



JOHN FRANKLIN PATTERSON

- **Attorney, Merchant Marine, President of City Council, Mayor of Missoula**
- **Born.** June 28, 1925 in Missoula, Montana. His parents were John Patterson Sr. and Muriel Perkins Patterson.
- **Married.** Laura Mae Moore on August 21, 1948. They had one son and two daughters.
- **Died.** August 21, 2006 in Kalispell, Montana. John died on his 57th wedding anniversary.
- **School.** John graduated from Paxson Elementary School and Missoula County High.
- **1943.** John enlisted in the Merchant Marine Academy. He was a third mate on Merchant Marine ships in the South Pacific. John was on one of the first boats that entered Manila Harbor after the cease fire.
- **1946.** John attended the University of Montana Law School. He graduated in 1950 and was quoted as saying he 'put himself through school by selling sweaters and emptying gumball machines.'
- **June 7, 1950.** John was admitted to the Bar. He practiced law with his grandfather for four months before his grandfather died.
- **1950.** John re-enlisted in the Army as a First Lieutenant in the Air Reserve JAG unit of the OSI Branch. He received a medical discharge. He was the rank of Major at the time of his discharge.
- **Law Practice.** John Patterson was a partner of Lino Marsillo for 30 years and a partner with his son for 13 years at the Patterson Law Office.
- **1963-1977.** John served on the Missoula City Council. He served as President. John was active on the Zoning Committee and helped implement residential zoning for the University District. John assisted in writing the ballot initiative for the Fort Missoula Open Space.
- **Ticket.** One of his favorite stories was that he proposed and implemented a stop sign near the underpass on Orange Street. He was the first car stopped for running that stop sign.
- **1970.** Appointed as Missoula's 43rd Mayor. John was 'acting Mayor' for 1 week when Richard Shoup resigned. After that week, George Turman was appointed to complete Shoup's term.
- **Civic.** Active in Kiwanis Club for over 50 years and a member of the Missoula Symphony Association.



Located in Grave 2, Lot 14, Block 22

John's family says, 'For all his accomplishments, Jack was a humble man who loved his family and delighted in simple things: a good meal, a grandchild's funny story, and a warm fire. This humility is expressed in one of his favorite poems.

Jenny kiss'd me when we met,
Jumping from the chair she sat in;
Time, you thief, who love to get
Sweets into your list, put that in!
Say I'm weary, say I'm sad,
Say that health and wealth have miss'd me,
Say I'm growing old, but add,
Jenny kiss'd me.

By James Leigh Hunt