



Patrick Starkey

December 29, 1927 - May 21, 2020

Patrick Starkey of Bloomington, Indiana, passed on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at the age of 92. He was born in Virgil Kansas. He left behind the Love of his life, his wife and partner of 73 years, Jeanne Starkey; their three children Victoria (Joe) Davison, Deborah (Michael) Faynik, and Bryan (Carla) Starkey, and his sister, Jeanette Tedpahogo; 8 grandchildren (Morgan Valliant, Kristina Hill, Patrick /Ian/ Aaron Faynik, Melissa Welpott, April Davison, and Dane Davison) and 7 great-children. He is preceded in death by his mother and father; Mabel and Joseph Starkey, his brother, Jack Starkey, and sisters Geneva Starkey and Josephine (Donald) Giddens.

Patrick was a graduate of Arsenal Tech HS in Indianapolis. He then attended Indiana University and Butler University while working for the IRS and L. S. Ayres Department stores. He was an energetic young business man, active in the Indianapolis Jaycees, which lead to his involvement in fundraising for the Indianapolis Zoo. He was the President of the Indianapolis Zoological Society for 10 years and was instrumental in establishing the Indianapolis Zoo. Patrick was also a lifelong Mason.

He later moved the family to New York and many years later to Florida, and then New Jersey, working as a financial officer and Chief Financial officer of several major Retail Department Stores; finally retiring back to Indiana. In each location he took advantage of what the climate offered; exploring nature, wildlife and birdlife, skiing, sailing, hiking, and gardening, as well as attending and teaching at local Universities. He loved working with wood and

carved/constructed furniture and art decor for friends and family. He wrote poetry and stories for his grandchildren and read them with great vocal enthusiasm.

Patrick was a role model that led by example. He was a loving individual, always helping others, active in his Church, the historical society and Library, a story teller, a bad joke artist with a dry sense of humor, a gymnast, an avid reader, a traveler, and so many other things. He had a long wonderful life and he will be missed by many.

Family and friends will gather at a later date to Celebrate Patrick Starkey's well lived life. In lieu of flowers, consider making a donation to your favorite charity in his name. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos, and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *My dear friend Pat always embraced me when we met at Church. His gentle nature, kind-hearted wisdom and humor enlightened, and still enlightens me. In my heart I know that God is saying, "I did not fall, and neither has my dear child, Pat". ' Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.' [Albert Einstein]. My heart goes out to Jeanne, their children and family.*

Christopher Vacano



Christopher Vacano - June 21, 2020 at 12:50 PM

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“ *I have so many memories of Uncle Pat, it would take hours for people to read all of them. I loved him enjoyed being with him and sharing life with him. I miss him so much as I do my other Aunts and Uncles, but Uncle Pat was a special one for me. Rest in Peace Uncle Pat.*

Douglas Timmons - June 21, 2020 at 10:48 AM