



Patrick Stephen Pry

May 21, 1952 - November 3, 2020

Patrick Stephen Pry passed into the arms of Jesus on Nov 3, 2020, in the place he loved second most: outdoors, at his deer blind. He'd been known to say that if he ever began to lose his faculties, to put him in his deer blind with a cooler of Diet Coke and Oreos, since that's the only place he'd rather be if not with his family. Born in Houston to the late William "Bill" Pry and Jessie "Ji" Pry on May 21, 1952, the third of three sons, Pat grew up to be a wonderful husband and father as well as a fantastic friend to all fortunate enough to make his acquaintance.

Unbeknownst to Pat, his high school friend Cheryl would later become the love of his life. Pat attended Texas A&M University, where he graduated, as a proud member of the Corps of Cadets in 1974 with a degree in Industrial Distribution. During his sophomore year at Texas A&M, Pat grew closer to God, and became actively involved in his Church. Ever the fearless extrovert, when Pat woke up one morning after college with Cheryl's phone number in his head, he called her up for a date. His bold move worked, and they married in December 1981, thus embarking on a beautiful life of love, raising two sons together, and tucking in his t-shirts [much to his sons' dismay].

Pat was always the first to volunteer for hauling the camp trailer for his sons' Boy Scout troop, or to serve his church community whenever a need arose, especially if that included him getting to be outdoors, drive his tractor, or use the "biggest and baddest" version of whatever tool or vehicle was needed. He loved to shoot and hunt and was quick to offer to teach family or friends to shoot trap. His family fondly remembers some of his best qualities, like unshakable joy, thoughtfulness, consistency, and tremendous work ethic, recalling that he couldn't stand to be idle and preferred to be doing something productive. Working in Houston at Warren Electric, then Appleton, Pat commuted from Huntsville daily for many years without complaint. Unable to bring himself to slow down to full retirement, Pat dabbled in consulting in his final years. In 2019, Pat and Cheryl traveled overseas to Zambia, and enjoyed breathtaking beauty at Victoria Falls, seeing African wildlife on Safari, and appreciating a new perspective of the world. Pat's enormous heart was not merely focused on the scenery or incredible experience; he was moved by seeing the needs of the people close up, and upon returning home, focused more fervently on supporting international mission-work.

Whether stopping on the way home from work to pick up some French Fries for Cheryl, helping Chris wire a new shed, or being available to talk on the phone at any hour to his son Jake, Pat's life was marked by thoughtfulness, big bear hugs, and throwing in dad-jokes at any and every opportunity. Nearly everything Pat did was to connect with his wife, his children, and others. His greatest joys were found in being Cheryl's husband, Jake and Chris' dad, and Jennah's father in law.

Pat is survived by his wife Cheryl Pry; children Jake Pry, Christopher Pry and his wife Jennah; brothers William Pry and Michael Pry. He is preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters-in-law, Sandra Pry and Laura Pry.

Celebration of Pat's Life Service will be held at 10am, Tuesday, Nov 10th, at University Heights Baptist Church, 2400 Sycamore Ave, Huntsville, TX 77340. In lieu of flowers, donations are being accepted in Pat's name to Living Water International (<https://water.cc/aboutlivingwater>), to honor Pat's passion for helping others.

Events

NOV **Celebration of life** 10:00AM
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University Heights Baptist Church
2400 Sycamore Avenue, Huntsville, TX, US

Comments



“ I received the news today, and would like to express my condolences to the Pry family. Pat took me under his wing in 1998 (give or take) when I was a youngster working at Warren Electric. He taught me so much, and showed me the value of a strong work ethic. His sense of humor was unique, intelligent, and sharp. His work ethic was above all others. He never shyed away from a good debate. He loved his family, his country, and his Aggies. He would often speak of the pride he had for his boys Jake and Chris, and his love and devotion to Cheryl. I was lucky to have the privilege to know Pat and to consider him a friend. I could not even begin to list the many things he did for me and how he impacted my life in so many positive ways. Sending thoughts and prayers. -Jimmy Ladd

Jimmy Ladd - November 12, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ I did not know Pat very long. I worked with him for almost a year and during that time he helped me tremendously. He was always very patient and kind. I enjoyed his jokes and his friendly, upbeat personality. He was always sharing stories about his family. You could tell how much he loved each and every one of them. I feel blessed to have known him. He was a wonderful man.

