



## Patrick Weldon Burke

April 24, 2024

### Patrick Weldon Burke: A Colourful Legacy and Cherished Memories

It is with profound sadness and boundless affection that we announce the passing of Patrick Weldon Burke, aged 89, who departed this life peacefully, after a brief illness, on April 24, 2024, with family by his side.

Born on July 17, 1934, in the scenic town of Birch Grove, Nova Scotia, Pat's journey through life was carried by laughter, wit and an unwavering interest in the stories of others.

Patrick offered impeccable style. He brought colour not only to his clothes but to the lives of everyone around him. Pat was a master of jest, the life of every gathering, whose jokes not only brought smiles but often roared laughter. A true MASTER of storytelling, this was his gift.

Predeceased by his beloved wife Audrey, his son Paul, his five brothers and one sister. Pat's legacy is carried forward by his many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members and a host of friends who found in him a genuine friend and a true gentleman.

Pat was indeed well respected, always ready with a kind word, a joke, or a piece of wisdom. His tales will be told and retold, echoing his warmth and spirit. We extend our heartfelt thanks to his "nephew" Paul, whose dedication shone brightly as a friend and caregiver in his time of need, and to the caring staff at North York General Hospital.

Patrick's life was a beautiful patchwork of joy, generosity, and kinship. From his careers in photography and insurance to his love for hockey and golf and his dedication to the Lions - a life well lived. He will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him. As we bid Uncle Pat farewell, we hold onto the laughter and the lessons he impressed upon all of us.

We love you Pat!

Bye for now, be well.

“Get By!”

Funeral mass to be held on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at 10am.

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

3 Combermere Dr, North York, ON M3A 2W4

Celebration of Life to be held after the mass.

Respecting Patrick's wishes, cremation has taken place and burial will be in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia later this year.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

MAY 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church  
3 Combermere Drive  
Toronto, ON (CA)

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ *The Szotak family had so many wonderful laughs, memories and parties celebrating with the Burke families that lives on in our hearts.... No doubt my dad formed a Lions Club chapter and Joe and dad are welcoming Pat.... They are all together again❤️ I'm sorry we are not able to attend tomorrow but we will be there in spirit. (Sorry the pic is sideways)*



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**Julie Szotak-Wills** - May 24, 2024 at 09:53 PM

RB

“ *6 files added to the album FUN TIMES SHARED WITH PAT*



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**Ron Burke** - May 23, 2024 at 07:59 PM

RS

“ *RIP Pat, you earned it to be at peace. You were like the older brother I never had. You reminded me every day of the things in life that meant something—respect, manners, fairness, honesty, and generosity. I loved you and am going to miss you so much. Smitty (Ron)*

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**Ron Smith** - May 11, 2024 at 07:07 PM

GR

“ Pat , what a nice person. He will be missed by all who knew him. G. Rogers

G. Rogers - May 11, 2024 at 05:11 PM

JN

“ I was introduced to Pat through “old boots “ Thursday golf! What a great witty, intelligent down to earth person! Yes, Pat you are missed!..God bless you!  
J.New

jerry new - May 11, 2024 at 10:34 AM

RS

“ I golfed with Pat with the Old. Boots group every Thursday. Pat always had a story to tell . He was always a pleasure to see and talk to. I will miss his comradeship and funny stories. Thanks Pat for great memories. Rick

Rick Stella - May 11, 2024 at 09:21 AM

RR

“ R.I.P. PAT, It was a honor to have you as a friend in my life. Condolences to the family have a safe trip Pat. Bob Rankin

Robert Rankin - May 10, 2024 at 05:57 PM

JB

“ It's so nice to be named after him ( Joard )Patrick Weldon Burke and have him as my godfather. He kept me in awe with his wit and the ability to weave a master piece when it came to telling a joke or story, something I was able to inject in my classroom. Thanks for that Uncle Pat. Love you and will miss you, say hi to my dad. R.I.P.

Joard Patrick Weldon Burke - May 10, 2024 at 05:32 PM

KO

*Pat was a good friend to my wife Mary and I. He will be greatly missed. A very generous man with a great sense of humour. Keith Oliver*

Keith Oliver - May 11, 2024 at 01:31 PM

KO

*Wherever you are Pat I hope the lobsters are bigger and taster than ever.*

Keith Oliver - May 12, 2024 at 05:31 PM

DC

*RIP Patty, you were always on the ball and had a story to tell when we were on the golf course or when we drove none stop to Cape Breton sharing laughs and stories, driving through pea soup for and almost hitting a moose. It was great to know you and a pleasure getting together with you, Audrey and your son Paul. May you reat in peace. Now keep your head down when you swing your clubs.. haha*

Dennis Cleroux - May 19, 2024 at 04:14 AM

KL

*I met Pat through the "Old Boots" and I liked him as soon as I met him. His infectious laugh, kindness and generosity will always be remembered. I was lucky to know him. Condolences to the family. R.I.P. Pat.*

*Kingsley Lloyd*

Kingsley Lloyd - May 21, 2024 at 04:44 PM

HA

*You were a good friend and Neighbour. You were always so friendly and kind, and always a gentleman. Our family will miss you greatly, but we know that you'll be with Audrey and Paul. May you rest in peace. Jacqueline, Harold, Kyle, Tyler, Leah & Karin Beenen*

Harold - May 21, 2024 at 04:48 PM

JC

*I remember celebrating the Funeral Mass for Audrey, Patrick's beloved wife. Since then whenever Pat comes for the Mass on Sunday he will always stop for a minute & have a little chat with me. Pat, you're such a great soul with so much humour and loveliness. Rest in the Peace of God. Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan*

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**Joseph CHANDRAKANTHAN** - May 23, 2024 at 07:19 PM

RB

*Pat ... aka "Uncle Patty" - from my first recollection as far back as I can remember, you were always integrally and wonderfully a part of my life. Your presence meant happiness and fun had arrived and laughs were on the way; listening, acceptance, sharing, and caring were among your hallmark traits. You freely devoted your time and punctuated visits with your jovial demeanor. We shared much together through the years, right to the end. Dorothy and I truly valued the many times we all shared together and conversations through the years, always engendering many fond reflections. Thank you for being a truly remarkable Uncle and friend and may you be blessed in receiving all that you so richly deserve. With our love until we meet again ... Ron & Dorothy*

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**Ron Burke** - May 23, 2024 at 07:47 PM

MA

*I grew up with the Burke family as Pat's brother Jim was my godfather and uncle by marriage to my mom's sister, Doris, who was also my godmother. I considered Pat to be my uncle also and have many fond memories of his visits to Sydney. I will miss his Christmas cards to the "good little Mary Lou", and the fun times we had over the years. Rest In Peace Uncle Pat.*

*Mary Lou Aucoin - June 6/24*

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**Mary Lou Aucoin** - June 06, 2024 at 07:29 PM