



Patrick Palmer

March 24, 1954 - February 7, 2013

Patrick J. Palmer, 58, husband of Joanne (Cunfer) Palmer, of Royersford, passed away suddenly on Thursday, February 7, 2013 in the Pottstown Memorial Medical Center. Born in Pottsville, PA he was the son of the late Margaret "Peggy" (Palmer) Hoinski and the eldest of siblings, brothers Edmond, Michael, and Bill. Raised in Shenandoah, he was president of his senior class at Shenandoah Valley High School and graduated in 1972. While in high school, he was a dedicated member of the football, basketball, and track teams. He held a school record in shot put and scored the winning touchdown in the last game of his high school career. In 1985, his life changed tremendously when he received God's grace with a spiritual awakening. From that time forward, he dedicated his life to helping others and gave generously of his time, talents, and treasures for the rest of his life. Education was very important to him and he graduated from Alvernia University in 1990 with a Bachelor's degree in addictions study and from Chestnut Hill College in 1993 with his Master's degree in counseling psychology with an emphasis in addictions. He was an enthused learner, constantly thirsting after knowledge and teaching himself new skills and hobbies. He also loved sharing his knowledge. He taught undergraduate classes as an adjunct professor in the addictions study and helped develop the Master's program in addictions study at Alvernia University. Professionally he held many jobs and titles within the human service field. He worked as a program manager in a group home for people with developmental disabilities at River Crest Center. He worked at

Rehab After Work and at a variety of agencies as a therapist. In 1993, he branched out and opened the Recovery Network in Pottstown and Phoenixville, a private therapy practice. For several years he proudly served as the president of the Pennsylvania Board of Certification. In 1994 he became a crucial part of the development of a new outpatient behavioral healthcare agency in Philadelphia called the Wedge Medical Center. He quickly became the CEO and dedicated himself to the WMC and Wedge Recovery Centers in that capacity for the past 18 years, providing the leadership and recovery philosophy with inspired vision. "The Wedge" is currently the largest private for profit behavioral outpatient agency in Philadelphia and employs over 200 people. Pat loved life, a good laugh, and telling the stories of growing up "in the coal region", always surrounded by family and friends. He was a fan of Notre Dame football, the Phillies, and the Philadelphia Eagles. He was intrigued by films in a variety of genres and from different eras, often recommending movies to those he met. He loved the music of John Prine, the Grateful Dead, and many other classic rock bands from the 70's. He treasured the time he spent with family and friends at ABOWD (absolutely beyond our wildest dreams), a special place of peace and serenity; a place to honor God for all of His blessings. Towards the end of his life, he became an avid firearms and weapons enthusiast and believed passionately in the existence of both Bigfoot and aliens. Patrick is survived by his wife of twenty-four years Joanne, his three children, Keith Patrick, Kelly, and Allison and her boyfriend, Philip Yost, and two brothers, Edmond Rozew of Shenandoah PA, and Michael Rozew of Texas. He was preceded in death by his beloved brother William "Bill" Rozew. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his memorial service on Saturday, February 16th, 2012 at 2 PM at the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford. Guests will be received from 1-2 PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made in Patrick's name to the Salvation Army of Pottstown. Condolences may be offered online at www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

DD

“ Betsy and I express our sorry and regrets on Patrick's passing. He was an asset to Lake Henry and a friend who we didn't get to know even better. He will always be in our prayers.

Donald & Elizabeth Slover - donmets2@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

MM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You have my sincere sympathy.

Marti Green - Martha.Green@nationalpenn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

RC

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Pat, I had the chance to work with Pat from 1997 - 2003. I Pray that God gives his Family the strength that they need to get through this transition. God Bless all of you.

Rotasha D. Butler- Crowe - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

KD

“ I pray that you and your family have peace and blessings during this time in your lives...I will continue to pray for your family... Thank You

Kim Dunaway - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

TT

“ Joanne and family, my deepest sympathy at Pats passing. He truly was a great and inspirational person.i graduated from Shenandoah Valley and Pat and I were team mates while playing for the Blue Devils. I had the pleasure of knowing him all my life. I will truly miss him.