Charlsie - November 10, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ Dear dear Cheryl, Jake, Chris, Jennah & family, so so very sorry for your loss. We hold you tight in our thoughts & to fond memories of our time together. Much love always, Stephen & Anjali (Apologies for double posting, we know not what we do!)

Anjali Sharma - November 10, 2020 at 05:15 AM



“ Pat Pry is a hero in my story. I met him soon after coming to the Woodlands over thirty years ago. He was an amazing man of incredible positive energy with a true heart to serve. At his own initiative and with a little support from me, Pat established and led support groups at Oak Ridge Baptist Church, helping individuals grow in faith and freedom. Later, when God led to the establishment of a Christian retreat center near New Waverly, Pat was instantly available to tame and maintain a hundred acres in the middle of the national forest. At great personal cost, Pat, Cheryl, Jake, and Chris, moved onsite and gave countless hours over many years to provide a place of beauty, hope, and healing for the hundreds who came for ministry there. Our boys grew up together and we did life together in those years at Hidden Manna. I am forever grateful to God for Pat and for Cheryl. I gained much from our relationship and it is impossible to imagine my story without them in it. I am so sad that God called Pat home prematurely. My prayers are with you, Cheryl, and with Jake, Chris, and Jenna.

Paul Looney - November 09, 2020 at 08:07 PM



“ Our families have been intertwined for many, many years. I struggle to place within a few words our feelings for your family and in particular, my dear friend Pat. I first met Pat when we were both very young. His parents purchased all of their farm supplies from my parent's feed store and Pat would come by often. Our friendship began. Pat was a Sophomore when I became a Fish at A&M and he was the first person to greet me and "drop handles" with me.... i.e. I didn't have to call him Mr. Pry, Sir ! He was genuinely interested in my well being and even though we were in different outfits, he helped me and gave me advice. He was like a big brother to me at that time....and I greatly appreciated him.

Over the years, the blessings of wonderful wives and children were added to both Pat and me. We usually would speak by phone every week or so and the conversations always began with Pat asking about each member of our household....then he would have something very complimentary to add concerning each. Then we would enter into the period of our conversation where we would begin laughing ! We told each other the same stories over the years....stories from our days at A&M, about his old deer lease truck and our old truck named "Lucky", driving over the Ship Channel Bridge with circumspect, if any, brakes. This list could go on for a very long time ! Then, the conversation would always travel into the Bible or various Scriptures.

As I remember the Life of My Friend Pat, these words and phrases come to mind. Honest, Loyal, Respectful, Brave, Encouraging, Loving, Leader, Faithful, Dedicated, Love of Family, Love of Friends, and above all A Christian. Pat was faithful to our LORD. What an example you have been to me, Pat.

There is one thing that Pat always said to me just before we concluded our conversations whether by phone or in person. " Mike, I love you, and there is nothing you or anybody else can do about that".

Cheryl, Jake, and Chris...we love you and feel your loss.

Pat.....Until we meet again

mike patrick - November 09, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ May God Bless the Pry Family during this time of extreme sorrow. GREAT man that Patrick! He will be missed.

The Czaicki Family

John, Di, Nancy, Brian, Brett

John Czaicki - November 09, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the Pry Family. I'm fortunate to be able to have met Patrick and will miss our conversations and Corps Stories. “It's just another Corps Trip, "Boys", We'll march in behind the band.”

It was Judgment Day in Aggieland
And tenseness filled the air;
All knew there was a trip at hand,
But not a soul knew where.

Assembled on the drill field
Was the world-renowned Twelfth Man,
The entire fighting Aggie team
And the famous Aggie Band.

And out in front with Royal Guard
The reviewing party stood;
St. Peter and his angel staff
Were choosing bad from good.

First he surveyed the Aggie team
And in terms of an angel swore,
“By Jove, I do believe I've seen
This gallant group before.

I've seen them play since way back when,
And they've always had the grit;
I've seen 'em lose and I've seen 'em win,
But I've never seen 'em quit.

No need for us to tarry here
Deciding upon their fates;
Tis plain as the halo on my head
That they've opened Heaven's gates.”

And when the Twelfth Man heard this,
They let out a mighty yell
That echoed clear to Heaven
and shook the gates of Hell.

“And what group is this upon the side,”
St. Peter asked his aide,
“That swelled as if to burst with pride
When we our judgment made?”

