



Patrick Edward Keigher

October 13, 1932 - February 17, 2023

Patrick Edward Keigher was born on the family farm in Manteno, Illinois on October 13, 1932 and entered eternal life on February 17, 2023, at the age of 90. He was the youngest of six children born to Frank and Helen Connolly Keigher. After his mother died at age five, he attended Our Lady Academy, Manteno and was reared by his father, his sisters and the nuns. Patrick was a boarding school student at St. Bede's Academy, Peru, Ill. where he graduated as Valedictorian of his high school class. He attended Marquette University and graduated with a degree in Accounting. He returned to his hometown to embark in a career with the Smith Insurance and Real Estate Agency on Main Street, Manteno. Before retiring, he was a Broker/Owner with the Coldwell Banker Lincolnland. He will always be remembered as a man of integrity, values, and fun-loving personality.

Patrick is survived by his beloved wife of 60 plus years, Jean (Breault) Keigher whom he married June 23, 1962 at St. Patrick's Church, Kankakee, Ill. They met on a blind date for the St. Patrick Central Huddle Club Dance. He was the devoted and loving father of three children Julianne (Henry) Lange Atlanta, Ga., Terry (Erin) Keigher of Homewood, Ill. and Connolly Keigher of Washington, D.C.; cherished grandfather of Conor (Anna) Lange, Patrick (Mary Grace) Lange, Paige Lange, Grace Keigher, Anna Keigher and Jack Keigher; very fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Francis Keigher, mother, Helen Connolly Keigher and

step-mother, Margaret Smith Keigher; siblings, Leo (Della) Keigher, Rita (Francis) Smith, Lois Keigher, Mary (Pete) Fleming, Manning (Lily) Keigher.

Patrick was a man about faith, family, and community. He was a life-long resident of Manteno and loved living in Manteno because he knew everyone's name. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church where he served on many parish boards and programs including the Knights of Columbus. Patrick was a founding board member of the Manteno Chamber of Commerce, served on the Homestar Bank Board of Directors, and Kankakee County Board of Review. He was President of the Manteno Public Library Board where he was instrumental in securing funds to build the new town library. He served on the Manteno School Board, Kankakee County Board of Realtors, Manteno Little League and Manteno Youth Soccer. He was a volunteer and supporter for the Democratic Party. He was a huge fan of the Chicago Cubs, Bishop McNamara and Marquette University. He was named Daily Journal Senior Citizen of the Year. Patrick is an example of life well lived and loved.

Visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, February 26, 2023 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, 291 N. Main Street, Manteno, IL 60950. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 207 S. Main Street, Manteno IL. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Manteno.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Joseph's Church in Manteno: Bell Fund or Bishop McNamara Catholic High School.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

FEB **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Dear Jean, when I saw you the other day at the salon I had not heard of his passing. I am very sorry for you and your families loss. Pat always had a kind word and a wonderful smile for everyone he met. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. God Bless

Cathy Wazny - February 26, 2023 at 07:31 AM

PH

“ It with fondness and honor, that both Vince and I remember the live and activities of Pat, all of our lives. He is greatly appreciated ; and shall ever be a part of Manteno !

Pete Henrisey - February 23, 2023 at 07:42 PM

PK

“ Pat always had a ready smile and a sparkle in his eyes. We will miss him. Patty Kranz and family

Patricia Kranz - February 23, 2023 at 12:50 PM

KK

“ The world needs more people in it like Mr. Pat Keigher. He was a gentle spirit who showed Christ's love through his kindness and thoughtful gestures. With a twinkle in his eyes and that great smile, he brought joy to many.
Much love and sympathy to the whole Keigher clan.
- Kathy and Tom Kruse

Kathy Kruse - February 23, 2023 at 11:03 AM

KR

“ *Sending our sincere sympathy to Jeanne and family. We always enjoyed and respected Pat. RIP.*
Duane and Kathy Roy

Kathleen Roy - February 22, 2023 at 09:01 PM

VT

“ *I was a cousin of Pats wife, Jean. He was the nicest person. His smile said everything about him. Great guy. My condolences Jeanie.*
Victoria (Breault) Therien

Victoria Therien - February 22, 2023 at 06:53 PM

RL

“ *Mr. Keigher was always gracious and kind to me....a sweet soul!*
Praying for the family during this difficult time.

Ruth Linskey - February 22, 2023 at 11:44 AM