



Patrick "Pat" French

November 27, 1959 - January 1, 2023

Patrick (Pat) French of Delaware, OH passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on January 1, 2023 after a 29 month battle with pancreatic cancer. He leaves behind the loves of his life, his wife of 39 years and best friend Kay and his 2 wonderful sons: Adam (Columbus, OH) and Brian (Upland, California) who were the pride of his life.

He was born on November 27, 1959 in Columbus, OH to Kenneth and Dorothy French who have preceded him in death. He is survived by brothers Joe (Patricia) of Miamisburg, OH, Howard (Judy) of Hilliard, OH, and sisters Donna (Steve) Ramey of New Albany, OH and Kelly (Richard) George of Lewis Center, OH; sisters-in-law Trudy (Alan) Anders, of Fletcher, NC, Lisa Stillings of Dublin, OH, brother-in-law Ron (Debbie) Stillings of Beavercreek, OH as well as his Aunt Eleanor Kelley and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends. Pat graduated from Franklin Heights High School in 1977 and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from The Ohio State University in 1988. He worked many years in manufacturing including as a tool grinder apprentice/tool grinder at Timken, as a tooling engineer at Rockwell International, and numerous engineering and management roles at Honda Manufacturing. He retired from Honda in 2015 after 27 years of dedicated service.

Pat always had a great appreciation of nature and loved outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, golf, and fishing with his family and friends. Life-long family traditions such as the annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day and the

monthly card games were important to him as well as hosting family holiday dinners. He and Kay enjoyed traveling, especially to National Parks. He was a dedicated and loving husband and father and he treasured the time he spent with Kay, Adam and Brian most of all. He was a kind and good person and was always willing to help family and friends however he could. He was thankful for the many blessings in his life.

Visitation will be held at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, in Powell, OH, on Sunday, Jan 8, from 2 PM to 4:30 PM with a Prayer service at 4:30 PM. Masks are strongly encouraged. Mass will be celebrated at Joan of Arc Catholic Church, on Monday Jan 9, at 11 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to People In Need, of Delaware County (www.delawarepeopleinneed.org/make-a-donation) in Pat's memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
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<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Patrick "Pat" French

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Deepest sympathies to all of Pat's family and friends. He was a good person and I enjoyed working with him for many years.

John Adams - January 06, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. He was such a cheerful and gentle man, and such a good husband and a kind hearted neighbor to help care for our pets when we were away. I know how very much he will be missed, and we celebrate his beloved memory. Our condolences to you, dear Kay, and to Adam and Brian. We hold you in our prayers. Love, Debbie and Larry



Debbie Wanstrath - January 06, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ The Ramey Family and The Laughman Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patrick "Pat" French.



The Ramey Family and The Laughman Family - January 06, 2023 at 07:43 AM

KC

“ My sympathies to Kay and her family. So very sorry for your loss and for the many challenges of dealing with the tragedy of pancreatic cancer. My heart goes out to you. -Karen Cogley

Karen Cogley - January 05, 2023 at 09:39 AM

SS

“ I worked at Honda with Pat several years but I was in a different department. What a nice guy, Pat was always willing to help figure out problems. He always had a smile and a friendly demeanor. I'm very sorry for your loss. I lost my husband in 2021, I know full well how painful and life changing this can be. You are in my prayers, Sally Stierhoff

SALLY STIERHOFF - January 04, 2023 at 03:38 PM

LS

“ I was hired by Pat. I worked for him and with him for over 15 years. Pat will always support you. I remember in the beginning of my Honda career, I was pretty wrecked after giving a presentation to a Japanese manager, Kobayashi-san. Pat consoled me, but more importantly, he told me what Kobayashi-san said with constructive point of view. This was one point of realization of being in a Japanese company. There are numerous memories, but that stands out with me for who Pat was as a boss. Kay, Adam and Brian, sorry for your loss.

Lam Sam - January 04, 2023 at 01:38 PM

CF

Dear Kay and family, so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Our love and prayers are with you all. Carol (Stillings) Ferryman

Carol Stillings Ferryman - January 17, 2023 at 04:53 PM

TD

“ I had the opportunity to work with Pat in multiple roles, he was always up to “the” challenge, and willing to teach any that cared to learn. He was a quiet guy with a big heart. I will relish our interactions together. Thoughts and prayers to his wife and family.

Tim Downing - January 04, 2023 at 12:51 PM

JG

“ Deepest sympathy and prayers to Pat’s family.

Jeff Garlock - January 04, 2023 at 10:59 AM

JW

“ I worked with Pat for a number of years at Honda and always enjoyed his personality and respected his judgement. He was in his heart a good and decent person and he reflected that in his management of people.
He could also do the best Bob Dylan impression in the karaoke bars in Japan when he had to sing!
I will miss him. The world is poorer without him

Jim Wehrman - January 04, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick "Pat" French.



January 04, 2023 at 06:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Patrick "Pat" French.



January 03, 2023 at 02:55 PM