



Patrick Flanagan Delahunt

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Patrick F. Delahunt moved on to his next life on December 23 at the age of 72. Patrick lived his life in big, bold color. Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 23, 1953, he carried with him a constant curiosity and a deep appreciation for culture and connection. His proudly called New York City, the Bay Area, and later Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, home, before returning to the Midwest—living in Chicago and, most recently, Minneapolis, where he settled to be closer to family.

Patrick built successful careers in publishing and in development, work that perfectly combined his love of reading and culture, of people, and of creativity. He was deeply curious and gifted at bringing ideas and people together, qualities that defined both his professional life and his friendships.

A true world traveler, Patrick embraced life wherever he landed. He soaked in art, music, food, and friendships across continents, collecting stories and memories along the way. He had a gift for living fully in the moment. Patrick's warmth, wit, and colorful spirit left an indelible impression on everyone lucky enough to know him. Many knew him by the nickname Trotsky.

Patrick was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Kathryn Delahunt, his brother, Daniel Delahunt, and his sister-in-law, Shirley Delahunt. He is lovingly remembered by his siblings Tom, Mary, and Suzy; his nieces and nephews Andrea, Chris (Katie), Todd (Stephanie), Terry (Kelly), and Kiley

(Savannah); and many cherished Delahunt and Scullin cousins, along with a wide circle of friends who became family throughout his life, most notably lifelong friend Nicholas Joyner.

Patrick's legacy lives on in the places he explored, the relationships he nurtured, and the joy and color he brought to the world.

A memorial celebration of Patrick's life will be announced at a later date.

Donations in his memory may be sent to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation or to Howard Brown Health in Chicago.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall

AA

“ I am so sad to hear about Patrick passing, he truly was one of a kind. I met him while working at UCSF. He brought so much joy to our office and I was happy to continue a relationship well after we both moved on to other jobs. One fond memory was of us attending a viewing of a documentary about the famous Central Park Red-tailed hawk, Pale Male. Because of my love of birds and raptors he insisted that we meet the director. A picture of us with the director came across my feed recently. He often spoke of his family esp his sister Suzy, I send my condolences to you all.

Anne Ardillo - January 09 at 08:53 AM

MV

“ Patrick, you lit up the room everywhere you went. Such pizzazz! Such joy and kindness and laughter whenever you were around. I'll always remember fondly your redecorating our hotel room for my sisters wedding. You lugged an entire suitcase of decor and it was the BEST. Missing you. I am So sad you are gone but am so grateful to have known you and been able to share in some of your amazing adventures. Praying for peace and strength for your family and friends. 💔

Monique Veillette - January 07 at 09:45 PM

MS

“ I am so deeply sad to know my sweet friend Patrick has left this world. I met him 30 years ago and he lit up my world back then and made me laugh constantly. There is no one like him. I miss him so terribly already. Even through all his health battles he made laughter his priority and made friends everywhere he went. Thank you Patrick for coming into my life and making it better just by knowing you. I loved you so dearly. Michelle

Michelle Sareen - January 07 at 09:18 PM



“ Patrick and I walked Lake Merritt for over a year. While we had been friends for many years through our mutual friend, Peter, it was wonderful to get to know Patrick better. During our walks, I learned about his career, travels and the many people he cared about, especially his siblings and their kids. I was sorry to hear of his health issues, which, of note, didn't stop him from living life to the fullest. I take solace in knowing he had time with his dear friend, Nicholas and Suzy and other family in his last years. I'll miss him. He was a dignified, kind and wonderful soul. Hope you're renovating heaven, Patrick and hanging with the painters, writers, and poets.

Lisa Sullivan - January 01 at 04:48 PM

DW

“ I'm saddened to hear of Pat's death. He was so full of life & laughter. His was a life well lived. I remember 1 evening right after high school Pat and other friends came over. My Mom tried to teach us how to jitterbug. I remember Pat tripping and dropping his partner. "Oh no, I just dropped my date". That's a fine memory. My condolences to his family and us all. You will be missed Pat!

Deb Wahlers - December 30, 2025 at 09:29 PM

BG

“ My condolences to Pat's family; his death is a loss but his life was a triumph. Pat glowed with energy, curiosity and humor. I've never known anyone quite so vibrant; quite so alive. I'm so sorry I won't share another conversation with him about his travels, his mishaps, his life since high school where we met. Goodbye Pat; light up the universe.

Bobbi Wahlers Ganiere - December 30, 2025 at 08:05 PM

RG

“ I was greatly saddened to hear of Pat’s passing. He and I were friends from high school. We worked together for two summers in Door County, WI. We shared a lot of laughs and lengthy discussions. Pat was joyful, intelligent and kind. I will miss him greatly. Deepest condolences to his family.
Richard Gustin

richard gustin - December 30, 2025 at 02:00 PM

PF

“ The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is truly sorry for your family's loss. Please accept our condolences on the passing of your loved one.

Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation - December 29, 2025 at 11:13 AM

KD

“ Mary, My sincere condolences on the death of your brother, Patrick. I lost my brother, Pat a year ago. They touched many and our memories of them live on.
Kathy Drury

Kathy Drury - December 28, 2025 at 04:57 PM

KD

“ 2 files added to the album Patrick's life well lived



Kevin Delahunt - December 28, 2025 at 11:39 AM