



Patrick J. Cunningham

June 18, 1942 - September 8, 2021

Patrick J. Cunningham, 79, of Chicago, IL passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 8, 2021. His loss will be felt by many but none as strongly as his loving wife, Maria Leitao, his daughter, Tracy Collins, and his grandchildren, Fiona, Ronan, and Kiera Collins. Famous for his lightening-fast witticisms, clever comebacks and oft-curmudgeonly sense of humor, Patrick will be greatly missed by any who were pulled into his charming orbit. A wake will be held at Barr Funeral Home (6222 N. Broadway, Chicago, on Monday, September 13th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, with a short service at 7:00. There will be a short graveside ceremony on Tuesday, September 14th at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside IL at 11:00 AM. Here he will rest with his parents, Frank and Marie (nee O’Heron) Cunningham and his brother, Michael Cunningham. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia appreciated <https://www.misericordia.com/giving/donate-online/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Barr Funeral Home
6222 N. Broadway
Chicago, IL 60660
(773) 743-4034
info@barrfuneralhome.com
<https://barrfuneralhome.com/>

Service

SEP 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

Queen of Heaven Cemetery
1400 S Wolf Rd
Hillside, IL 60162
<http://www.catholiccemeterieschicago.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick J. Cunningham*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Dear Maria,
My thoughts and prayers to you and family. Pat would probably say to me, " That's all you can come up with Moore, we only worked together and spent every election together delivering lunches to picky election judges along Sheridan Road in my VW van that I only kept running for that specific purpose." In all seriousness, I just heard of Pat's passing, and am deeply struck by it. Such a clever and witty man, and a joy to spend time with (at this point he would comment that I shouldn't finish a sentence with a preposition). I will miss him.
Rest in peace, Pat.*

Mike Moore - September 23, 2021 at 01:19 PM



Dear Maria, Tracy and grandchildren, You are in my thoughts and prayers ever since I heard, belatedly, of my old pal Pat's death. We met at Fenwick High School and hung out later at Loyola's lake Shore Campus and for some years after. And did shows together with the Genesian Guild. I have great stories if any of you would ever like to hear a few. He was such a naturally witty man. Once, he made me wait outside the door of his apartment while he hit a switch inside, and when we entered the dark room it was ablaze with the most wonderful collection of neon signs! —Dennis Dooley (in Euclid, Ohio)

Dennis Dooley - October 30, 2021 at 06:24 PM

DD

Past once showed me a letter he had typed that he was sending to a Chicago radio station that was looking to replace a recently deceased member of an on-air duo who exchanged witty banter. "I do impersonations," he had typed. "Cary Grant: 'Judy Judy Judy!' Also Cagney? 'I'm going to give it to you the way you gave it to my brother!' Want me to do Nixon? 'I am not a crook!'" Pat had to be the most naturally, spontaneously funny person I have ever known. I loved to be with him. —Dennis Dooley

Dennis Dooley - October 30, 2021 at 06:31 PM

MA

Dear Maria, Tracy and grandchildren

I am so sorry for your loss. Pat worked on many special projects with me. He would include his creativity and spontaneity to the success of our Bureau Retreats and Take your Girls & Boys to Work events . He made work fun.

May he rest in peace

Fondly

Mary Sendra Anselmo

Mary Sendra Anselmo - November 12, 2021 at 11:23 PM

TM

“ *Dear Maria,*

Mike informed me of Pat's death and I wanted to reach out to you and express my sincere condolences. I offered Mass for him here at St. Mary of Providence this morning. Since this is a very difficult time for you and all ther family be assured of my prayers.

Blessings,

Tom Mulcrone

Tom Mulcrone - September 18, 2021 at 12:11 PM

JN

“ Pat was a witty and charming man, always a joy to encounter. Sincere condolences to Maria and family.

Jim Nally

Jim Nally - September 14, 2021 at 12:09 PM

JO

“ Rest in peace our friend. Your quick comebacks will be missed. Say hi to Healeys. Lmburgs and the old crew♡

John_resch@hotmail.com - September 13, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Cunningham.



September 10, 2021 at 10:46 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Cunningham.



September 09, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Cunningham.*



September 09, 2021 at 01:21 PM