

Patrick S. Pence

July 29, 1949 - September 25, 2014

Patrick S. Pence, 65, of Bourbonnais passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. He was born on July 29, 1949 in Litchfield, Illinois to Harold W. and Audrey J. (Gurick) Pence. Pat married Elizabeth "Liz" A. McDonald on August 28, 1971 in Granite City, Illinois.

He retired from Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center after 38 years of teaching Social Studies. Pat was the President of the Bradley Bourbonnais Teachers Credit Union for more than 20 years, which became Elite Credit Union where he currently served on the board. He was a supporter, walker, and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society and served on the Luminary Committee. He belonged to the Kankakee History Club. Pat was also active at the Country Theatre Workshop in Cissna Park, Illinois; serving on the Board of Directors and participating as a Character Actor. He was an avid gardener, golfer and trivia fan. Pat loved and enjoyed people.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth "Liz" A. Pence of Bourbonnais; mother, Audrey Pence of Litchfield, Illinois; two children, Michael Pence and Catherine Ambler of Gales Ferry, Connecticut and Megan Pence and Daniel Stock of Lanesboro, Minnesota; one brother, Michael W. (Patti) Pence of Litchfield, Illinois; and one sister, Cathy A. (Jerry) Pence Vega of Litchfield, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be held from 4:00p.m. until 8:00p.m., Monday, September 29, 2014 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Funeral service will be

held at 10:30a.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Deacon Patrick Skelly will officiate. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers – memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Country Theatre Workshop.

American Cancer Society - www.cancer.org/donate

Country Theatre Workshop - www.countrytheatre.org

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TC

“ I am sorry that I am so late to write something here for Mr. Pence. I had him as a History teacher back in 2007-2008 at BUGC and he was always so kind to me and was very patient with me when it came to doing stuff because of my learning disability and anxiety. I truly hope he is at rest and I send my condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Pence.

Tim C - June 04, 2022 at 04:13 AM

RP

“ Pat and his wife are/really good people. We enjoyed their company and friendship very much.

Ron and Mary Ponton



Ron and Mary Ponton - October 09, 2014 at 04:01 PM

MG

“ Dear cousin Liz, Michael, Meagan and family, We are so sorry for your loss and are praying for comfort and peace. I wish I could be with you this morning to deliver hugs and sympathy in person. You are all dear to my heart. Love, Margi & Vic Gehling and family.

Margaret Gehling - September 30, 2014 at 07:52 AM

SF

“ Liz, Michael and Megan - my love, thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Pat was a very special person to all of us. We love and miss you, and will be talking with you soon. Praying for your comfort during these difficult days ahead. Take care of yourselves! Much love, the Friese Family

Steven and Edie Friese - September 30, 2014 at 01:26 AM

JK

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John kellenberger

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MB

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with the Pence family...

Mark & Angela Bouillon
Las Vegas, NV

mark bouillon - September 29, 2014 at 01:07 PM

MT

“ Pat and I grew up together in St. Aloysius Parish in Litchfield. During Jr.High and High School we attended everything Father John Bertman ever held. Pat was one great guy.

Maggie Reents Timms,
Napa, CA

Maggie Reents Timms - September 29, 2014 at 01:07 PM

LS

“ Linda Laird Stewart lit a candle in memory of Patrick S. Pence



Linda Laird Stewart - September 28, 2014 at 10:19 PM

LS

“ To Mike and his family: In my thoughts and prayers. Linda Laird Stewart, Class of '66.

Linda Laird Stewart - September 28, 2014 at 10:19 PM

JU

“ Judy lit a candle in memory of Patrick S. Pence



Judy - September 28, 2014 at 07:38 PM

JU

Liz and family, sending hugs your way. Pat was always so funny. He was a great nephew and will be missed. Your Aunt Judy.

Judy - September 28, 2014 at 07:40 PM

RH

*“ Mr.Pence always had a joke to tell and a smile on his face. I valued him as a colleague and cherished the friendship we had while I was at BUGC. Gone to soon my friend, my heart goes out to your family. You touched many lives and left many memories. Love and Prayers.
Ruth Hoch*



Ruth Hoch - September 28, 2014 at 01:57 PM

TS

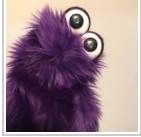
“ The last time we spoke we talked about going to the Bears spring camp. Several Springs have come and gone and it never came to pass. Rest in Peace my friend.Our Prayers to the Pence family.

Terry Storer - September 28, 2014 at 11:48 AM

PT

*“ Liz and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Pat was always so kind and helpful. Our Relay family, with so many others will dearly miss him. Your family is in my prayers.
Patte Thompson*

Patte Thompson - September 28, 2014 at 08:26 AM



“ Dear Liz,
Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. It was a privilege working with Pat onstage at CTW. He was such a kind and decent man. Holding you in our hearts...
... Anne Newman, Phillip Duling, and Michael

Anne Newman - September 27, 2014 at 11:40 PM

AM

“ I met Pat and Liz last summer! I enjoyed talking with them before and after our performance at Les Miserable! We all love to drink coffee and the day before our last performance I can't wait to go out to get Pat and Liz a new coffee mugs! Thank you thank you Pat for the pictures that you took in your camera that I considered " les Miz" personal photographer ! It's nice to have known you ! Till we meet again!

arlene martin - September 27, 2014 at 08:46 PM

LM

“ Pat was my best friend in high school back in Litchfield. I can't begin to tell you how much I am saddened by his passing. He was truly a great man and I will always have wonderful memories of my friend. My sympathies to Liz and all of the Pence family. Pat, I will see you again one of these days.

