



## Emery (Madiba) Patitu

May 8, 2001 - April 22, 2025

Emery (Madiba) Patitu passed away on Tuesday, April 22 at the age of 23. Emery was born on May 8, 2001 to Anthony Ephraim Patitu and Carol Logan Patitu in College Station, Texas.

Emery was creative, loving, and caring with a big smile. Emery also was determined to succeed and had a deep passion for helping others.

Emery attended Beaver Creek High School in Beaver Creek, Ohio and participated in the Junior Optimist International Club. Through the club, Emery completed fun projects and activities to improve the community and better the lives of the residents; visited nursing homes; and practiced good citizenship. For this fall, Emery was accepted to Woodbury University for the filmmaking program in Burbank, California.

Also, participating in the Social Communications Club and the Community Student Organization were passions of Emery. Involvement in the Community Student Organization provided Emery the opportunity to complete volunteer projects in the community, such as cleaning/landscaping in areas and visiting nursing homes to mention a few things.

Emery loved yoga, listening to music, walking in the park, and traveling. One of Emery's favorite pastimes was going to concerts with VIP tickets.

Emery is survived by parents Tony and Carol Patitu, sibling Anthony Patitu, II, grandmother Julia Logan, a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Emery is gone, but with the love of all those whose lives Emery touched, Emery will be forever in our hearts.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Rutherford Funeral Home at 450 West Olentangy Street in Powell, Ohio. The funeral will be held on Monday, April 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Powell United Methodist Church at 825 Olentangy Street in Powell, Ohio. Following the service will be a Repass. The burial will be held at the Marion Cemetery in Marion, Ohio at 2:30 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral

APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Powell United Methodist Church  
825 East Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
<http://www.powellumc.org/>

## Burial

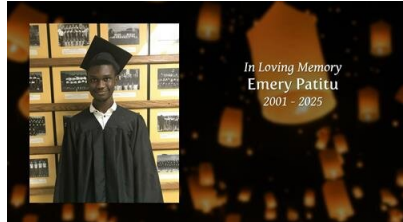
APR 28. 2:30 PM (ET)

Marion Cemetery  
620 Delaware Avenue  
Marion, OH 43302

# Tribute Wall



“ Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Emery (Madiba) Patitu



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Rutherford Funeral Homes - May 22, 2025 at 11:13 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Emery (Madiba) Patitu.



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April 26, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emery (Madiba) Patitu.

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April 26, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ Dominic D. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Emery (Madiba) Patitu.



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Dominic D. - April 26, 2025 at 10:55 AM

DD

“ Dominic D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emery (Madiba) Patitu.

Dominic D. - April 26, 2025 at 10:55 AM

MA

“ Maurice purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Emery (Madiba) Patitu.



Maurice - April 26, 2025 at 10:45 AM



“ I will miss Emery very much. Emery was a great friend to me for many years and had such a sweet spirit. 💕



Teresa Petersen - April 25, 2025 at 09:32 PM

FS

“ From Sheri Stover purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Emery (Madiba) Patitu.



From Sheri Stover - April 25, 2025 at 07:29 PM

FS

“ From Sheri Stover planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emery (Madiba) Patitu.

From Sheri Stover - April 25, 2025 at 07:29 PM

MF

“ MiChelle Floyd purchased the Simply Elegant Sp  
athiphyllum for the family of Emery (Madiba)  
Patitu.



MiChelle Floyd - April 25, 2025 at 07:07 PM

MW

“ Megan W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emery (Madiba) Patitu.

Megan W. - April 25, 2025 at 06:06 PM

WO

“ Woodbury University Admissions Office  
purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for  
the family of Emery (Madiba) Patitu.



Woodbury University Admissions Office - April 25, 2025 at  
04:00 PM

WO

“ Woodbury University Admissions Office planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emery (Madiba) Patitu.

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**Woodbury University Admissions Office** - April 25, 2025 at 04:00 PM