



# Patrick Joseph Cleary III

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**P**atrick Cleary, age 77, from Pickerington, Ohio, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones.

Patrick was one of 12 children born to Patrick J. Cleary II and Ruth Ware Cleary.

Patrick was a loving husband to his wife of 56 years, a loving father, grandfather (AKA Grumpy Bear), and great-grandfather.

Patrick was preceded in death by his grandson Patrick J. Cleary V, three of his sisters, and his parents.

He is survived by the love of his life Christine Nebel Cleary: their children Patrick (Michele) Cleary IV, Brigid (Jason) Lott, and Gavin (Christine) Cleary: grandchildren Sam (Marie Stenson), Ashlee (Jake) Hockenberry, Mackenzie (Spencer) Williams, Killian (Karley) Lott, Quintin (Addison Icenhour) Lott, Aidan Cleary, and Adrian Farmer: and great-grandchildren Adeline Stenson, Layne Lott, Anakin Williams, and Palmer Williams: several siblings, in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

He was a 1965 graduate of St Charles Preparatory School and attended The Ohio State University before joining The United States Marine Corps. After the Marine Corps he worked as an air traffic controller.

He was a long time member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton where he was a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He was a member of The Shamrock Club, where he proudly celebrated his Irish heritage. Patrick was a founding member of the original Pickerington Youth Soccer Association. He enjoyed coaching and refereeing his children and grandson's soccer teams when they were young and then moving up to coaching the Pickerington High School boys soccer team. As well as coaching baseball and softball with PYAA.

A special thank you to sisters-in-law, Jane and Lu, for all your love and support.



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A memorial mass and celebration of life will be announced at a later date. In memory and celebration of Patrick, please consider a donation to The Wounded Warriors Project.

May you always walk in sunshine

May you never want for more

May Irish angels rest their

wings right beside your door



## Tribute Wall

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**John Trainer** posted:

He was my sponsor when I (John Trainer) became a 4th Knight of Columbus.

August 2 at 1:44 PM



**Robert Holmes Jr.** posted:

He was definitely one of my childhood heroes and I was so proud that he became godfather to my son. He spoke and lived determined to do the right thing. He was an objectively good man. We are so lucky to have known him and it will surely be a better world if more could live by his example.

July 30 at 8:14 AM



**Staci Cain** posted:

I will always remember him as my softball coach! Such a great guy. He lead by example & never got angry with us girls.....at least he didn't show it! He would visit me from time to time at work. It was always great seeing him! My love & support go out to his whole family! Im sure PJ has already given him a huge hug! RIP. Much love to the Clearys!

July 29 at 6:08 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Patrick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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