Larry Montgomery - September 27, 2014 at 05:58 PM



“ *Liz and family:*

I am so sorry to hear about your loss! Pat was always such a kind and genuine man. He was always there to listen and to talk to when you needed a friend. He was a great friend and I will always remember how much fun we had sharing the stage together. My heart goes out to you and your family. Many thoughts and prayers.

Dustin Mann

Dustin Mann - September 27, 2014 at 03:13 PM



“ *On behalf of the Class of '67, we send out heartfelt sympathy for Pat's family. Many of us will remember him fondly as he was always a cheerful, sincere, and faithful friend. Rest in Peace, old friend.*
Mary Gene (Fearn) Snelson

Mary Snelson - September 27, 2014 at 01:10 PM

JL

“ Liz and family- I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Pat was always such a warm person and no matter when he saw me, he always had a true interest in knowing how I was doing. He was one of the teachers that stuck out in my mind 'when I was making the decision to go in to education, and I never even had him as a teacher. That is the magnitude of impact he had on students that were around him! He always made me feel welcome when I was in your home hanging out with Megan, which wasn't always the case with other friends' parents. Know that he will truly be missed and that his sphere of influence reaches further than he could ever have imagined!

Praying for all of you in this difficult time,

Jessica LaBon

jessica LaBon - September 27, 2014 at 08:27 AM

SP

My deepest sympathy to all of Pat's family. Pat was a neighbor and classmate growing up in Litchfield. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Sharon Niehaus Parker

Sharon Parker - September 28, 2014 at 07:16 AM

TJ

“ Dear Ones...We are sending lots of love and deepest sympathy to you. Sincerely, Tommy and Andi Jaber

Thomas Jaber - September 27, 2014 at 07:04 AM

JM

“ *Joyce Van Meter lit a candle in memory of Patrick S. Pence*



joyce van meter - September 26, 2014 at 11:04 PM

DM

“ *Liz and family, I was so shocked to hear the news! I am so sorry! Pat was such a great guy and I think my memories of him will always go back to his performance as FDR in Annie at CTW and this past summer in Les Mis! He will be greatly missed! You and your family our in my prayers!*

Diane Marcukaitis - September 26, 2014 at 09:50 PM

 Paige Mayotte Peters

“ *Liz, I am so sorry to hear this! Such a kind, sweet man. He will always be Franklin D Roosevelt in my mind. Praying for you and your family!*

Paige Mayotte Peters - September 26, 2014 at 09:04 PM

DD

“ *Dennis Dunlavey lit a candle in memory of Patrick S. Pence*



Dennis Dunlavey - September 26, 2014 at 08:11 PM

SM

“ Was a student of Mr. Pence, one of my favorite teachers of all time. He was able to stir an interest in the subjects for many of his students. He will be dearly missed. Condolences to the family.



Scarlett (Sophrenia Deschand) Mullikin - September 26, 2014 at 07:45 PM

TS

“ Pat was my classmate and good friend through our school years. Liz, I remember your wedding day and know that Pat had a true soul mate. So sorry for your loss.

Tom Stockstill - September 26, 2014 at 07:07 PM

CH

“ I had Mr. Pence for my social studies teacher back in the 70's. I always liked him. He was always there to help anyone who needed it. Even if he had to stay after school himself. He will be missed and I'm so glad to say I knew him. God Bless you

Christine Page Huffman - September 26, 2014 at 06:57 PM

JC

“ Jo Ann Boucher Currie lit a candle in memory of Patrick S. Pence



Jo Ann Boucher Currie - September 26, 2014 at 06:43 PM

CS

“ Liz and family,
We are so sorry to hear this sad news. Pat was certainly well-loved and kind human being! Know you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Wayne and Cheryl Segneri

Cheryl Segneri - September 26, 2014 at 05:48 PM

 Lola Gomez

We are so deeply sorry..Pat and Liz have been our neighbors for over 20 years..and the very best of friends. Pat was a very special man, who gave of his heart and time to everyone. He will be keenly missed..our very special earth angel.
Liz, Mike and Megan..if you need anything at all..we are a few steps away. Please know how wonderful and special he was.

lola Gomez - September 26, 2014 at 06:07 PM

CS

“ Liz, Megan, Michael, I'm still trying to process this. What a wonderful guy! I am so sorry for your loss. Talk to you tomorrow, Meg. I love you all.

Carolee Stock - September 26, 2014 at 05:30 PM

KW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Pat was truly one of the kindest men I have ever met.
Kate, Kurt, Ashleigh, Drew and AJ

kate weidner - September 26, 2014 at 05:02 PM

 Lisa Tollard

“ Remembering my 6th grade Social studies Teacher

Lisa Tollard - September 26, 2014 at 03:48 PM

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Carolee Stock - September 26, 2014 at 05:29 PM

MG

One of my favorite teachers in Jr High.. RIP Mr Pence..

Michael Geever - September 26, 2014 at 05:31 PM