“Why, sir, that's the Cadet Corps
That's known both far and wide
For backing up their fighting team
Whether they won, lost or tied.”

“Well, then,” said St. Peter,
“It’s very plain to me
That within the realms of Heaven
They should spend eternity.

And have the Texas Aggie Band
At once commence to play
For their fates too we must decide
Upon this crucial day.”

And the drum major so hearing
Slowly raised his hand
And said, “Boys, let’s play The Spirit
For the last time in Aggieland.”

And the band poured forth the anthem
In notes both bright and clear
And ten thousand Aggie voices
Sang the song they hold so dear.

And when the band had finished,
St. Peter wiped his eyes
And said, “It’s not so hard to see
They’re meant for Paradise.”

And the colonel of the Cadet Corps said
As he stiffly took his stand,
“It’s just another Corps Trip, boys,
We’ll march in behind the band.”

- by P.H. DuVal, Jr.'51

Philip Gomez - November 09, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick Stephen Pry.



November 09, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ My deepest condolences to Cheryl and family for your loss. I was saddened to hear the news about Pat. I feel that I am a better person for having known him. I will forever cherish our talks about faith, family and life. I know my simple words cannot carry much comfort to your family, but I know he will always be looking over each of you just as he always has.

Woody Gates - November 09, 2020 at 10:03 AM



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Bill Pry - November 09, 2020 at 08:31 AM



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Bill Pry - November 08, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Patrick Stephen Pry.



November 07, 2020 at 04:55 PM



“ I remember visiting with Pat and Cheryl at their home. Something came up that required Pat to use his pocket knife. When Ken saw it, he pulled out his own. We all laughed. Their knives were identical. Of course they were!

Linda Blalock - November 07, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ I just heard the news and my heart is broken for you, Jake, Chris, and Jenna. You and Pat played such a pivotal role in our lives as friends and mentors over our years together at UHBC and then offered me such strong comfort and support in my own darkest hour. Pat was a servant leader, so kind and generous with his time, and I enjoyed his sense of humor too. May you feel God's presence sustaining you in a very special way right now and in the days to come. You are loved.

Carol - November 07, 2020 at 01:51 PM



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Linda Blalock - November 07, 2020 at 12:40 PM



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“ I arrived at the Pat Pry party a little late in life. When Ken and I fell in love, he needed to take me home to meet his “brother” of 50+ years—Pat. He and Cheryl welcomed us to stay in their home—what I’ll always remember as a slice of heaven—for a week. We talked together, ate together, and prayed together, and I’m pretty sure that they both gave me their stamp of approval. As Ken and I became family, they became mine as well. Pat was a pillar of strength, integrity, and love in the lives of those who around him. I am so blessed by having him in my life, and while we’ll miss his larger-than-life presence, his support, and his laughter--oh that laughter!--I look forward to us all being together again in heaven.

Linda Blalock - November 07, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ Ken, Linda, and David Blalock purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Patrick Stephen Pry.



Ken, Linda, and David Blalock - November 07, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patrick Stephen Pry.



November 06, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Patrick Stephen Pry



M. Hyvl - November 06, 2020 at 10:38 PM



“ Sweet Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Patrick Stephen Pry.



November 06, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ I had the privilege of working closely with Pat at both Warren and Appleton for parts of three decades. His loyal friendship, concern for others, and love of God were inspirational to me. He was loved by so many and will be sorely missed. The next Aggie Muster will honor a remarkable real life hero. God Speed, Pat.

John Peterson - November 06, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ Pat was the real deal, all in 100% when it came to family, friends and community. His obituary summarizes a life of goodness, generosity and deep Christian faith. I'm thankful for the gift of Pat's friendship these some thirty years. The world lost a great man, but Heaven gained a great organizer, volunteer, coach, mentor and so many other great talents Pat possessed. Prayers of peace of comfort during this time.

Craig Morris

Craig Morris - November 06, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patrick Stephen Pry.



November 06, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Patrick Stephen Pry.



November 06, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ I was a fish under Pat. Even as a sophomore he was tough, but caring. His first priority was that we were doing alright mentally and academically. Looking at his obituary I can see now that his concern for us was always real. Pat was one of my role models in how to be an upperclassman when my turn came around. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.

Mike Webb Class of 75 in Animal Eight.

Michael Webb - November 06, 2020 at 07:22 PM



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Wendell M. Viktorin - November 06, 2020 at 05:25 PM



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