



Patrick James Kelly

July 5, 1940 - February 8, 2021

Patrick James Kelly

Age 80, of Butternut, died on Monday February 8, 2021 at his home. Patrick was born on July 5, 1940 in Waukegan, IL, the son of Francis James and Florence Nedra (Tordoff) Kelly. His early life was spent in Waukegan with his family and Friends. Patrick graduated from Waukegan Township Highschool in 1958.

After graduating high school, he attended West Point Military serving the Army on a well-earned wrestling scholarship. Patrick's passion as a young man was wrestling, to the point of qualifying for the Olympics. He traveled to South Korea and India and competed in the Greco-Roman Olympics earning metals to bring home to the USA. He attended White Water College to further his life's passion for studying. He took interest in reading and held a large collection of books of history and places of the world. He loved to travel and meet people and was always interested in finding new adventures.

Pat held various jobs as he followed this road of life. Working with his brothers in Florida enjoying the sunny days, never lead to a dull moment. After Pat retired, he found his place in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. There he found his true calling; he had a heart to share his life's journey and council many through their life's struggles. He would travel many miles to be with those in

need of help and worked with the AA Program's in several towns and prisons. He will be remembered in the lives of many for having the compassion, patience, and love to help those in need.

Pat also enjoyed the game of chess, sharing many hours with friends and family teaching patiently and then challenging the skills of each competitor. Spending time talking about life with his loving companion Janice brought the peace and beauty that made him complete. Life is a wonderful experience when you find someone as precious as Janice to share it with, and that will forever be missed.

He is survived by:

His soulmate, Janice M. Mitchell of Butternut

(2)brothers:

Mike (Jerry) Kelly of Largo, Florida

Fred (Priscilla) Rogerson of Florida

(1)sister:

Frances Magee of Rudolph, WI.

And many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank & Florence Kelly, brother Harry Rogerson, brother in law Bob Magee, nephew Andrew LaBarge

A memorial service will be held at the Birch Street Funeral Service Chapel in Park Falls on Saturday February 20, 2021 at 11:00am. Patrick's niece Pastor Lori Hintz will officiate.

Military honors will follow under the auspices of the Park Falls American Legion Post.

A visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from 10:00am until the hour of the service.

Birch Street Funeral Service is assisting the family.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Birch Street Funeral Service
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Tribute Wall

JH

“ I knew Pat as an outstanding wrestler for Waukegan Township High School. He was a quiet guy back then, but he knew the various holds and used them to compile an excellent won/loss record on the mat. Sorry to be so late with this message, but I feel better having told the world what a wonderful guy Pat Kelly was. And his father often gave me a ride home after wrestling practice which saved me from a 30 minute walk.

Joseph Hopkins - March 29, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ Patrick James Kelly

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM

CS

“ Pat was a great athlete and a great man. Pat Kelly was Pan American Games Champion in Freestyle Wrestling in 1967 at 171.5 lbs. Pat also placed nationally at 191 lbs in Greco Roman style wrestling.
Pat had some awesome and unusual techniques that few wrestlers know about today. Pat was a pure champion. RIP Pat. Curtis Sexton

Curtis Sexton - September 22, 2021 at 11:29 PM

JW

“ I met Pat in Ashland and was moved by his generous spirit. He always had time to share his experience, strength and hope. Rest In Peace my friend.

John Wieland - March 31, 2021 at 10:19 PM

 Susan
Rickert

“ I am so sad. Pat was such a light in this world. I am so sorry for the grief you are experiencing Janice. Please know my love and prayers go out to you and all the family. I remember when I stayed at the resort and we went swimming and just enjoyed the beautiful world we live in. We sat on the pier that night and talked until all hours enjoying the star lit sky. My favorite memory is how Pat and I would always laugh at ourselves for our massive collection of self help books and how we were incapable, at the time of their purchase, of helping anyone. Let alone ourselves.

Susan Rickert

Susan Rickert - February 15, 2021 at 04:18 PM

BL

“ Sending all our love and wishes for comfort and healing to Janice.
Barb, Mark and Anna Lucius

Barb Lucius - February 12, 2021 at 10:57 AM

AP

“ I was happy to see him at our meeting he always started our meetings so well. He had so much experience and hope to say. We will miss him.

Arlene

Arlene Penning - February 11, 2021 at 06:42 PM

MS

“ Pat and Janice came to spend a few days with Mike and me several years ago. We really enjoyed their company and am sorry we don't get a return visit. I know he's taken a big piece of Janice's heart and I hope she knows how much we are thinking of her.

Marge Smith - February 11, 2021 at 06:29 PM