



Patrick I. Donnelly

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Patrick Donnelly age 76, of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away suddenly on Monday, September 26, 2011 at, Beebe Medical Center. He was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland on Thursday, December 06, 1934, son of the late Andrew and Annie (Brady) Donnelly. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters: Martha Diamond, Isabelle Campbell, Anne McIlduff and Rosaleen Sumislowski; one brother, Andrew Donnelly; and his partner of 41 years; David F. O' Donnell, who passed away on March 11, 2007.

As a child growing up in Ireland, Pat believed the stories he heard, that "The Streets of America were Paved in Gold" and always longed to come here.

In 1954, Pat completed a two year nursing course for Tuberculosis at the Broomfield Hospital in Chelmsford, Essex where he shared a house with his friend Michael Riley and two other students. During his time there, Pat became involved in amateur dramatics, which in part was dressing up. The staff put on a once-a-year show for all of the patients and Pat was the director, producer and star entertainer. At that time, his pay was only 10 pounds per month, but he managed to save enough to visit London once every six to eight weeks to go to the theatre and visit a local coffee house.

Pat was a movie buff since childhood; much of which was spent at the movies watching the old classics. This helped him with the hospital productions, as he could remember all of the characters and could quote lines from the films that he loved.

After completing his studies at Broomfield Hospital , Pat went to Romford in Essex to do his RN training for the next 2 and a half years. He then returned to Broomfield to work in the operating room as a staff nurse until he left for America.



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Pat did live the "American Dream" and became a U.S. Citizen in 1979. He completed his BS and MS at Jersey City State College in Jersey City, New Jersey. He worked for JFK Medical Center in Edison, NJ, becoming a hospital administrator.

His love for the movies and the theatre continued throughout his life and he astounded people with his knowledge. He had a vast collection of classic movies and loved to view and share them with family and friends. In addition to his love of movies and the theater, Pat loved to sing and dance and travel worldwide, especially to Ireland, Austria, Australia and Italy. Pat was a member of the Rehoboth Beach VFW Post 7447 and a volunteer at CAMP Rehoboth.

Pat is survived by one brother, Joseph Donnelly of Graz, Austria, and many nieces, nephews and cousins throughout the world.

A Celebration of Pat's Life will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958 with the Rev. Thomas Starnes Officiating. His family will greet friends at the funeral home beginning at 1:00 PM.

A Graveside Service for Patrick and his deceased partner, David F. O'Donnell will be held on Friday, October 7, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Hollywood Memorial Park, 1500 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union, NJ 07083.

Memorial Contributions suggested to: Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary of Sussex County, PO Box 430, Nassau, DE 19969.

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Events


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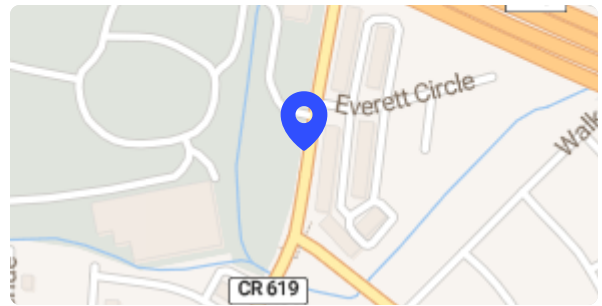
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Graveside Service

 **Friday**, October 7, 2011

 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM ET

 **Hollywood Memorial Park**
1500 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union NJ





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JY

Janice Young posted:

I will always be thankful to Patrick for hiring me and mentoring me at JFK Medical Center. We worked hard but we partied harder! He was a great boss who was well-respected and well-loved. What terrific holiday parties he had; he really supported his staff and made the work day fun. Who could ever forget the "Christmas Village " in our office? I will always have fond memories of that time.

October 13 at 8:00 PM

MK

Maria Kane posted:

aPat, We will miss you when we come down to visit Rosie and Richard home, your caring and unique sense of humor, cooking for us at your home, and delightful company.., we will always remember you and Dave. My the Good Lord keep you in His loving care

October 6 at 8:00 PM

PD

Pat Dolphin posted:

I will always remember Patrick's humor and friendship. He was always the host, loved his home, friends, cats and family. I was glad he came into my life and always supported me, he was a great boss.

October 5 at 8:00 PM

KL

Kathleen Mc Laughlin posted:

So glad we all got together earlier this year. Really enjoyed all the reminiscing about when you were all young, especially about my mother, Annie. When you see her, give her a hug from me. May you rest in peace, love Kathleen, ox

October 4 at 8:00 PM

MB

Marilee Bow posted:

Patrick, we will miss your smile and laugh. You had such a love of Life. God Bless. Marilee

October 4 at 8:00 PM



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RD

Rosaleen Cockerham-Donnelly posted:

Uncle Pat, thank you for your love and for the good times we shared, the memories will always be part of my life. God bless you.

October 4 at 8:00 PM

EM

Eric, Winnie, Eric & Kelly McCullough posted:

To our amazing, handsome, kind uncle Patsy. We will miss your fun and your personality and of course your class dance moves! You have brought a lot of happiness into our lives and you will never be forgotten. Millions of love and kisses from the McCullough's, the Campbell's, the Kavanagh's and the Jamison's from Dundalkxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

October 4 at 8:00 PM

MK

Mike Kelly posted:

RIP Pat... Will not enjoy Opera Nights as much in the future

October 4 at 8:00 PM

RS

Rob, Marcia & Cole Soviero posted:

R.I.P. Uncle Pat... You will be missed Dearly!!! We hold in our hearts the fondest memories... You were "one of a kind". We Love You Always!

