



## Patrick John Kelley

October 30, 1959 - March 7, 2022

Patrick John Kelley, age 62 of Grand Rapids, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 7, 2022. Pat will be lovingly remembered by his father, Robert Kelley and his mother, Marcia Gould, along with his siblings, Kathleen Heyrman, Michael (Amy) Kelley, Sean Kelley, Ryan (Jody) Kelley and Lucia (Richard) Thenikl. He also will be lovingly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Pat also had a special interest in all his nieces and nephews and never forgot to acknowledge their birthdays with a card.

Pat was the oldest child in his family and always worked 100% at whatever he decided to do. He was a great athlete, holding the state record in the discus in 1978 and played on Grand Rapids Union's Varsity football team for 3 years. Pat also enjoyed power lifting and boxing. Pat graduated from Union High School in 1978 and attended Grand Rapids Junior College. He worked at Roskam's Bakery and Butternut Bakery for many years until the business closed. He then took his hard-working efforts to the Rockford Public Schools (RPS) as a custodian for several years. The RPS staff loved Pat and always commented on the wonderful job he did cleaning the buildings.

Pat lived with his father, Bob, all his life and so they developed a special bond. They went on several trips together including Florida, San Diego and Las Vegas. Pat was also a big Notre Dame fan, going to several ND football games over the years with his father. Pat's hobbies included golf, walking, avid reader and loved sports trivia.

Pat was a member of SS Peter and Paul Church in Grand Rapids. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday April 23, 2022, at 10:00 am at SS Peter and Paul Church, 520 Myrtle Street NW, Grand Rapids. His family will receive visitors one hour prior to the Mass at Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St Peter and Paul Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church  
520 Myrtle St  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

## Memorial Mass

APR **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Bob and Marcia , please accept my sincere sympathy to you in the loss of your son. I'm so very sorry and will pray for Gods peace and comfort to be with you. God Bless. Carolee zoerhoff

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“ Patrick will be forever remembered as an incredible athlete. Patrick was able to play any sport he wanted at the highest level. At 6'2, 190lbs Pat could benchpress 420lbs and run a 4.6 40yrd dash. These numbers were unheard of in 1978. If it was not for a recurring dislocated shoulder Pat would have played in the NFL. As a younger cousin Pat shared everything he learned and was able to coach me to a high level.

Will always remember sailing with Pat on Lake Michigan, pick up games with him and his brothers. Pat's cousins all excelled at high school and college sports. Importantly, Pat was always supportive, encouraging and the loyalist brother cousin friend you could ever have. I will miss Pat and someday look to re-unite for pick-up games. Patrick's circle of loyalty have a good person advocating for us at the right hand of God.

Godspeed Patrick  
Love Cousin Tommy Zyniewicz

Thomas Zyniewicz II - March 24 at 03:53 PM