

Patrick N Keating

January 21, 2019

Patrick N. Keating, 79, died on Monday, January 21, 2019 of a hemorrhagic stroke in Manatee County, Florida.

He is survived by his devoted wife and best friend of 30 years, Julie Scott Keating; his adored daughters and their husbands, Clare & Gary Sladic and Fiona & Scott Gilleland; and four grandchildren who made him so proud: Jason, Ryan, Anna, and Kevin.

Pat was blessed with a rich and varied life which began in New Castle, England. As a child attending a convent school, he was a prankster who regularly challenged the nuns. Luckily, he excelled academically and years later he obtained a full scholarship to study physics at the University of Nottingham. While earning his BS degree there, Pat pursued other interests - music and sports. He played the saxophone for “The Woodchoppers” band and participated in numerous athletics including boxing, rugby, and football (soccer). He wore his “old broken boxing nose” as a medal of courage.

In 1963, Pat left England to accept a research position at Tyco Laboratories in Waltham, MA, where he began his PhD pursuit at Boston University. Pat later moved to West Bloomfield, MI, and was employed by Bendix Labs, later Allied-Signal Corporation. After completing his PhD in solid-state Physics at the University of Michigan, Pat transferred to Maryland in 1981 and continued to receive greater management assignments for the company. Pat retired in 1997 as Allied-Signal’s Director and General Manager of both the Advanced Technology Center and the Microelectronics Center in Columbia, MD.

Throughout his remarkable career, Pat made significant contributions to the field of physics. He was best known for the Keating Model of interatomic forces in tetrahedrally-coordinated solids, which was presented and determined to be one of the 50 highest-impact papers over a century of Physical Review publications.

Pat became an accomplished tennis player with a graceful swing. He enjoyed collaborating with his friend and legendary tennis coach, Vic Braden, to improve the physics of the sport. Pat was also an avid golfer, reader, sailor, and aviator. He held an FAA pilot's license and enjoyed flying his Piper Warrior (named Patty Plane) along the Eastern Seaboard. A hard-core soccer enthusiast, Pat was a loyal Manchester United fan.

When living in England, Pat vowed to live someday in a sunny place with lots of palm trees. He and Julie realized his dream, and enjoyed spending time between their homes in Lakewood Ranch, FL, and Dagsboro, DE. Every day they were grateful for their wonderful lives and each other.

As much as Pat enjoyed his many interests and hobbies, what he treasured most were the people and animals who brightened his life: his beloved family, friends, neighbors, former colleagues, and pets. Everyone who knew Pat recognized him as a humble, kind, and good man. God rest ye, dearest Pat. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Animal Advocates of Howard County Maryland in loving memory of Pat.

Celebration of Life Service: Wednesday, February 13. Harry Witzke Funeral Home in Ellicott City, MD. Visitation begins at 10:00 am; Service begins at 11:00 am.

Tribute Wall



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Clare Keating-Sladic - February 14, 2019 at 09:21 AM

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Mary Catherine Fitzpatrick - February 02, 2019 at 10:42 AM



“ *Patrick was a great guy. Always up for a good time of dining, dancing and drinking. He loved Thai food and was a great host. He was so smart but never liked to make others feel stupid. He was a gentle soul who loved his animals and of course Julie, the light of his life. We will miss his quiet encouragement, his sense of spontaneity and love of life. Sending love to the entire Keating family.*

Best, Darcy and Charlie

Darcy Bevelacqua - January 28, 2019 at 07:58 PM

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Darcy - January 28, 2019 at 06:08 PM

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Clare Sladic - January 27, 2019 at 05:53 PM



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Fiona Gilleland - January 27, 2019 at 05:15 PM



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Fiona Gilleland - January 27, 2019 at 05:07 PM



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Fiona Gilleland - January 27, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ *Julie, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so glad we had the pleasure to meet and talk with him, he will truly be missed.*
God Bless,
Dick & Dottie

Dick & Dottie Donaldson - January 27, 2019 at 11:21 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Julie and the family on Pat's passing. Pat was a remarkable guy and will always be remembered.*
Love,
Gail and Greg

Greg Laszczynski - January 27, 2019 at 08:29 AM

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Julie Keating - January 27, 2019 at 08:23 AM

TM

Beautiful couple!

Terry Murphy - January 27, 2019 at 11:25 AM

BS

I love this photo Julie. This is how I will remember Pat; holding you and loving you❤️ We will miss this wonderful, kind man tremendously. Love and prayers to you and the family. Love, Barbara and Phil Serafino

Barbara Serafino - January 27, 2019 at 02:18 PM

PC

“ So sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Our memories of Pat go back more than 40 years to his days in Michigan and include sponsoring his US citizenship, joint meals with 4 young daughters in tow, the game of go and a certain dog named Shamus.
Our condolences to all. Pat & Ed Coe

Pat Coe - January 26, 2019 at 10:51 AM

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Clare Sladic - January 25, 2019 at 07:59 PM

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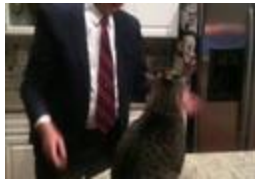
What a beautiful picture with a remarkable kind man. There are not enough words to describe Pat Keating. He will always be in our heart and memory.

Charlene and Keith Ryan

charlene and Keith Ryan - January 26, 2019 at 10:40 PM

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Julie Keating - January 25, 2019 at 04:19 PM

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Julie Keating - January 25, 2019 at 03:56 PM

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Julie, Bill & I continue to hold you close in heart. What a remarkable legacy Pat Keating has left in this world. Prayers to you & your family as you honor such a man.

shelly rumpf - February 12, 2019 at 05:51 PM