



Paul Douglas Patnode

November 10, 1961 - August 24, 2025

Paul Douglas Patnode of Cadillac passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at the age of 63. He was born in Ispheming, MI on November 10, 1961, to Donald and Ardice (Hajdu) Patnode, who preceded him in death. Paul was a man with a quiet soul and a gentle manner. He would stick to his beliefs with a fierceness that at times could be frustrating but nonetheless was appreciated as it takes a great deal of courage to stick to what you believe in when all the rest of the world disagrees.

He worked at several factories in the Cadillac, the last several years at Piranha Hose, where he was a valued employee. He was very grateful for everything they did for him through his battle with cancer, sticking by him and helping him for many months.

Paul was the middle of five brothers, but he also had five sisters, so growing up in a large family really explains why he was so fierce in his beliefs as sometimes the only way to be heard was to be loud. Paul lived his life exactly the way he wanted to and there is a great deal of comfort in knowing that. He lived a simple life and it suited him. We should all be so lucky.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Robin Patnode Booth, and his brother, David Patnode. He and David were especially close, sometimes arguing like an old married couple but yet each other's most trusted companion. It's nice to know that they are now sharing a beer with their dad.

He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Catherine Waters and Anna

Patnode of Cadillac, Patricia (Doug Francisco) Stockman of Lake City, and Laurie (Eric) Lazarus of Jackson, and his brothers, Donald (Mary) Patnode, and Stephen Patnode of Cadillac, and Patrick Patnode of Jackson as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a special cousin, James DeFreese of Cadillac, and his constant companions, Taz and Sabrina, who have shared his life for the last 13 years and will miss their person very much.

No services are scheduled and there will be a Celebration of Life at a date yet to be determined. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Mitchell Street
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall

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“*Rest in peace, uncle Paul. I always appreciated you. Just know that you made a profound positive impact on those you've met. We all loved you dearly. I hope that you're sitting back and watching a never-ending Star Trek marathon in Heaven. You deserve it, and worlds more.*

Jacob

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