



## James Patrick McCreary

October 16, 1954 - December 21, 2025

James Patrick “Pat” McCreary, 71, died in Bloomington Dec. 21 of heart disease. He was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana, the son of Harold McCreary and Norma Carson, who predeceased him. Pat spent his entire career in law enforcement. He worked for the Indiana State Police from December 1979 to March 2000, rising to the level of lieutenant. He served as commander of the Public Information Office; was assigned to the superintendent’s office to lead interagency special projects; and worked on several specialty teams, including scuba, emergency response, the Law Enforcement Academy, the training division, and tours of duty in Washington D.C. with the U.S. departments of Transportation and Justice. He retired in 2000 and went to work for the Justice Department’s Bureau of Justice Assistance, where he worked as associate director until January 2018. Pat led the team that developed the capability to connect law enforcement databases with broad information-sharing uses, including improving Amber Alerts and the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website. The team was named a finalist for the 2008 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals for its work. Pat earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in criminology from Indiana State University. He loved reading, golf, movies and Louie, his Standard Poodle. He was a competitive swimmer at Crawfordsville High School, from where he graduated, and was delighted, upon retirement to Bloomington, to buy Doc Counsilman’s house. He was working as a lifeguard at Lake Monroe Beach when he met Lynn, the love of his life. They were married in 1977, and she survives. Also surviving

are his daughters, Lori and Callie; four grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Sam Kirtley. Memorial donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Association or the American Heart Association. A memorial service is planned for the spring.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Adam, Jenn, Ava, and Izzy. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Patrick McCreary.



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Adam, Jenn, Ava, and Izzy. - May 03 at 07:01 PM

BJ

“ Dear Lynn and family:

*I just learned of Pat's passing yesterday.*

*Pat was an absolute wonderful person to work with while he was with BJA. I worked with Pat after the September 11, 2001, and the work that he did with us and also other federal agencies made a lasting impact on information sharing in our country. His legacy lives on today.*

*Pat was a true gentleman, a professional, and a person who you knew would have your back. I, along with others who operated in this environment, have wonderful memories of Pat and all that he did. I considered Pat a true friend and colleague.*

*Please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your husband, father, and grandfather.*

*Warm regards,*

*Bart R. Johnson  
New York State Police - Colonel - Retired.*

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Bart R. Johnson - January 15 at 10:25 AM

JM

“ I had the privilege of working for and alongside Pat at the Department of Justice. He was an inspiration and a steady source of positivity, treating everyone with dignity and respect. Pat had a way of making people feel heard and valued, and I always felt listened to and affirmed in his presence.

*We have lost a colleague, mentor, and friend. Pat inspired me to be a better employee and leader, and he modeled what it means to lead with kindness and respect. He'll be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on in others.*

*John Markovic*

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**John David Markovic** - January 07 at 10:36 AM

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“ Pat was a member of the 38th Indiana State Police class. I too was a member of that class. Pat was very smart, and always dressed properly, and proudly. You felt in your heart Pat would achieve grand goals, and he did. He represented our class and ISP proudly. Prayers go to his family. *Jill S Rice 3846*



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**Jill S. Rice 3846** - January 03 at 06:28 PM

RT

“ Pat was one of my counselors in 1986, 44th ISP academy. He always had smile on his face and wasn't too hard on the recruits. Good troop, rest peacefully.

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**Robert L Taylor** - January 02 at 08:50 PM