Tom and Diann Coyle - Tcoyle2@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DN

“ My deepest and most respectful condolences in the loss of your dear husband! I could not even begin to imagine the pain of losing my partner in life. May you continue to find comfort and hope in the Bible's promises that we will see our loved ones again, here on a restored paradise earth. - Isaiah 26:19; Psalm 37:29. Yes, we are promised that our dear loved ones lost in death shall arise to life again here on a restored paradise earth. -Acts 24:15. May we all live our lives in such a way that we will be there to greet them! The Bible tells us how. I encourage you to investigate Jehovah God's true promises for us all. Sorrowfully submitted, Denise Brown NeiceyBrown-mail@yahoo.com www.jw.org

Denise Brown - NeiceyBrown-mail@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

PF

“ We' re sorry to hear about your loss. Thinking of you during this time. With thoughts and prayers, Patrick Beckett (Mary Jane Beckett's son)

Patrick Beckett & family - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

PP

“ Joanne, Allison, Keith and Kelly We were all saddened when we heard of Pat's passing. Pat was a true visionary and an inspiration to so many; touched the lives of so many people but most importantly the devotion to his family was always present. So often he spoke of all you with such love and pride. I have worked with Pat over many years and each time I walked into his office he would show me something the kids drew or wrote, or something Joanne made, accomplishments and on and on. No matter the task at hand, you all were always held close to his heart every minute of the day. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time of grief. Pat McGarvey, Beth and Stephanie

Pat McGarvey - pmcgarvey5@msn.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

TT

“ To Joanne and family - I am so sorry for your loss of Pat. I knew him through PCB and loved his passion, his commitment, his energy and his big heart and laugh. He personally encouraged me in ways that he probably never knew - and I had many a wonderful, irreverent laugh in his presence. I am heartbroken for all of you. May the love of family, friends and God surround you and support you as you try to define life without Pat.

Terry Jackson - terryj@concentric.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

MI

“ DEAR MRS. JOANNE & FAMILY WE ARE SO SADDEN ABOUT THE LOST OF "PAT",HE WAS SUCH A LOVING AND CARING PERSON.PAT HAD A HEART BIG AS TEXAS. HE WAS A WONDERFUL FRIEND,MENTOR AS WELL AS A FATHER FIGURE TO ME FOR 19 YEARS,HE WILL BE TURLY MISSED BY ALL. IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU AND THE FAMILY WE ARE ONLY A CALL A WAY.PAT WILL ALWAYS LIVE IN OUR HEARTS AND MIND FOREVER ON. GOD BLESS THE FAMILY,

MR & MRS POTTER & THE RECOVERY KING FAMILY - IRAIRAPOT@AOL.COM
- July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DH

“ Joanne and family, Please accept our sympathy. I have treasured memories of Pat. He was a great person and his memory will live on forever.

Dr. Harold Carter - haroldc.phoenix@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

JE

“ Joanne, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. My deepest sympathies to you and your children.

Joan (Esposito) Ednie - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

JJ

“ My deepest sympathy at the passing of Pat. We were high school classmates. Pat was a kind and compassionate soul.

Janis Roguskie - janisjade@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

BG

“ Rest In Peace my friend and mentor, you meant so much to me Pat, you will always be my inspiration! I will never forget everything you taught me. I will see you someday up in heaven

Brian Gadinski - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

PP

“ Hello Joanne, I was shocked when I saw the paper today and read about Pat's passing. I didn't know Pat very well but I lost my husband 3 years ago and I know how very hard this time is. This healing takes a very long time. If I can be of any help please let me know.

