



Patrick Gonski

November 18, 1943 - September 18, 2009

Patrick J. Gonski, 65, of Kankakee, died Friday (Sept. 18, 2009) at his home. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee. Father John Peeters will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. Mr. Gonski was a self-employed contractor. He was born Nov. 18, 1943, in Kankakee, the son of Frank and Rita Kempen Gonski. He served in the U.S. Army. Surviving are his wife, the former Sandra K. Shafer, whom he married Nov. 16, 1968, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Patrick Jr. and Julie Gonski of Bourbonnais, Jason Gonski of Chicago, Ronald and Deanne Young, John D. and Sadie Young, all of Kankakee, Michael and Maryanne Young of Tampa, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Julie and Carl Salzman of Oak Lawn, Kathleen and Art Sparbanie of Naperville; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Nancy Godin of Kankakee, Cindy and Tim Lawrence of Orland Park; and one brother, Peter Gonski of Kankakee. His parents and one granddaughter, Rebecca Ann Young, are deceased.

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DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON YOUR LOSS YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.##imported-begin##Madonna Zasada##imported-end##

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“ *Pat will always stick in my mind for two positive reasons; 1.He was a nice guy that everyone liked. 2.He set the school record for number of situps accomplished in one day.##imported-begin##Richard Miller##imported-end##*

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“ Dearest Sandy and Family, I was so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I used to work with you at Jewel Foods for many, many years and I remember when occasionally Pat would come in to pick you up from work. I remember him as being so handsome and i½in love with you. I'm sorry I wasn't there to express my sympathy in person as I did not read the paper until Monday afternoon. Hope you are all doing well and I will keep you all in my prayers. Love Kelly Brownfield###imported-begin##Kelly###imported-end##

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“ I am sorry to hear of Pat's death. I pray that the God of all comfort may be near to each one of you and will draw you close to His bosom.

Yours in Christ,

Helen Pombert###imported-begin##Helen Pombert###imported-end##

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“ Our deepest sympathy to you Nancy and your family.###imported-begin##Jason & Gina Gibson & Family###imported-end##

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“ Gonski family - I'm so sorry for your loss. We all spent a lot of time together during our high school years and I remember them fondly. Mr. Gonski always had a big smile and a hug for me!###imported-begin##Kenna Rathai###imported-end##

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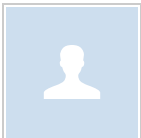
“ Sandi, I condole with you and your family in Pat?s passing. I pray peace and comfort quickly over shadow grief and despair over your loss. God be with you. Pat was a very dear friend throughout our junior high and high school years. His friendship was unmistakably sincere, unconditional, and inspiring. I will always remember and treasure the many activities Pat and I experienced together throughout those years, as well as those mentionable, ostensibly innocent, extracurricular adventures we shared; i.e. double dating, poker/pool parties, and hitch-hiking to Kansas City after our senior year to visit a mutual friend. I have these and many other memories of Pat that will continue to bring a smile to my face and love and laughter to my heart. The following is an old Irish poem/prayer I found and appropriate it to Pat?s passing.

“God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered ?come to me.? With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.”

I corroborate that, this being so, God did indeed take one of the best.

###imported-begin###LeRoy (Lee) Elam###imported-end###

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“ No person is ever truly alone. Those who live no more, whom we loved And what they did and who they were becomes a part of all that we are and Condolences to the Gonski family. PAT was the best! Stelter###imported-end###

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“ Just wanted to say sorry about your loss.I will be pray for you and you will be in my thoughts##imported-begin##Dawn Dayhoff##imported-end##

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“ May God's Love and peace comfort you at this difficult time. ĩ½Our deepest sympathy, Richard and Donna Garver##imported-begin##Richard andDonna Garver##imported-end##

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“ Aunt Sandy and Cousins,

We are so sorry for your loss. ĩ½Please know we are thinking of you all and sending our love and prayers. May God bless you and comfort you. ĩ½##imported-begin##Don & Pat Jones##imported-end##

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