



Patrick J. Reilly

December 20, 1955 - February 9, 2021

Patrick J. Reilly, Sr. of Bel Alton, MD passed away February 9, 2021 shortly after noon surrounded by his family. He was born December 20, 1955, son of Louisa and Thomas Reilly of Washington, DC. He was preceded in death by his mother, Louisa, father, Thomas, and siblings Charlie, Joseph, and Marilou. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Sharon. He cherished his role as father to Patrick (Tass), Charlie (Julie), and Chelsea (Ryan); And as PopPop to Annabella, Sophia, Cameron, Noelle, Lucy, Gabriel, Emma, Ryan, David; and brother to 8 surviving siblings Elizabeth, Thomas, Celesta, Eugene, Christina, John, Anthony, and Bernard; and uncle to 12 nieces and nephews. To Pat, family was everything.

Patrick grew up in Washington DC, later moving to Prince George's County where he graduated from Douglas High School (1974). He met the love of his life, Sharon in 1976. They were married in April of 1978. Pat had always dreamed of being a Law Enforcement Officer. In 1978, he was offered a position as an officer with the Bladensburg Police Department. After a few years he and his wife moved to Charles County, MD, where Pat served as a Deputy with the Charles County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) for 17 years. During his career with the CCSO, Pat spent time as an Undercover Narcotics Officer, the first coordinator of Charles County Crime Solvers, a D.A.R.E instructor in the schools, active member and past President of the local FOP and so much more. Towards the end of his career, he spear-headed the Community

Policing Initiative in Waldorf, MD. His service to the community was endless. He retired in 1998. After retiring from Law Enforcement, he went to work as a General Manager with Brandywine Auto Parts. You may also know him as "Recycle Man" from the Brandywine Auto Parts commercials. After retiring from Brandywine, he launched into a new venture with the "Deputy Dogs" hot dog cart, which for the past 15 years has served the community through public events, as well as "Hotdog Tuesday" at Martin's Service Station in La Plata, MD every Tuesday between May-October.

Pat never met a stranger. He made everyone feel like they had been longtime friends. If you had a friend in Pat, you had a friend for life. He had an infectious laugh and was always quick with a joke. He was fiercely loyal, full of love for all, and truly had a servant's heart. He was a part of countless civic organizations including The Lion's Club, Crime Solvers, Boy Scouts of America, The Just Say No Club, and Southern Maryland Wood Carvers.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 9AM until time of service at 12Noon at the Charles County Fairgrounds Showring, 8440 Fairgrounds Road, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Due to COVID19 regulations, masks are required (the family will provide N95 masks and everyone will be required to wear the provided masks) and social distancing is still in place. The Fairgrounds has asked us to inform family, visitors, and friends that once seating capacity at the Showring has been reached, everyone else will be asked to exit the Showring.

Join us in celebrating and honoring Pat's life on this live stream from the service - <https://youtu.be/sLxCplykX7o>.

Interment to follow at Wesleyan Memorial Gardens, 9690 Shepherds Creek Place, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Pat's name to Special Olympics of Charles County, 8190 Port Tobacco Road, Port Tobacco, MD 20677; Children's Hospital of DC, 111 Michigan Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20010; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, (Memorial and Honor Program), 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942; and Lewy Body Dementia Association 912 Killian Hill Road SW, Lilburn, GA 30047.

Cemetery Details

Wesleyan Memorial Gardens

9690 Shepherd's Creek Place
La Plata, MD 20646
<http://www.Wesleyan Memorial Gardens>

Tribute Wall



“ *Very nice person.
I met him later in life, around 2017. He was always with a smile. He seemed to always be happy. He seemed very genuine. God Bless!* ”

Brian Johnson - September 03, 2025 at 09:23 AM



“ *Patrick J. Reilly* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Patrick J. Reilly* ”

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Hey Pat, Keep the gates of Heaven open for the rest of us.* ”

Bobby & Maria Padgett - March 10, 2021 at 07:02 PM



“ *Family Friends sent a virtual gift in memory of
Patrick J. Reilly* ”



Family Friends - February 22, 2021 at 06:30 PM

JS

“ Pat sure was always there with a smile, a helping hand and a hot dog! We have the sign he created for our RV and post it proudly in on windshield at every stop. God rest his soul.

