



Patrick Kepler

June 15, 1968 - February 17, 2024

It is with a heavy heart, we are sorry to share that Patrick Kepler age 55 peacefully passed away on February 17, 2024. Beloved son of the late George and Margaret. Dear brother of Faith, Jack, Louis (Nanci), Eugene (Maria), Sarah (Ron), Annie, Sara (Andy), Peggy, Ralph, Georgiana, Vincent, and Albert. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. He is survived by his dear friend, Stacy Zachar, who gave Patrick the gift of life by donating her kidney to him. Patrick was a survivor of a rough road and fought a heroic battle facing severe health issues from a young age until the very end. Music was his passion, playing guitar and drums from a young age, he often used his skills as a master electrician to set up stages for bands. Patrick was a loving person who cared about family, friends and animals. The world is "less cool" in his passing and he will be dearly missed.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

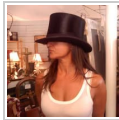
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Tribute Wall



“ *My husband and I came to know Patrick through working with his brother Eugene who we loved (and miss!) dearly. What laughter he brought to our jobs. What incredible grit, spirit and determination he shared in a world sorely in need of it. I'm sure he will be missed and to the Kepler family, know your brothers/uncles/husbands/partners are remembered with love and fondness. Marisa Gaggino, Rick and Wyatt Gage*

Marisa Gaggino - March 20, 2024 at 04:10 PM



And fathers!!!

Marisa Gaggino - March 20, 2024 at 04:11 PM

LK

“ I'm Laura, Patrick's niece & goddaughter. As a young child I knew him as my Uncle Patrick-trick; then later, when he had long rockstar hair and - became the proud owner of a sporty Dodge Dakota, he graduated to Uncle Pa-truck. One time I had left him a note that did not allow room for me to write out his full name just "Uncle P", he thought it was cool, so of course I did too, and that was that.

My Uncle P was the coolest! He was a highly intelligent man, more than he ever gave himself credit for. He was very musically inclined and not only did he march to the beat of his own drum but he also had great talent in playing them. He was also a very hardworking master electrician but his work never came before the people that he loved and cared about. That says a lot because he cared so much about all of the people in his life and there are so many. One of the many reasons that he was so great is that he had no filter or room for bullshit. You never had to wonder if he was being straight with you because he was a real as it gets. Anyone that knew him knows that he was the truest of friends and he was always there to lend a hand to anyone who needed him.

He stood by me through every hardship in my life and still every single memory that I have with him is a good one. He had this magical power that would make all of the sadness disappear and somehow everything would suddenly be okay.

He had his own unique language that everyone could understand but no-one could ever reproduce. It's like my brother in-law-Corey said, " He was a leader, not a follower". As I read through some of the heart felt condolences of his friends, I came across one that really stood out to me. It said "He could make you laugh with a super-off-color statement, and then, in the next breath - say something profound, meaningful, & soullful". I - especially liked it when he used the term "mongaloid".

One of the memories that I like to revisit the most took place on Christmas at my Aunt Sara's house (Patrick's sister). It was a very

happy time in his life. He came with his sweet fiancé Lainy and he brought a newly released album to listen to that he was a part of. The album was called 3:33 by Zug Izland whose members are also his good friends. The entire family gathered together, got cozy, dimmed the lights.. and just enjoyed the music. It was a very magical moment that I will never forget.

I will forever cherish every moment, conversation, and memory that I have with him. He was one of a kind and to say that he will be greatly missed is an understatement. With his passing he took an irreplaceable piece of our hearts. My heart goes out to all of the people who loved my Uncle P. May his spirit live on through the many people whose lives that he touched.

Laura Kepler-Novak - March 17, 2024 at 07:33 AM

DM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David Monroe - February 24, 2024 at 01:58 PM

RI

“ We grew up together, went to school, dreamed of being rock stars, chased girls, pulled all-nighters, went on road trips and vacations, went to concerts, we worked and lived together, we wrote silly songs and made our own music. He called me right after waking up from his first kidney transplant and I felt his pain and passed out and hit the floor. Now I have a 1" scar on my cheek to remember him by. We did a lot together and I have so many memories of us screwing around and just doing what friends do. He invited me over to Marilyn's grad party in 87 and I would end up marrying her after that.