Peggy Cox - peggyc7737@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

SM

“ Dear members of the family: My deepest sympathy for the passing of Pat. I watched him grow into a terrific role-model as well a wonderful man. He was a great athlete, a person who you can really call a friend. Pat always went out of his way to make sure you were his friend. I wrote many a sports story on Pat and I knew how much he overcame in his lifetime. He is with the Good Lord. Sam Matta

Sam Matta - mattadata@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

LH

“ It is with a heavy heart that I send condolences to the Palmer family. Pat's dedication and passion for service to others was contagious, I know this because it propelled me to finish my education in the field of helping. I will remember his cigars, the 3 stooges and a hearty laugh. He offered a nurturing hand and guiding spirit. This lion among men will be missed. - LaTonya Holmes-McCurry

LaTonya Holmes-McCurry - holmesl@nursing.upenn.edu - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

HM

“ Joanne & kids, We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Love to all. Heather, Mickey & Samantha

Heather, Mickey & Samantha Moyer - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

PD

“ Palmer Family, I am very sorry for your loss. I attended high school with Pat and graduated with the class of '72. I also grew up in the same neighborhood as Pat. He surely did enjoy a good laugh. May he rest in peace.

Patricia Lorah Dillensnyder - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

CR

“ So sorry to hear about Pat, Our prayers are with you and your family. I'm sure him and Billy are watching down on everybody. Wish we could be there, please accept our condolences and if you need anything please let us know.

cindy and Jason (creasy)Grohol - redlocks101@yahoo.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

LY

“ Joanne, Kelly, Keith, Ally & Phil, I am so sorry for your great loss. My heart breaks that you have to feel this pain. I am so sorry Philip and I never had the pleasure of meeting Pat. Tough they never met on earth, Pat and Philip most certainly met in heaven; sharing their love of movies, music, guns and their precious gifts from God - Phil and Ally. God be with you and give you the peace only He can provide. ~Lisa

Lisa Yost - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

JM

“ I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of Pat. I remember back in school what a great guy he was. May his family find strength to get through this difficult time. God Bless!

Joan Piekarsky Matukewicz - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

RS

“ Palmers, I was greatly saddened to hear the news of Pat's passing. I'm sure it came as a surprize to all. He was a great man and was a real blessing in my life. I will miss him dearly. Please accept my sincere condolences. I am sure that Pat continues to smile upon us all from the Heavens Above. May God be with you all and give you strength in this time. Regards, - Rex

Rex "reximus" Ribelin - shootlongsendit@gmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

GB

“ Dear Joanne, Allison, Keith, Kelly, and Phil,

We are heartbroken to hear of Pats passing. He was such a big hearted soul , so generous with his time ,support, knowledge ,caring , wonderful sense of humor ,love of music and stories and so much more.

We were so lucky to have spent time at ABOWD with you . It's such an example to me of the way Pat loved people without holding back and wanted everyone to share his joy. I remember even though his back was hurting a lot he did all he could to see that we had a wonderful visit.

He spent so many hours helping us to navigate through my sisters illness . We are so very grateful for his unstinting love and giving spirit during that most difficult time- he was the rock we clung to. He knew how to love people and to give them hope - even in the face of hard realities.

He was so proud of you, Joanne, and of Allison, Keith and Kelly. He just soared with pride when he talked about all of you , and wanted all the best for you. I know he is with you in spirit as you go through these hard days. He would never leave you alone willingly in this life so I know his spirit is with you every painful minute.

Sending you our deep sympathy, love and prayers. Godspeed my dear, dear cousin.

Ginny & Tom Booth - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

KK

“ We are very sorry to hear this sad news. We are classmates of Pat, Leo played football with Pat and we all were friends throughout our high school years, Class of '72. Our deepest condolences to all of you.

Karen & Leo Kayes - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

DK

“ Dear Joanne, Kelly, Keith, and Alison, We are absolutely shocked and feel deeply for your loss. Patrick is a wonderful man who has been so giving to others in his life. God has chosen an Angel to go home. We will miss him. If you need anything at all, please call upon us. We miss you and wish we had you and Patrick back in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you all at this most sorrowful time. Darrell & Karen Lewis

Darrell & karen Lewis - kdlewis87@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM