From the Tuesday, June 28, 1988 edition of the Kankakee Journal:

Donald Patchett, 59, of Kankakee, died Monday (June 27, 1988) at St. Mary's Hospital of an apparent heart attack after becoming ill at his home. Visitation will be at 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hertz-Thoma Chapel in Kankakee. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel. The Rev. Paul Lund will officiate. Memorials may be made in his name. Mr. Patchett was born June 2, 1929 in Reddick to Archie and Zelda Patchett. His wife, the former Shirley Curwick, whom he married July 2, 1951 in Kankakee, survives. Also surviving are three sons, Dennis of Kankakee, Dan of St. Anne and Dale, who is stationed with the Army at Fort Knox, Ky., one daughter, Christy Wolff of Gleason, Wis.; 16 grandchildren; two brothers, Clifford of Essex and Raymond of Peoria; and four sisters, Darlene Schultz and Dorothy Arbour, both of Kankakee, Helen Sevin of Bourbonnais and Gloria Stevens of Vine Grove, Ky. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and four sisters. Mr. Patchett, who was a self-employed mechanic, served in the Navy during World War II.