

## **Patrick Robert Sepnieski**

Patrick “Pat” Sepnieski, age 68, died unexpectedly yet peacefully on March 4, 2024 at the U of M Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Patrick was born April 10, 1955 to Patrick and DeLoris Sepnieski in Manitowoc, WI. He grew up in Two Rivers, WI and later New Holstein WI. In 1973 he graduated from NHHS and was a proud Husky alum. He loved being with his classmates at every reunion or family event. Soon after, Pat moved to Minneapolis to attend Brown Institute where he earned a degree in broadcasting. It was there he met the McConville family who became life long friends. He spent several years on the air as a DJ in the metro area and Fond du Lac WI.

Starting in 1982, Pat worked at the Edina Country Club. He met Ivan Janssen and Marv Hanson, they enjoyed a few trips to Vegas and going to the track. Patrick was asked to be the godfather to Ivan and his wife Janet’s baby girl. Unbeknownst to him, the godmother was Janet’s sister Peggy. One baptism and a shared hymnal later, his fate was sealed.

After eloping to Chicago in 1986, Patrick and Peggy were married at the Cook County Courthouse with Chris and Richard Andres as witnesses. The newlyweds settled in Minnetonka with daughter Johanna and baby Alyssa on the way.

Patrick’s charismatic personality led him to a successful career in sales. Working in the copier industry, he held positions at NA Trading, Imaging Path, and Katun corporation. Making connections was easy for Patrick, so naturally office co-workers were family to him, and customers from coast to coast became good friends. He was a hard worker and very competitive in both work and play. The weekly basketball games with guys of varying skills was a favorite activity.

Patrick and his family relocated to Olympia, WA in 1998. They spent time exploring the beautiful terrain and loved driving to the ocean coast on the weekend. Not to miss out on any event, Pat made sure the family drove across the state to visit Johanna at Washington State University many times.

Johanna and Alyssa recall him as a kind, funny and loving father. He was a knight in shining armor, always there for his girls when they needed him. One call away and both girls knew they had someone by their side. Patrick was an excellent role model to his sons-in-law, Michael and Kamran. He had high expectations of them in many aspects of life, but most importantly maintaining his high standards of family life.

Undoubtedly, Patrick’s proudest title would be “Papa” to Nolan, Kamdin, Trevor, Azan and Rayan. Each boy was a beacon of light in his eye. The boys loved him beyond words and called him THE BEST! A trip to Lambeau Field to see the Green Bay Packers and meet Papa’s friend Joe Langenfeld was a highlight.

As a recent retiree, Patrick was passionate about living life to the fullest. He and Peggy took wonderful trips to different parts of the world, and had more planned. Even after traveling to such places as Italy, Africa, and India, Patrick’s favorite destination was the cabin on Silver Lake in Battle Lake, MN. In 2021, Pat and Peggy made it their full time home. Pat’s generous soul loved hosting events especially if he was grilling brats and cheering for the Packers.

In the midst of all his ambitious plans at the lake, playing golf at Balmoral, and playing pickleball at the YMCA, he was a devoted husband to Peggy. He supported and encouraged her creative endeavors. From gathering art supplies, to attending shows together, he was her biggest fan and promoter. Their love and respect for one another was unconditional.

Music was in Pat’s soul and if not listening to music from his vinyl collection, he would be humming and tapping along to a song in his heart.

***“As long as there are memories, yesterday remains. As long as there is hope, tomorrow awaits. As long as there is friendship, today is beautiful”  
-Billy Joel***

Patrick is survived by his wife Peggy A. Olson of Battle Lake, daughters Johanna (Michael) Bounds of Golden Valley, Alyssa (Kamran Siddiqui) Sepnieski of Bloomington, Grandsons Nolan Bounds, Kamdin Siddiqui, Trevor Bounds, Azan Siddiqui and Rayan Siddiqui. Mother DeLoris Sepnieski of New Holstein, WI, parents in-law LeVine and Patricia Olson of Battle Lake, sister Margaret Sepnieski of Chilton WI, brothers Steve (Beth) Sepnieski of Mesa AZ, James (Danielle) Sepnieski of Sag Harbor NY, Matthew Sepnieski of Albuquerque NM, sister-in-law Janet (Ivan) Janssen of Fergus Falls, nephew Nick (Jessica) Janssen, godchild/niece Shana (Bryce) Wilson. He is preceded in death by infant twin brother Paul Sepnieski, his father Patrick Sepnieski, special uncle and aunt Joe and Nora Duben, and best buddies Tim Bauer and Don Zastrow.

***Shadows are fallin’ and I’m runnin’ out of breath  
Keep me in your heart for a while  
If I leave you it doesn’t mean I love you any less  
Keep me in your heart for a while  
Maybe you’ll think of me and smile  
~Warren Zevon***