



Patrick J. Gara

May 23, 1955 - January 9, 2014

Clifton Park-Patrick J. Gara, Sr, 58, passed peacefully Thursday, January 9, 2014 at St. Peter's Hospital. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Philip and Mildred Murphy Gara and was a lifelong resident of the Albany area.

Pat graduated from Bishop Gibbons, Class of 1973 and Siena College, Class of 1977. He had a 20 year career in the grocery industry as Vice President of Ross Davis Food Brokerage and then New York Food Broker-EMS Ferolie Group. More recently he was Co-Owner of Partners in Remodeling, Inc., home remodelers.

When in the food industry, Pat was highly involved with the trade associations as a past president of the Grocery Manufacturers Representatives of Eastern New York and treasurer of the Eastern New York Food Brokers Association.

Pat was treasurer of the Redwood Men's Bowling League and enjoyed life keeping active with golf, bowling, reading, traveling and spending time with his loving wife, children and grandchildren.

Pat leaves behind his most beloved wife Debra Nero Murphy Gara. He was the dear father of Kelley Gilbert (Todd), Patrick Gara, Jr (Maria), Scott Gara (Devery), Tara Murphy and Conor Murphy; cherished "Papa Pat" to Benjamin, Ryan, Rachel and Ellis. Pat was the brother of Philip Gara, MD, Michael Gara,

Ph.D., John Gara, Dennis Gara and Sharon Gara Gaffney. Many nieces, nephews and friends survive.

Funeral services Monday, January 13, 2014 at 10:15 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to St. Pius X Church, Loudonville at 11:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Relatives and friends are invited and may call Sunday, January 12, 2014 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home. Interment Our Lady of Angels Cemetery. Those wishing to remember Pat in a special way may send a contribution to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Road, Albany, NY 12205.

To leave the family a message on their guest book, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Road
Loudonville, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Patrick J. Gara*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - January 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patrick J. Gara*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *To family: May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all face."*

Montana - November 24, 2015 at 06:22 PM



“ *My name is Patrick O'Callaghan,I went to Our Lady of Angels with Patrick. I'am so sorry for your loss. I remember him being a great student & very caring even at that young age. May God bless him & your family at this time.
His friend, Patrick O' Callaghan*

Patrick O' Callaghan - January 30, 2014 at 08:11 PM

ES

“ *pat is a good man. he was the rock that kept our part of the world (redwood men's bowling league) together. I will greatly miss him ed snead*

ed snead - January 15, 2014 at 04:31 PM

LA

“ *Gara family,
Our prayers for you are for your comfort and peace that passes all understanding as all of you start a new time in your life. A time where memories make footprints on your heart as you think of all the "remember whens" and smile. God Bless you.*

Bland family

laurie - January 14, 2014 at 07:31 AM

KP

“ *Family,
We're believing God to give you all the strength and comfort you need right now. It will help if when you think of this very handsome and joyful man, you see him sitting the feet of Jesus laughing, so happy to be in His presence. You can rejoice with him! Karen and Kerry Petersen*

Kerry and Karen Petersen - January 13, 2014 at 02:54 PM

JA

“ *Everyone,*

I'm with you in prayer and thoughts today. My heart goes out to Deb, my cousins and all the family. I love all of you very much and please accept my deepest condolences. He will be missed but never forgotten. Love you, Jay.

Jay Adams - January 12, 2014 at 08:43 PM

MA

“ Dear Gara family and friends,
Please accept my deepest sympathy and prayers at this sorrowful time at the passing of Patrick. The legacy he leaves for us includes his love of family and friends and a compassionate unselfishness extended to all who knew him personally and professionally. May he rest in peace with all the angels and saints.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"
Matthew 5:4.

Sincerely and with love, Aunt Mary Andrus (Adams)

Mary M. Andrus - January 12, 2014 at 06:00 PM

MS

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Mike Sue - January 12, 2014 at 12:32 PM

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Mike Sue - January 12, 2014 at 06:38 AM

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Ebbie van wagenen - January 11, 2014 at 08:30 PM

CS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. He was a terrific guy who brought laughter to so many. I had the pleasure of knowing him through his affiliation with the GMR and as a fellow officer and past President of the organization. He gave so much to so many in the business world.*

He was also part of our Siena community, he in the class of '77 and I a year before in '76.

May God bless Pat and may his family know what a special human being he truly was.

Charlie Smith

Charlie Smith - January 11, 2014 at 08:23 PM

BB

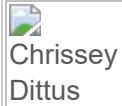
“ *Deb and family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. The time we were able to spend with Patrick and all of you at Maria and Patrick's wedding means a lot to us; for now, we have memories of him that will always be with us. It was a pleasure to be able to spend time with such a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time and the days to come.

The Blands,

Bryan, Laurie, Lyndsay and Marisa

Bryan and Laurie Bland - January 11, 2014 at 08:16 PM



Chrissey
Dittus

“ *Beautiful tribute to a wonderful person. Will miss that great smile!!
Love, his cousin Chrissey*

Chrissey Dittus - January 11, 2014 at 06:58 PM

JO

“ *22 files added to the album Pat*



John - January 11, 2014 at 05:30 PM

MS

“ *Deb and Family,
We are deeply saddened by the news of Pat's passing. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May his
memories and the love of family give you strength in the days
ahead.*

Mike Sue - January 11, 2014 at 06:59 AM

AW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Alexandra Wagner - January 11, 2014 at 06:21 AM

BI

“ *Deb and family,
Words cannot express my feelings for your loss. Pat was not only
my friend, he was and always will be my brother.*
Brian Ilacqua

Brian Ilacqua - January 10, 2014 at 06:19 PM

SU

*Deb and family,
When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a
treasure. Tres and I will always treasure meeting Pat and the wonderful
Gara family. We feel so fortunate for the joy and happiness we were
able to share at the union of our families. Our thoughts and prayers are
with you.*
Susan and Tres

susan - January 11, 2014 at 04:22 PM