



Patrick C. Grelle

December 1, 1941 - February 2, 2020

Patrick C. Grelle, age 78 of West Newbury and formerly of Andover, passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Patrick was born in Lawrence on December 1, 1941 to the late Peter and Frances (Cafiso) Grelle. Patrick was a compassionate and caring man who had great pride and valued his family and friendships. Patrick graduated from Central Catholic High School in Lawrence and held degrees in electrical and industrial engineering from Lowell Technological Institute and Northeastern University in Boston. He began his professional career at Western Electric in North Andover, earned several leadership and management positions and retired with 44 years of service. Following his retirement, Patrick regularly attended social gatherings with work colleagues, developed new interests and social circles. Patrick was an active member of the St. Robert Bellarmine choir, enjoyed swimming at Boston Sports Club in Salisbury, and socializing with neighbors in West Newbury and Siesta Key, Florida. Patrick loved to entertain and bring family and friends together for all occasions and celebrations. Patrick was the beloved husband of the late Susan (Gastonguay) Grelle and Mary (Dunphy) Grelle. He was the devoted father of Mary Ellen Grelle of Haverhill, Laura Pollard and husband K. Jeffrey Pollard of Groton, and Jennifer Grelle Laramée of West Newbury. Patrick was the dear brother of Dorothy Gagnon and husband Philippe, and Peter Grelle and wife Angela. He was the loving grandfather of Haley, Morgan and Kenneth Pollard.

Friends and guests are invited to call on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St. in Methuen. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 10:00 AM at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 198 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover. Interment to follow at West Hampstead Cemetery in Hampstead, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations in Patrick's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 502 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For directions and online guestbook, please visit the funeral home website, www.pollardfuneralhome.com. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is honored to serve the Grelle Family.

Cemetery

West Hampstead Cemetery

Route 121 A

Hampstead, NH, 03841

Events

FEB **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home

233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA, US, 01844

FEB **Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Robert Bellarmine

198 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover, MA, US

Comments



“ Pat was such a nice man and great at his music, he will be missed among all of the choir members hear at St. Roberts.
Rest in peace.
Sheila

sheila martin - February 14 at 07:53 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of Pat's passing. We shared many hours singing with the St Bellamine Chior. He will be missed. He was a wonderful person who will be missed. My Deepest Sympathies. David Nisco

David Nisco - February 14 at 02:53 PM



“ Dear Laura, Jeff, and the Grelle family I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My apology for not attending the services as I just came across the obituary. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Joseph Souza - February 14 at 02:30 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. He was such a great guy With an uplifting personality. I will miss seeing him at Italian night as well as in Sarasota.

Moe Consoli

Moe Consoli - February 11 at 08:19 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Pat. My sympathy to Pat's family. I worked with Pat for many years both at Western Electric and after our retirements for SCI in Andover, MA, Pat was a great guy to know and to work with. Never had a bad word to say about anyone. It has my honor to work with Pat and to share some off work time with him.

Again my sympathy to his family.

Jake Lovett

Jake Lovett - February 09 at 12:54 PM



“ A truly great man who opened his heart and home and led by example. Heaven is getting an angel today. Pat will be greatly missed by everyone whose life he touched and there were many.
RIP Pat.

Paul Pipitone (Pat's godson)

Paul Pipitone - February 08 at 09:09 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers to all who loved Pat.
A kind and gentle man whose kindness was infectious.
Proud to call him cousin.

RIP Pat

Susan Grelle Searle



Susan Grelle Searle - February 07 at 11:51 PM



“ I had the chance to meet Pat in Sarasota. He was a kind and generous man who left me with only good memories. He will be missed.
My sincere condolences

Benoit Boulet - February 07 at 01:18 PM



“ To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Pat was a wonderful man. I met him from cleaning his house. Immediately he made me feel like family instead of a worker. He took us for ice cream in his convertible! That's just the type of man he was. We moved to Florida and he looked me up and we met for lunch at Bahama Breeze. Of course he brought me up to date on his girls and their doings. He loved them so much and was a proud father. He will truly be missed!

Suzanne Sweeney - February 07 at 11:49 AM



“ Sending our deepest condolences to Pat’s family. He was such a nice man. My twin daughters have such fond memories of vacationing in Florida with their grandmother Mary and spending time with Pat! he will surely be missed by many!

Michelle Bridges - February 07 at 09:58 AM



“ Dear Dorothy and Phil,

My sincere condolences for the loss of your beloved brother.

Sincerely,

Yvonne DeCesare and family

Yvonne DeCesare - February 06 at 08:11 PM



“ Janet Johnson lit a candle in memory of Patrick C. Grelle



Janet Johnson - February 06 at 04:54 PM



“ David Rockwell lit a candle in memory of Patrick C. Grelle



David Rockwell - February 05 at 09:53 PM



“ Pat was a wonderful dancer. In High school we would watch him be like a Fred Astaire. He was lots of fun and will be missed.

Jim Glendye

JAMES GLENDYE - February 07 at 06:35 PM



“ Patrick was a true friend while we worked together at No. Andover Western Electric for over 25 years. He would speak well of everybody, and you could depend on what he said. Whatever you asked him to find out, or complete some work, he delivered. When the great retirement occurred in 1996, I was sorry to leave Pat behind and go our separate ways. I'm glad he lived a full life, was involved in so many activities, which will stand as his legacy.

David Rockwell

David Rockwell - February 05 at 09:37 PM



“ I loved Pat's visits to Sarasota each year because we always had lunch at least once each year. It was always a happy, upbeat occasion made possible by Pat's infectious laugh and relentless optimism. I miss you already, Pat.

Tom Huseby

Thomas Huseby - February 05 at 10:46 AM



“ My first memory of Pat was seeing him on TV as he danced on Community Auditions. I remember my dad calling in to the station to vote for him to win. My folks and his folks were close friends. Pat's dad worked at my dad's machine shop and he donated blood to save the life of one of my infant brothers. Our parents did lots of things socially but I don't recall Pat from those early years. I got to know him when we ran into each other at Western Electric.

For years we would occasionally pass one another in a corridor, stop and chat for a few minutes and then be on our separate ways. He always had a smile and a cheerful story to tell no matter what might be happening at work or at home. I think he made friends with everyone he met and I never heard him say an unkind thing about anyone. During my last few years at Western (by then it was Lucent) we worked in the same organization and we were in the same department when I retired. He was a talented and dedicated worker and a well liked and respected boss. One of my favorite memories is of the post-Christmas Yankee Swap parties that he and Mary hosted for several years. He would invite a dozen couples from work to his beautiful home in North Andover. We would all bring food to share and a "gift" from our attics or cellars to exchange in the swap. Some pretty strange objects were swapped creating lots of laughter. I'm sure it was a ton of work for them, but Pat and Mary made it seem effortless. They were warm and welcoming and made everyone feel right at home.

I was looking at the pictures on his Facebook page and seeing his big smile. A smile he had for everyone he met. Pat had a true zest for life. He loved making friends, creating fun adventures, being involved with an occasional good-natured prank, and it seemed he always was working on a new project. The most recent project he told me about involved working with my brothers and brother-in-law at their machine

shop.

The last time I saw Pat was two years ago at his condo in Sarasota. After previously spending an overnight at our place in The Villages, he invited my husband, Dave, and I down for a couple of days. Pat gave us a tour of the area, took us to the Ringling Circus Museum, and then out to dinner with some friends of his at a supper club. It was a beautiful couple of days and we spent a lot of time reminiscing about family and friends. He was so proud of his daughters and the lives they had created for themselves. He could hardly stop talking about them. We also shared fond memories of his parents, of Sue and Mary, and of several of our mutual friends who had recently passed. Now, as I shed tears over his loss, I am comforted in the knowledge that as he entered the gates of heaven, he was greeted by many many sets of open and loving arms. I will miss you Pat.

Karen Schwarzenberg Miller



Karen B Miller - February 05 at 09:10 AM



“ Pat loved and bragged about his family. He was the glue that kept professional relationships strong. He was enthusiastic about ... everything. He will be missed by all of us fortunate enough to have had Pat in our lives.

John Schaefer - February 04 at 11:14 PM



“ On to Glory Pat!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Amazing, interesting, loved his girls and his friends. Sir, it was my pleasure!
~Ellie Fowler

Ellen T Fowler - February 04 at 08:18 PM



“ Heard the news today and so very sad to hear of his passing. Pat was and always will be remembered as a GREAT guy. As his former neighbor growing up, I have a lot of good memories. RIP Pat.
Alfred E. Torrisi

Al E Torrisi - February 04 at 06:01 PM