It's sad to see you go so soon, but I am so grateful to have a mountain of memories that will be with me forever.

*Love You Bro
Rick*

Rick - February 24, 2024 at 11:46 AM



Lovely tribute

Jennifer Kepler - February 24, 2024 at 06:38 PM

LH

“ *Lily Heckard lit a candle in memory of Patrick Kepler*



Lily Heckard - February 24, 2024 at 10:19 AM

LH

A kindred spirit with his caring nature, love of animals, and sometimes quirky wit.

Lily Heckard - February 24, 2024 at 10:31 AM

KS

“ We met Patrick when he came into our business- the Daily Dozen. He always made us smile when he walked in since he brought great conversation and plenty of laughs. He was a skilled craftsman who did top notch work for us on several occasions. He and I would reminisce about the old club days. His passing was a shock to us all. He will be greatly missed.

kurt sinnamon - February 22, 2024 at 06:41 PM

LF

“ Love, April, Jennifer and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick Kepler.

Love, April, Jennifer and families - February 22, 2024 at 11:19 AM

LF

“ Love, April, Jennifer and families purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patrick Kepler.



Love, April, Jennifer and families - February 22, 2024 at 11:19 AM

HK

“ You burned brighter than any star. You were outrageous and kind. If it's had 100 years with you it wouldn't have been enough. I will miss you every day.... Until I see you in The Summerland.... 💜



Hoobie Kaylor - February 22, 2024 at 11:01 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patrick Kepler.*



February 22, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ *Rick & Mimi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick Kepler.*

Rick & Mimi - February 21, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ *Rick & Mimi purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Patrick Kepler.*



Rick & Mimi - February 21, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear this. May his memory be a blessing.*

Leslie Merritt - February 21, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ *The Detroit Cornice & Slate Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Patrick Kepler.*



The Detroit Cornice & Slate Family - February 21, 2024 at 09:28 AM

SC

“ Oh man I'm not sure where to start. I was just over there drinking coffee with him and just catching up. He was such a great friend and always rocking out. Rock on pat. It's not goodbye brother it's see ya later.

Shaun carney. - February 20, 2024 at 09:51 PM

LK

Thank you Shaun ❤️

Laura Kepler-Novak - March 17, 2024 at 07:44 AM



“ Patrick was an amazing human and a good friend of mine. Reading all the comments on this Tribute Wall has truly put a smile on my face. It illustrates exactly who Patrick was: an intelligent, hard-working, respectful man who would do anything for you.

He always referred to me as the gizmologist and I would always be willing to help him with odd jobs that required my expertise. I've had a lot of memorable moments with Patrick, as have all of you. One of the most memorable for me was when he called me in a frantic one summer night around 8:30PM asking if I could help him fix a "busted piece of junk Chinese candy machine" in Flint, MI. That made me laugh so I drove up there that night and we got it all figured out. The only kicker was I thought we were going to a fun colorful candy shop for kids or something, turns out it was a dispensary!

I'm grateful for every adventure we've had together throughout the years. He will always hold a special place in my heart.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his entire family.

Keep Rockin' out in Heaven Patrick. 🎸 🥁 🤘

Rest in Power my dear friend. ⚡

P.S. I made this (attached) tribute to him that I'll be framing so I can continue to see his shenanigans and always be reminded that he is smiling down on us.

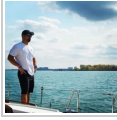


Gianluca Mantovano - February 20, 2024 at 04:37 PM

JE

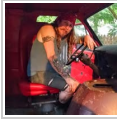
Thank you for all of your lovely comments and your friendship to my uncle.

jennifer - February 21, 2024 at 05:39 PM



You're very welcome Jennifer.

Gianluca Mantovano - February 21, 2024 at 06:16 PM



Jennifer Patrick's been a friend of mine since childhood. if i can help the family in anyway please please ask. im only a few miles away

Brian Spezia - February 22, 2024 at 11:57 AM

LK

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE IT!!! Thanks so very much for this beautiful dedication to Patrick. This is truly amazing ❤️

Laura Kepler-Novak - March 17, 2024 at 07:51 AM

KH

“ Patrick was a fun loving guy! He would take me to get tacos once in a blue moon! I loved our talks and his knowledge of music. He would give you the shoes on his feet the shirt off his back ! Truly a beautiful soul . He would get excited about life easy and had a ton of funny stories to tell. He was always helpful with our electrical work and art light shows we did. Thank you Patrick ! We will miss you buddy!!

