are countless memories with her from Adventuring in the creek to taking our dogs on walks. One particular memory was when she saved me from a bush of bee's in the creek (I had an irrational fear of bee's) and she walked all the way down the creek to get to me and guide me through the bush. I am Honored I was able to be with her and have a fun, memorable day on Friday. She is forever in my heart.

Angelle waltz - March 16, 2020 at 02:30 PM

BB

“ I am so very sorry Phil, Paula & Elise. Words seem so lacking at this type of time, but I want you to know how much Noelle was appreciated on campus at UNI and especially in CSBS. We had been looking forward to having her back with us, and will miss her greatly. I really enjoyed my conversations with her over her time on campus, and getting to know her a little better as a young adult. Wishing you comfort as you grieve. Brenda Bass

Brenda Bass - March 16, 2020 at 02:24 PM

CW

“ I've known Noelle since she was 2 years old and she and Angelle had kindermusik together. Paula and I soon discovered we were neighbors and in elementary school, Noelle spent a lot of time at our house. Angelle, Noelle and I went for hikes in the woods and the girls played by the creek growing up. Most recently, I've been able to see Noelle and Lance at the dog park and come visit to hold her pet snakes. Angelle spent Friday at the Mall of America with Noelle and they had a wonderful day together. We loved both Noelle and Lance dearly and they will be missed. Much love to Phillip, Paula, Elise, and Noelle's entire family. Praying for comfort for you all.



Crystal Waltz - March 16, 2020 at 02:17 PM

WH

We knew Noelle as a young child in day care at the lab school. Years later she was in my UNI history class and worked in our department office. As a toddler, she was adorable. When she appeared in my class the first time, I certainly did a double take to see that she had grown up!! As a college student, she did everything one could ask She was one of those kids who sits in the front. She really was engaged in learning, and always a calming presence in our department. She will be missed.

Wallace Hettle

Wallace Hettle - March 17, 2020 at 11:48 AM



In high school, Noelle was a student who did not want to miss any opportunities. She was a very conscientious and mature student and I always enjoyed visiting with her. I am so saddened by the news of her death and my heart goes out to Phil, Paula, and Elise. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Susan Johnson Langan - March 17, 2020 at 02:16 PM

CR

Phil, Paula, and Elise, we are saddened by the news of Noelle's passing. We so enjoyed watching her and Elise grow into beautiful young women. Our grandchildren loved coming over to "visit" them both. It was fun to visit with Noelle about school and her interests, often meeting at our mailboxes. She was a special young lady. Please know we are praying for your family for the peace only God can give at times like this.

Chris Rohwedder - March 17, 2020 at 03:35 PM

JH

Dear Phil and Paula, I was jolted to learn of Noelle's death. My deep sympathy to you and Elise. In deep sympathy to you all,

Judy Harrington

Judith Harrington - March 17, 2020 at 07:57 PM

DH

We were so sorry to see of the death of Noelle. We didn't know her, but remember you having them in the Office years ago, Phil, propably around Halloween. Our hearts go out to you all as you grieve. We are sending sympathy and prayers your way.

Diane & Jerry Headington

Diane L Headington - March 17, 2020 at 08:21 PM

PB

I'm so saddened to hear of Noelle's passing away. My name is Patricia Black and she was in my Spanish classes . Noelle was a hard working and responsible student. She also warm, inquisitive, receptive to suggestions and recommendations. She was a very kind soul! Noelle will always be remembered. My heart and prayers go to her family.

patricia Ines Black - March 18, 2020 at 11:05 AM

JM

I was saddened to just read about Noelle's passing. My name is Janet, a residence hall secretary at UNI, and I had the joy of meeting Noelle when she lived in my residence hall. Not only would Noelle stop by for some kind of service, but would stop by just to say hello and a brief chat. I remember her kindness, beautiful smile, quick wit and her love to talk about animals. Praying for peace and comfort for her family and many friends she leaves behind.

Janet MacTaggart

Janet MacTaggart - March 19, 2020 at 11:17 AM

LF

*Phil, Paula, and Elise,
My sympathies to each of you as you grieve the loss of Noelle. I will always remember her beautiful smile and sparkling eyes as she walked through the hallways of Southdale. I, too, remember the excitement when she won the horse. You will be in my thoughts and prayers in the difficult days ahead.*

Lori Fegley

Lori Fegley - March 19, 2020 at 10:44 PM