



Patrick J. Gilligan

March 29, 1940 - October 12, 2022

Patrick James Gilligan

82, of Bloomington, MN died suddenly on October 12, 2022. He was born in Rochester, MN on March 29, 1940.

An avid athlete, Patrick played high school hockey and tennis at John Marshall High School, after which he moved to Minneapolis, attending the University of Minnesota. During this time, he married and started his family.

Upon graduating from college with a degree in mechanical engineering, he was immediately hired by Pako/Photo Control Corporation, where he worked happily for many years. Leaving this job, he became the president of Nortech Systems, a position he kept until his retirement. Continuing his desire to make an impact, he worked for Integrated Electronics, his son-in-law's company, designing an inventory system still functioning today. A humble man, he was greatly loved and respected, connecting with those who worked for him and never considering himself "better than" or "above" others, but rather their advocate.

Throughout his lifetime, Patrick's heart was oriented towards others, evidenced by his heavy involvement mentoring and giving of himself to the next generation. Even as a young man, he was involved in Junior

Achievement and various church youth groups. In his later years, he ministered within his community and beyond by volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, Source Ministries and St. Olaf's homeless ministry, to name a few. His insatiable curiosity, as well as his passion for education and desire to pass it on led him to mentor and tutor students, even through the Covid pandemic.

Sharp witted and passionate, Patrick went after problems with gusto, never doing anything half-heartedly; his goal was to bring beauty, order and long-lasting functionality. He could plan anything, fix anything, build anything.

Patrick was defined by faithfulness, integrity, honor, justice and a hard-work ethic. With an infectious smile and contagious sense of humor, Patrick was unashamed to laugh heartily. His sparkling blue eyes were always filled with mirth and mischief and he was never one to be serious for long.

When Patrick was asked what was the best day of his life, he said the day he married Sherri. When asked what was most precious to him, without hesitation, he said his children.

Before his untimely death, he was looking forward to playing pickleball with his son-in-law, getting back into golf and, as usual, spending time with his grandchildren, whom he adored.

Healthy until the end, it was a joy to see his relationship with Jesus grow, and his further understanding that he is beloved as an image-bearer and child of God.

He was preceded in death by wife, Sherri Gilligan. He is survived by his two brothers, Tony (a.k.a. Frank) and Richard Gilligan; his four children, Dr. Christine (Dr. David) Schammel, John (Paige) Gilligan, Kim (Michael) Schiller,

Cindy (Bret) Eknes; and eleven grandchildren: Dr. Joshua Schammel, Dr. Noah Schammel, Dustin Gilligan, Nissa Gilligan, Trae Gilligan, Elisa Schiller, Ashley Eknes, Oliver Eknes, Abigail Eknes, Emma Eknes, Elliot Eknes; along with nieces, nephews and friends.

We grieve because we loved, but we do not grieve without hope, for Jesus has conquered even death!

All services October 22, 2022, at St. Olaf Church, downtown Minneapolis: visitation 9am, funeral 10am followed by a luncheon at 11am. Burial at Dawn Memorial Gardens, Bloomington MN following lunch.

In lieu of flowers, please make all donations to St. Olaf Catholic Church in Patrick's name.

Cemetery Details

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)

9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Olaf Catholic Church
215 South 8th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Graveside Service

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



Kay
Tunks

“ We were blessed to have Pat as a neighbor in Bloomington for 22 years. We helped each other out, as neighbors do, but he was extra special, so vital so full of life. It was always fun to see and hear about what he was doing- whether it was a new interest- such as when he decided to grow blueberries (he never did anything halfway!) or just sharing family news. We will miss him and hope his family finds comfort in faith and the memories of his life well lived.
Kay and Steve Tunks

Kay Tunks - October 23, 2022 at 04:56 PM



MD

“ Pat and I go back to the mid seventies at Pako and then reunited again in the early 2000's at Nortech. He was a great friend and an even better person. Brings back many pleasant work and personal memories. May God rest his soul! Mike Degen

Mike Degen - October 19, 2022 at 05:38 PM



MW

“ I was so sad to hear of this tragedy. Sorry to hear of your loss. We can only hope that his spirit, so well celebrated in the obituary, finds a place inside of us.

Mike Wagner - October 18, 2022 at 10:04 AM

MB

“ Almighty Father, eternal God, hear our prayers for Your son Patrick whom You have called from this life to Yourself. Grant him light, happiness, and peace. Let him pass in safety through the gates of death, and live forever with all Your saints in the light You promised to Abraham and to all his descendants in faith. Guard him from all harm and on that great day of resurrection and reward raise him up with all Your saints. For the sake of your Sons sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Especially your son Patrick. Pardon his sins and give him eternal life in Your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Mark Burgess - October 17, 2022 at 09:11 PM

RD

“ So sudden but his memory will last with our family next to his lake home at Woman Lake. May God open his arm and gate and welcome Patrick into eternal life in heaven. Prayers and thoughts to the family.

Requet David - October 17, 2022 at 05:29 PM