October 3 at 8:00 PM

DF

Dolores Flynn posted:

such a wonderful person!!!!

October 2 at 8:00 PM

ED

Edith & Johannes Donnelly posted:

Dear uncle Pat! The time we had together was too short, but it was a very nice time. Once the day is coming, we'll see us in heaven. So long, love you.

October 2 at 8:00 PM



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AC

Arlene Keller & Linda Covello posted:

Pat truly was a special man and we have sooo many wonderful memories of him. Pat will always hold a special place in our hearts, and at last he will be with his beloved Dave.

October 2 at 8:00 PM

TS

Trudy Schleifer posted:

We will miss you and remember all the fun times that we shared. So many memories. Love you, Trudy, Pat & Red

October 2 at 8:00 PM

BH

Bryan Hecksher posted:

I am sorry for the loss of Pat, the world is a little dimmer with out him being here. I will miss his sense of humor and they way he treated everyone with kindness. May his family find comfort during this diffcult time

October 2 at 8:00 PM

RM

Roisin Mcilduff posted:

Uncle Pat, I loved catching up and talking about family and traveling with you. I treasure the times I managed to meet you in Australia, Ireland, America and of course around New Zealand. Missing you already X

October 2 at 8:00 PM

BK

Bill Kane posted:

We are all going to miss you Pat. Life will not be the same at Dick's and Rosie's house ands watching movies on the big screen. You are a one of a kind person who touched so many lifes. Rest in Peace

October 2 at 8:00 PM



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ED

Elaine Donnelly posted:

We always looked upon you as our rich uncle patsy when we were growing up telling stories to all our wee friends ;o) the time i spent with you and the comfort and support you gave me i'll never forget ;o) i never got to reply to your last email ;o(but know you'll be missed and i know your partying up there with your soulmate and the rest of the donnelly's R.I.P. uncle patsy with lots of love xoxox

October 2 at 8:00 PM

SL

Sue Lincoln posted:

Pat you are so going to be missed. Remember when we all use to get together with my cousins Richard and Rosie. We would have dinner and watch movies. You and I cried like babies watching Love is a Many Splendor Thing with William Holden and Jennifer Jones. Love and remembrances from Massachusetts.

October 2 at 8:00 PM

BM

Bev Mallett posted:

Patsy....My Dear Friend, there are not enough words that I can say as to how I will miss you. We had been through many great times and sadly shared the others as well, but we knew each was there at all times. Rest in peace my friend, you will remain in my heart and prayers forever...xo

October 1 at 8:00 PM

CB

Carol & Rich Barton posted:

We love you Uncle Pat. Your joy and upbeat spirit will be sorely missed.

October 1 at 8:00 PM

SB

Soren Thomsen And T.J. Blazek posted:

We will always remember Pat as one of life's "gentle men", a caring friend and host and an all around good person. He will be greatly missed, and we know that our lives were the richer for having known him.

October 1 at 8:00 PM



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LD

Lucinda Demiranda posted:

I will miss you Patrick, even though I haven't seen you in a while, I thought about you alot. I always enjoyed your stories from when you were in school. Rest in peace Patrick. I will miss your smiling face.

October 1 at 8:00 PM

AR

Aileen & Jim Rooney posted:

From childhood to becoming an adult you filled my heart with love and you filled my life with joy. That's how you will remain, in my heart with love forever.

October 1 at 8:00 PM

RS

Rich & Steve posted:

Patsy Oh Patsy! Best friend we ever had! Don't Let Dave fight with you about leaving Mitzi behind. You were the life of everything and then some! We have a void in our hearts.Love forever,Rich & Steve

October 1 at 8:00 PM

DD

Dolores M. Desmond posted:

Dear Patrick - I am glad that we had the opportunity to get to know you over the years. You were a wonderful person and you will be missed by us all. Thank you for always being there for my Mom, Dolores J. Desmond. She loved you like a brother. Rest in peace. Dolores Desmond and family

September 30 at 8:00 PM

JD

Joann & John Doherty posted:

To Patrick's Family, We send our deepest sympathies to you. Patrick was one of a kind and barrel of laughs. He will be missed dearly. Joann & John

September 30 at 8:00 PM



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RM

Roz Mazur posted:

Pat was a very special person who loved life, family, friends and neighbors. I have many wonderful memories of our many years of friendship. He will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. All my love, Roz

September 30 at 8:00 PM

MT

Mary & Norman Travers posted:

My heart is so full of tears I just can't imagine Haworth Court without you there. I am so thankful that we got to see you and say farewell even though we did not know it then when we left that last Wednesday to come back home. I will love you and remember you every time I read a good book and hear a good joke. You were the best of the best! Your old neighbor Mary and Norm too.

September 30 at 8:00 PM

MS

Melanie Skurbe posted:

We will all miss you Uncle Pat- your smile, your charm! may you rest in peace and be with your other loved ones on the other side. God bless you! We love you! Melanie, Bart, Bella & Brandon

September 29 at 8:00 PM

GM

Gary And Mike posted:

Life goes so fast. We truly enjoyed Pat's sense of humor and his stories. He will be missed by lots for friends in RB.

September 29 at 8:00 PM

ED

Ed Schumacher & Frank Dorn posted:

we have only known you for a few years. A great person an friend an recent neighbor. You will be missed but not in our conversation's

September 29 at 8:00 PM

PF

Peggy Franzshen posted:

Uncle pat u were a beautiful person, loving, fun. U will be forever in my heart, truly missed. love u

September 28 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Patrick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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