



Patrick J. Johnson

March 31, 1960 - November 17, 2023

Patrick James Johnson of Cadillac passed away Friday, November 17, 2023. He was 63. Pat was born March 31, 1960, in Cadillac to Richard Donald and Darline Marie (Dalton) Johnson and they preceded him in death.

On June 21, 1986, he married Shari Lin Zetzman, his high school sweetheart and she survives him along with their children: Ethan Johnson (Amanda Keeley), Nick Johnson, Rachel (Gary) Silvers, Lexi Johnson all of Cadillac; grandson, Jayce Johnson and brothers: Michael (Beth) Johnson, Kevin (Jane) Johnson, and Terry (Kara) Johnson all of Florida.

Pat graduated from Cadillac High School in 1978 where he was awarded conference, regional, and state champion in giant salomon ski racing. He continued his education at Michigan Tech where he studied geological engineering, and ultimately completed his studies at Center College in Danville, Kentucky. Where he then spent time working at his family's coal mine. As a young man he acquired his pilot's license. The sky was Pat's limit; he took great joy in creating a lifelong career in land development and construction. He had a lengthy list of accomplishments including: putt-putt golf courses, hotels, and restoration of various commercial buildings across Northern Michigan.

Pat was a devoted, loving father and family man. He was an avid storyteller

and enjoyed reminiscing about his life experiences over the years. He loved teaching his children his favorite activities such as both water and downhill skiing, golfing, hunting, fishing, amongst many more. He was a jack of all trades and there were no bounds to the tasks he could complete. More than anything he took pride in helping others and was considered a best friend to many.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Rev. Fr. Michael Janowski officiating. Friends may meet the family Tuesday, December 12, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. His final resting place will be Mount Carmel Cemetery in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601
info@petersonfh.com

Memorial Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall

MM

“ My prayers are with the Johnson family. My brother Chris McCoy was Pats best friend since high school. They are having a blast in Heaven now. Sorry it has been a while since I saw Pat, since my mom passed away, Kelly past away and my father too.
Sincerely
Michael J McCoy of Santa Monica California

Michael McCoy - April 30, 2025 at 09:53 AM

DV

“ Donna Valko lit a candle in memory of Patrick J. Johnson



Donna Valko - December 29, 2023 at 11:04 PM

DM

“ I am very saddened I could not make the services today. Pat and I have become very good friends over the last few years. He seemed to have a new light in his eyes with all the positive things going on in his life now. Had some hiccups lately but the stars felt like they were starting to align for him. His big project was finally coming together. I will miss him very much. My prayers go out to his family and friends. This is a very sad thing to write. Rest in peace my friend.

Doug martin - December 13, 2023 at 12:47 PM

BM

“ Pat was a true friend to our family. You will be missed. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Brad Marine - December 12, 2023 at 07:55 PM

LT

“ Love, Ella, Pam, Eric and Tina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick J. Johnson.

Love, Ella, Pam, Eric and Tina - December 12, 2023 at 08:20 AM

LT

“ Love, Ella, Pam, Eric and Tina purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.



Love, Ella, Pam, Eric and Tina - December 12, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.



December 11, 2023 at 09:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.



December 11, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.*



December 11, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ *We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Pat. He was always such a nice person, and welcoming when we would run into him in Traverse City or Cadillac. Our deepest condolences go to his family during this difficult time. Vickie and Craig Culver*



Culver Vickie - December 10, 2023 at 09:04 PM



“ *We have always admired Pat's creativity and ability to think out of the box. He will always be remembered as a hard worker, never afraid to jump on any piece of big equipment to get the job done, and always willing to help a friend in need. Our hearts go out to Shari and the rest of the family. Hugs from Jennifer & Wally Szunko*

Jennifer & Walter Szunko - December 08, 2023 at 02:52 PM

MS

No words can we say to all of you of the passing of your husband, dad, brother, son, and a great friend to many! Count less stories have been shared to myself and to our children Riley and Gabby about Pat and Bruce's friendship and their numerous talks and adventures together! Pat is and was a one of a kind guy! We will miss hearing of his developments in Traverse City and his bigger than life size dreams! Our heartfelt prayers are being lifted up to all of you and our love goes with all of you forever! May God cover you all in peace, strength and His mighty hand of love! We are so sad to lose a great man like Pat! Bruce, Shelly, Riley and Gabby Snider

Michele Snider - December 13, 2023 at 11:10 PM

HK

“ Shari I am so very sorry for your loss. You have been in my prayers. Sending love to you, your children and his brothers. Pat taught me how to slalom water ski on Lake Mitchell. He was skiing beside me and held on to my life jacket when I dropped the ski. I remember he always had a smile and a zest for life.

Heidi Kleyn - December 08, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.



December 07, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.



December 03, 2023 at 02:58 PM

WF

“ *With Love, Helen and Bob Johnson family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.*



With Love, Helen and Bob Johnson family - December 02, 2023 at 10:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.*



December 01, 2023 at 08:39 AM

NM

“ *NuvuFuels Michigan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick J. Johnson.*

NuvuFuels Michigan - November 30, 2023 at 10:57 AM

NM

“ *NuvuFuels Michigan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.*



NuvuFuels Michigan - November 30, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.*



November 27, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patrick J. Johnson.*



November 26, 2023 at 11:24 AM



“ *My last name is the same as Pats but no relation. We had businesses next to each other. Doing business with Pat was like wrestling a pig in the mud, sooner or later you realized he liked it. I came to enjoy doing business with Pat. He was like Babe Ruth pointing his bat at the far wall of the stadium ready to blast the ball out of the park. He was my friend. I will miss him. Craig Johnson*

Craig Johnson - November 23, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ *Kathy E Parsons lit a candle in memory of Patrick J. Johnson*



Kathy E Parsons - November 21, 2023 at 10:39 AM