Katie Hawley - February 20, 2024 at 12:34 PM

YB

“ Your Cousin In Boston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick Kepler.

Your Cousin In Boston - February 20, 2024 at 12:15 PM

YB

“ *Your Cousin In Boston purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patrick Kepler.*



Your Cousin In Boston - February 20, 2024 at 12:15 PM

DG

“ *I met Patrick when he did the electric upgrade in my new house. He saw my large record collection and asked me a few questions about music. I got the idea he was trying to stump me. He didn't. We became fast friends, and he would go to show with me. He would call me 2 or 3 times a month for a long chat. He would work himself up in a rant and I learned to shut that down. I would tell him I would hang up if he didn't chill, and he would. And later would thanks me for reeling him in. He was such a kind, funny and generous guy. I wish he got to see how many people really cared about him.*

Dave Grogan - February 20, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ I met Patrick in the summer of 82 at CYO summer camp. At the time he was about the wildest unruly person id ever met, we instantly became friends and we've been friends ever since. I've got stories from the 80s running the streets with Patrick that people today find hard to believe and whenever I loose a friend like Patrick it sucks all the more because he'd have details that id be unable to recall, and when we lose our friends we loose part of ourselves with them, cherished times we've spent having the time of our lives together. i called him Planet K (Kepler) because he was from another planet lol.. Patrick did things on his terms in his way. He was a absolutely amazing master electrician. I worked with him when possible to help him out. His professionalism was electric and often eccentric but that's why we all loved him so much. he was absolutely unique very opinionated (he loved mayonnaise lamo) and just slightly outspoken lol.. eating out with him was never dull, doing anything with him was never dull. we've had a couple falling outs over the years but we always wound up laughing our asses off together again at some point soon. I hadn't spoken to him in awhile, and now this. I really regret not dialing him up and sayin HEY! what's up planet K!? sometimes life shows you all too late the carelessness of even the shortest pauses in friendship could be the last and man i so regret not dialing you up. Well,..... the spirit worlds in for a big shake up....look out God Planet Keplers in the house.. our loss is his gain... until i see ya down the road my friend.. thanks for all the love wisdom and adventures! give Gracie, Ace and Jezebel a big hug for me will ya.

Brian Spezia - February 20, 2024 at 12:04 AM

LK

Beautiful! Much love & gratitude from planet Kepler. Thank you Brian



Laura Kepler-Novak - March 17, 2024 at 07:41 AM

YW

“ Your family in the west planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick Kepler.

Your family in the west - February 19, 2024 at 11:58 PM



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



February 19, 2024 at 11:58 PM

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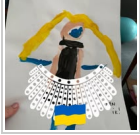
“ A very fond moment, many years ago, was our visit to Michigan when Patrick received his kidney transplant. Ironically the 6 for 6 match kidney flew to Ann Arbor from somewhere in Florida...within 24 hours of our flight. Even though this was a challenging time, Patrick was filled with hope. The transplant was a success and we were all so thankful. He was loved by many and has left this world too soon. R.I.P. little brother.

Sarah L Tucker - February 19, 2024 at 09:16 PM

DG

He spoke of you often and with sincere love.

Dave Grogan - February 20, 2024 at 09:51 AM



“ His obituary is far from complete- with Sisters Sarah (Ron) and Annie/Annette, Georgiana, brothers Eugene, Jack, Albert and Vince missing, - his son Vincent, and numerous nieces and nephews, and oh so many people who loved him. Patrick was always well intentioned- even when he was a young punk, placing his used gum in my hair and- I swear- he was the one who gave me chicken pox when I was three and a half- but he also protected me, took me to my first concert, loved me, told me how it was and was oh so extremely cool. Very recently, he told me I was his favorite, and the smartest- but I am smart enough to know he told that line to all of us- because, honestly, we were all his favorite, at any given time. He will be so missed.

Jennifer Kepler - February 19, 2024 at 04:52 PM