



He was a one eyed Port Power supporter and loved to watch the games, especially when they were winning!!

When the kids were teenagers Stewie and Beverly moved back to Beltana. They built up

their own community there and were very successful in getting houses and becoming self sufficient. Nigella went to live with Aunty Linda and Uncle Gill for school.

But he loved to be on his beloved Adnyamathanha country, his culture was vitally important to him and he lived is culture every day. He loved passing on his cultural knowledge and skills to his children and grandchildren. That is why Native Title was so important to him, he believed it was vital to fight for country and he was one of the original Native Title claimants for the Adnyamathanha claim. He worked hard using his own money to ensure that the claim was successful and his cultural knowledge was an important part of this process.

In 1985 Stewie was devastated by the loss of his son in a car accident. Stewie found it very hard to recover from this tragic accident and then in 2000 he was to lose his beloved daughter. Stewie never really Recovered from this, the loss was just too great.

Sadly in the last few years Stewie has been quite ill and after much suffering he passed away on 26th if June 2014, he will be sadly missed by all of his family. He will be forever remembered by all who knew him.



In loving memory of Stewart Patterson



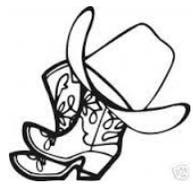
My ringin' days are done a song written by Stewie Patterson



My ringin' days are done and I think of all the fun
And stockmen I knew back then.
Singing of this song and I know it wont take long
My ringin' days have come to an end.
Riding into face the camp in the duststorm or the damp
Cattle have perished and died
Singing of this song and I know it wont take long.
Old time memories now just pass me by
Riding in the night you'll see the firelight, head straight for that my friend
You'll hear the heeler bark as were stringing in the dark
My ringin' days have come to an end

9/2/1946 ~ 26/6/2014

His ringin' days are done



In loving memory of Stewart Patterson
loving and much loved
husband of Beverley

Devoted Dad of Stuart (dec) Kane & Sam, Nigella (dec),
Bud, Dale, Adam & Trisha and Leanne.

Loving son of Percy and Mavis (both dec) Son in law of
Sigh and Ethel (both dec)

Dearly loved brother of Linda, Alec (dec), Peter, John
(dec), Peter (dec), Michael (unknown), Janet, Marjorie
(dec), Irene,
Phillip (dec) and Joanne (dec)

Brother in law of Gill (dec), Joan (dec), Garth (dec),
Simon (dec), Knoddy, Alf (dec), Maureen, Bevan,
Deanna, Irene, Nigel (dec), Annette, Chubby and
Adrianna and their partners.

Brother to Alwyn.

Much loved and cherished Poppa of Skye, Sebby, Jesse,
Shaelie, Jeremiah, Dustin, Dante, Katie, Leslie & Sheona
Jaiden, Tahneeka,
Kyrani, Zack and Nick.

Great Poppa of Zaire

Friend to Robin

Till we meet again...

Stewart was born in Nepabunna, the family moved to Copley, where he went to school. He was an excellent student and always got 10 out of 10 in the weekly tests. He started work at an early age doing odd jobs for Mrs Peirpoint and Jack Dunn at the Copley Pub.

On Saturday night he would go off to the Leigh Creek pictures with his mates and cousins including, Chummie Woodfield and Brucie Coulthard. Their family always wondered how the boys got to Leigh Creek and back so quick and later they found out they were using the Railways section car it was one of the old ones you had to pump up and down!!

He went working with his Uncle Billy Mac on Frome Downs Station and when he was only 13 or 14 he went droving, this included some time with Ron Abosolem. He drove wild cattle for 19 weeks from Innanminka to Durram Downs and straight across to Hungaford. He swam across many rivers and he really enjoyed this time although it was tough work. He learnt a lot from Bill Braden in the early days and worked with Ningall Reid, Brian Nonagan and Uncle Raymond Johnson. He became an excellent horseman and was very skilled at working cattle and stopping them from stampeding. He rode in Rodeos in Camolweel and at Mt Isa.

His love for country music led him to play with the Buddy Williams Show and he also played guitar with Buck Owens and the Buckeroos in Broken Hill!!! He was also an accomplished song writer and he loved writing songs for his family.

He had a varied working career, he worked on mines in Leigh Creek and in NSW and worked on lots of stations including, North Moolooloo, Myrtle Springs, Witchelina, Beltana Station Cordillo, Nariyalco and many other stations in Queensland. He was always working he would take on any job. He was also known as the best green hide rope maker so he really was multi skilled.

He came back from Queensland in 1974 and he met and fell in love with Beverley Wilton in 1975, they moved around a lot for work with Beverley's two oldest boys. While they were living in Port Augusta Stewie had an accident which was determine his future. He was in a section car with some of his mates and they were hit head on by a train.

Stewie smashed his knee cap. They moved around while he awaited the operation to remove his kneecap. Finally when they were living in Whyalla he had the operation.

They had Kane and then Nigella and he was so proud of all of his children they were very important in his life. Not being able to work Stewie became very involved in the children's football. The family also went to visit young Stewie in Queensland and they went to Tamworth to visit niece Judy and Jack Craig.

