



Patrick "Pat" Ryan

December 6, 1947 - May 19, 2026

Dateline: Alton

Patrick Lee "Pat" Ryan of Alton, Illinois, age 78, passed away on May 19, 2026 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Born in Alton on December 6, 1947, he was the first of 15 children born to James B. and Guida M. (Gilbert) Ryan.

Pat graduated in 1965 from Carlinville High School, attended St. Louis University, and was a sergeant in the US Air Force. Before retirement he was employed at St. John's Mercy Hospital, and later at Johnson Controls where he utilized his knowledge of engineering and electronics.

Pat was devoted to his family and will be remembered for his giving nature, wisdom, and wit. He possessed many skills and was always eager to lend a hand. He enjoyed large family gatherings and indulged everyone with treats that included the latest games and music.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers: Robert Ryan and Paul Ryan, and 3 sisters: Marie (John) Schulz, Marjorie Poyner, and Patricia (Jerald) Tolle.

He is survived by 3 brothers and 6 sisters: John (Lek) Ryan of Austin, Texas, William (Margaret) Ryan of Bethalto, Thomas (Lisa) Ryan of Alton, Norma (Ronald) Klein of Alton, Mary (Mark) Weiss of Bethalto, Joan (Raymond) Darr of Alton, Sue McGibany Cowan of Alton, Janet (Kevin) Brooks of Eldred, and Judith (Robert) Maher of Godfrey. He is also survived by over 60 nieces,

nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton provided assistance with arrangements.

Graveside services will be held at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey, on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., with Father Jeff Holtman officiating.

Memorials may be forwarded to the family.

Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Cemetery
2801 Greenwood Lane
Godfrey, IL 62035

Tribute Wall

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“ I'm so sorry to learn of Pat's death! It makes me even more glad that I had the chance to see and share memories with him at our Carlinville HS class reunion a couple of years ago--the very first time I had seen him since graduation! Besides sharing a first name, Pat and I were consistently a couple of the smallest guys in our classes. I fondly recall how one of our math teachers assigned him the task of helping me with math problems in class. I will never forget Pat, and always be grateful for our friendship. I will be lifting his family in prayer for their peace in the days ahead.

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