

Robert L. Patterson



ROBERT L. PATTERSON (BOB) of Loudon, TN, formerly of Houston, TX, passed away August 5 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. Born in Brooklyn, NY, he graduated from Spring Branch High School, Houston, TX, in 1976. He played basketball at Ole Miss and transferred to Delta State University in 1979 where he met Trisha whom he later married. Bob attended Piedmont Baptist College and later graduated from the University of Houston with a degree in mathematics. His professional career started at Texaco, Inc., in 1981 and in 1987, Bob began his consulting profession in St. Louis, MO. Bob and Trisha started a computer consulting firm, Digital Consulting & Software Services, Inc. (DCSS), in 1990 in Houston, TX. Bob was instrumental in establishing DCSS Ability, a computer firm focused on training and employing people with disabilities. In 2002, Bob and Trisha were named Entrepreneurs of the Year for computer consulting by Ernest & Young. Bob served as a member of the Board of Directors since DCSS's inception, and as COO of LabAnswer. Elected to the Board of Directors of Bill Glass Champions for Life in 2001, a 35-year-old prison ministry sharing Christ with the inmate population, in 2007 he was elected Chairman of the Board. In 2005, Bob was elected to the Board of Trustees at Piedmont Baptist College and Graduate School, Winston Salem, NC. Led by a close personal friend, Bob accepted Christ as personal Savior in 1978. He was preceded in death by his father, William W. Patterson. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Trisha; mother, Nadine Patterson, brother Bill Patterson and wife Linda, sister Kathy Chase and husband Michael, all of Houston, TX; six nieces: Lauren, Amanda, and Sara Patterson, Meagan Chase, and Melissa and Amanda Molgaard; two nephews: Michael Chase and Stephen Millsaps; and one great-nephew, Phoenix Chase.