JOE SHANNON - February 17, 2021 at 11:09 PM

SS

“ My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the Reilly family during this difficult time. My sister and I went all the way through school with Patrick and Charlie and our parents have always been good friends. Pat was such a kind, friendly man and I know he will be dearly missed by many. My heart aches for you all. I hope you find comfort and peace in the many memories and love that flows through your beautiful family. Thinking of you and sending you my love, Sarah Graves Smith

Sarah Graves Smith - February 16, 2021 at 06:05 PM



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



February 16, 2021 at 12:07 PM

LH

“ Lisa and Rod Ritter; Stacie and Eddie Hayden purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Patrick J. Reilly.



Lisa and Rod Ritter; Stacie and Eddie Hayden - February 16, 2021 at 11:30 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Reilly.*



February 16, 2021 at 07:24 AM



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



February 15, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Reilly.*



February 15, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Frank and Martha Crenshaw, Jeff Crenshaw purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Patrick J. Reilly.*



Frank and Martha Crenshaw, Jeff Crenshaw - February 15, 2021 at 04:46 PM

JW

“ Josh, Cj, Emma, Chase, and Claire Wasilewski purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patrick J. Reilly.



Josh, Cj, Emma, Chase, and Claire Wasilewski - February 15, 2021 at 10:10 AM

RF

“ Rieman Family lit a candle in memory of Patrick J. Reilly



Rieman Family - February 14, 2021 at 10:36 PM

RF

We are all sending prayers to the Reilly family.

Rieman Family - February 14, 2021 at 10:38 PM

SF

“ Susan Young And Family lit a candle in memory of Patrick J. Reilly



Susan Young and Family - February 14, 2021 at 08:35 AM

DT

“ May God give you peace and comfort at this time.

diane R Thompson - February 13, 2021 at 06:30 PM

TF

“ My neighbor for the last 12 years, can't think of anything but good thoughts of him. He will be truly missed. 🙏

The Atwood Family - February 13, 2021 at 04:16 PM

LR

“ Though I'm unable to physically stand with Pat's beloved Sharon and their family I will be there in spirit and through my prayers. Like all who ever met Pat, even those he arrested Pat was my friend, but more than that we were brothers worked together, shared an office together, and in many other ways were kindred spirits - I dearly loved Pat and Sharon! Though we both dealt so often with death and grief of people we served in Charles County this time I feel as if a part of me is painfully missing. In my 79 years of life, in the military, overseas, law enforcement, and retired living in several states across our nation I've met countless people. But Pat was singularly unique and inimitable in his ability to break tensions, grief, and even life threatening situations through humor and genuine care and love for his fellow man, woman or child. It was as if all the great traits of the Irish without any of the argumentative or love of fighting were given to Pat at birth. In these troubled times our Lord must have needed to lighten the burdens of his angels and residents in heaven caused by our troubled times in our great nation and called for Patrick. There is not a doubt in my mind that Pat's crown of jewels he has sat aside as too heavy to wear and he has all in heaven, even our lord on his throne, laughing and joyful to have Patrick amongst them.

*Lt DB Wright #86 CCSO Ret
aka The General #86*

LT DB Wright #86 CCSO Ret - February 13, 2021 at 09:41 AM

JK

“ Joe, Judy Kuntz lit a candle in memory of Patrick J. Reilly



Joe, Judy Kuntz - February 13, 2021 at 08:26 AM

KS

“ Mr. Reilly was such a nice man! he always recognized me if I was out and about in La Plata, usually calling me by my oldest sister's name. My prayers are with the Reilly family.

