



Patrick O'Rourke

July 18, 1938 - May 25, 2023

Edward Patrick "Pat" O'Rourke, 84, of Royal Oak, MI passed away Thursday, May 25, 2023. He was born July 18, 1938 in Detroit, MI the son of Harry and Ferne O'Rourke.

After graduating from the University of Detroit High School, Pat attended the University of Detroit to pursue a career in Civil Engineering. He became a Registered Land Surveyor after joining the civil engineering consulting firm Spalding and DeDecker as one of their first employees. While there, he provided site design for land development projects throughout southeast Michigan for over five decades. Pat was also a talented artist, athlete, music enthusiast and loving father. He played softball for years and later became a legendary baseball and football manager in Royal Oak's youth leagues winning many championships while teaching the sport and leadership to hundreds of young men. He was a talented golfer with a single-digit handicap scoring well on many of America's most prominent golf courses from Pebble Beach to Doral Country Club. He and his family were proud members of St. Dennis Catholic Church.

Pat is survived by his present wife Ann Robinson, and his first wife Rosemary O'Rourke; and his children, Kathleen (Timothy) O'Rourke-Mouriarty, Timothy (Joy) O'Rourke, Colleen (Brian) Taylor and Terriane (Andy) Gould; grandchildren, Logan O'Rourke, Brianna (Josh) Guisbert and Aidan (Emily)

Taylor; and Ann's daughters, Terri (David) Soffin-Stayer and Carol (Randy) Pietz; grandchildren, David (Brandy) Chamberlin, Daniel (Kaci) Chamberlin, Danielle (Wes) Zanardelli, Kyle Soffin and Trevor (Maureen) Soffin; his brother, Daniel (Arlene) O'Rourke; and nephews, Richard, Scott and Daniel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Ferne O'Rourke; sister, Mary Jane (Don) Phillips; and nephew, Patrick O'Rourke.

There will be a memorial visitation on Friday, June 2, 2023 from 3:00 pm until the time of the service at 5:00 pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road (4 blocks E of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society are appreciated.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUN 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Patrick O'Rourke*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - May 31, 2023 at 02:46 PM

PW

“ *Sorry to here about Pat. I can sum up my thoughts on Pat in that he could remember every shot he hit after his round was finished. One day Pat, Gordie and myself had just finished 17 holes and we were all tied at even par. Pat told us how he was going to birdie the 18th and he did. Me and Gordie each shot a double bogey and Pat had his hand out to be paid. Sorry I can't make it today, Pat was a solid professional to work with and you could trust his word.*
Paul Wade

Paul Wade - June 02, 2023 at 01:05 PM

GA

“ *Grand Pointe Automotive purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patrick O'Rourke.*



Grand Pointe Automotive - June 02, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick O'Rourke.*



June 02, 2023 at 07:31 AM



“ *Nakisher Orthodontics planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick O'Rourke.*

Nakisher Orthodontics - June 01, 2023 at 05:47 PM



“ *Pat was not only a respected supervisor for the survey department of Spalding DeDecker but was also a dear friend. He was there (forever) when I worked in high school as summer help and also when I started full time in 1985. He came to the work site at Chrysler Tech Center in 1987 to help Gordie and I out. I got the Dakota stuck in the mud and he and others helped push me out. He was wearing his carhart coveralls, pushing behind the rear wheel. I gassed it and the next thing I know he was covered in mud head to toe. I thought for sure he was going to fire me. I still feel bad about it. Every once in a while I would remind him of that day.*

John DeDecker - June 01, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patrick O'Rourke.*



May 31, 2023 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patrick O'Rourke.*



May 31, 2023 at 02:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick O'Rourke.*



May 30, 2023 at 10:42 PM

KO

“ I Kathleen O'Rourke the first Born Child and Grandchild of my Grandfather Harry O'Rourke and my Father Edward Patrick O'ROURKE. His Brother Dan O'Rourke is my Godfather whom is the last of my Father's Generation. I'm am so Proud to Irish and German lineage of scholastic, Athletic, and a strong desire to live my life to the fullest and my Father would say do not take credit for your achievements because they are not for you to say . How you treat people with Good sportsmanship is most important in all areas of your life. A Rich ❤️ heart is more promising than a rich Bank Account. My Father and I always had extraordinary conversations about , Science, SPORTS, The Arts he had an eclectic EAR for MUSIC like my Grandfather🎵🎵🎵s talent to play numerous instruments 🎸 by EAR. My Father had a fever and passion for all aspects of his life. Especially coaching Fast pitch Hardball games and knew statistics of All Sports 🏆 like a walking Jeopardy champion. His hardworking ethics were instilled in all of his four Children. If i wanted something to buy he made it very clear you must earn your Keep in life and not to take what does not belong to you. Earn you living, happiness, and most importantly respect for yourself and others on this journey called life. Amen DAD I'm so proud to be your Daughter 🙌💕💕💕💕💕💕

Kathleen O'Rourje - May 27, 2023 at 01:18 PM

GR

What a beautiful tribute to your Dad

Grace - May 27, 2023 at 08:27 PM

PM

“ So very sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Will always remember the wonderful gatherings he and Ann shared with the "golf" guys and wives.Paul and Pam Messano

Paul Messano - May 27, 2023 at 10:14 AM