Katie Wagner Spargo - February 12, 2021 at 11:16 PM

GT

“ My brother Pat and I worked together on many community policing initiatives throughout the years and he was always ready and willing to lend a hand. His contributions to Charles County and the State of Maryland are well known. Pat was an amazing conversationalist and a man who was gifted with an extraordinary sense of humor. Aside from his remarkable career, Pat was foremost a close friend and confidant. Pat always made me laugh and I loved being around him. When I turned 50, he gave me a bottle of Geritol as a gift and we laughed together that evening. I was so happy to see him, Sharon and Patrick Jr there to celebrate. Since my retirement and having relocated out of state, I had seen Pat not as often, but we maintained contact as much as possible. I will miss him and will always remember Pat Reilly as my brother. To Sharon and the Reilly family, I send you my love and heartfelt condolences. Pat left an amazing legacy to be proud of. Your brother Jerry, 105.

Gerard Torres - February 12, 2021 at 07:33 PM

LC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Lawrence Clayton - February 12, 2021 at 05:49 PM

LC

Condolences to Sharon and the rest of the Reilly family. So many stories and not enough room to share of Pat's dedication to Crime solvers as we crossed the hi-ways and by-ways promoting Charles County Crime Solvers. Rest in heavenly peace my friend.

Lawrence Clayton - February 12, 2021 at 05:57 PM

BB

“ 1990 was the last CCSORA Christmas Party and although Sharon wasn't able to make it that day Pat/Santa was there. He came through the door wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and continued his evening expressing cheer and good will to everyone, that's just what he did. Both Pat and Sharon won door prizes that evening, Pat agreed to open Sharon's, it was bigger and easier to re-wrap, however inside the box was a painted decoy, Pat immediately said I'll just put Sharon's ticket on the other gift, I already have a spot for this. Not sure what Sharon received but Pat was sure she would like it better than a decoy.....We will miss you and your Santa suit, your friendly nature and of course Deputy Dog.

Buddy & Peggy Burch - February 12, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Reilly.*



February 12, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *It was my joy and pleasure as Director of Chaplains for the Charles County Sheriff's Office to serve alongside Pat. I remember our time together training Officers in Community Oriented Policing at Taylor University and at Charles county. He was truly a dedicated Deputy Sheriff and a valued friend. 2 Timothy 4:7-8. Chaplain Dr. Bill Miller.*

Reverend Dr. Bill Miller - February 12, 2021 at 08:31 AM



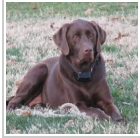
“ *Where will I go for lunch on Tuesdays during the summer. The hotdog was good and saw many friends. I also saw pat at 11 o'clock mass on Sunday morning. David Braunstein. Miss ya.*

david braunstein - February 11, 2021 at 09:59 PM



“ *Rest in Peace, my brother. You were a little brother to me since I met you more than 50 years ago, when you were an altar boy at Sacred Heart Church in Washington, DC. Prayers for you, Sharon, Patrick, Charlie, Chelsea and the whole family. As Celesta said to me, you and Marilou were the rock of the family. Hope I can see you in Heaven. Love, Tommy*

Tom Fahey - February 11, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ I was pulled over for speeding on Route 6(not too fast). The officer asked where I was going my response was the truth “It’s Hot Dog Tuesday” of course. Needless to say I did not get a ticket.

Laura Andrews. John andrews and the kids.

John Andrews - February 11, 2021 at 05:56 PM

BB

“ Buzzy, Pat, Frank, Stacy, Darrin, Berkley,Maverick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Patrick J. Reilly.



Buzzy, Pat, Frank, Stacy, Darrin, Berkley,Maverick - February 11, 2021 at 05:46 PM

PG

“ Pat And Buzzy Griffin lit a candle in memory of Patrick J. Reilly



Pat and Buzzy Griffin - February 11, 2021 at 05:31 PM

MO

“ Rest In Peace Pat 🙏🙏



Monica - February 11, 2021 at 04:49 PM

FG

“ Francis Griffin lit a candle in memory of Patrick J. Reilly



Francis Griffin - February 11, 2021 at 04:48 PM

JM

I'm so very sad about Pat's passing, I will light a candle as well, take care Buzz.

Judy McFaden - February 12, 2021 at 01:26 PM

AD

“ Atena & David lit a candle in memory of Patrick J. Reilly



Atena & David - February 11, 2021 at 03:38 PM

AW

“ Atena & Ms. Wiggins sent a virtual gift in memory of Patrick J. Reilly



Atena & Ms. Wiggins - February 11, 2021 at 03:37 PM