



## Patsy Nardella

April 30, 2020

Patsy Nardella, 62, of Old Bridge, New Jersey, passed away at home on Thursday, April 30, 2020 after a 5 year battle with cancer.

Patsy was born to Guido and Antoinette in 1957 in Brooklyn, New York. Patsy graduated from Brooklyn Tech High School in 1975.

He married Donna in 1980 and they lived together in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn before moving to Old Bridge, NJ in 1985. Patsy ran his own janitorial business for 30 years. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, and Pop. He loved the Yankees, Bruce Springsteen, playing golf and racquetball, winning at everything, but most importantly making people laugh.

Patsy is survived by his wife Donna; Children and spouses, Marissa and Gregory Shoro, Tara and Richard Moore, and Patrick and Jillian Nardella; Grandchildren, Aiden and Jackson Shoro; Siblings and spouses, Vivian and Joseph Simeone, Robert and Page Nardella, Anna and Joseph Alessi, and John and Francesca Nardella, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Patsy was predeceased by his parents, Guido, Antoinette, and Josephine Nardella; and Grandparents, Pasquale and Vincenza Nardella.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Patsy's name to the leukemia and lymphoma society.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com](http://www.HegartyScaliaFuneralHome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patsy Nardella*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *Patsy was like my second father. It's taken me a moment to realize this is reality now. I will always remember the joy he brought to everyone around him, in the quirkiest of ways of course! From the time I threw a toilet paper roll at him in a fit of anger over a board game to the many times I lost in "Patsy Wins" wiffleball. You will forever be in my heart. To the Nardellas I love you all!*

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**Dennis** - August 14, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ *Goodbye to my brother. We were a large family. We were separated by age and later by distance, and only with time, maturity and the clarity of hindsight did I appreciate how difficult a time you had growing up. Despite everything, you made a success of yourself and created a beautiful family of your own who adored you while you were here and miss you terribly now that you're gone way too early. I wish we had more time. Love you Chief Jay.*

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**JN** - July 08, 2020 at 11:52 AM

DM

“ I met Pat a lifetime ago on the paddle ball courts down Shore Road in Brooklyn. He was so easy going and always ready with a joke! Not a surprise that Donna would fall in love with him then. I also met my future husband, Frank at the courts. Eventually, we wound up meeting Pat and Donna years later when my sister and brother in law moved in next door to them in Old Bridge! Whenever we visited my Ange and Jim, Pat and Donna always welcomed us and our girls to their house also. My girls loved going there and couldn't wait to hear/see what Pat would do next!  
My heart breaks for your family at the loss of such a beloved beautiful person.  
Dolores Coscia Menken and Frank Menken

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**Dolores Menken** - June 27, 2020 at 07:03 PM

RI

“ I remember the moment I met Patsy. Coming from a household that had a stern, conservative, tough male figurehead that clearly ruled the roost, I thought to myself, “Man this guy is the exact opposite of my dad.” Then I met Donna, and I laughed, and thought, “Man this woman is exactly like my dad.” Whenever I thought of you in those early years, I thought you were a big old soft teddy bear.

*Then these last 5 years happened, and I realized you were the toughest person I ever knew.*

*From the moment I met Tara - before we were friends, before we dated, from the very start - she told me, “I have the best dad ever. Everyone loves my dad.” I thought it was just a daughter being a daughter. But as time went on, the stories kept coming - you working until the early hours of the morning, coming home, waking up early the next day and playing with the kids all day. Letting Patrick wrestle with you. Taking Tara to all her sporting events in different states. But most importantly - just being a kid YOURSELF, with them. The more I was around you, the more I experienced your family, the more I knew it was true -*

*Patsy, you were the greatest father I ever knew. Sorry if that insults other people. However, I’m a guy who had his father as his best man in his wedding, because I idolize him more than any other person on Earth. But when it comes to being a dad, you really were the best father I ever knew. You set the bar incredibly high for Patrick, Greg, and myself. When I last saw you, I said, “I promise I will raise my kids just like you raised yours.” But now that you’re gone, I have sat there and thought to myself on multiple occasions, “How the heck am I going to live up to that promise?” It’s just impossible. You really did set the bar when it came to being a dad.*

*Marissa, Greg, Patrick, Jill, Tara, and myself all knew this - and we will make sure that our children know who you were. Sure, we will tell them about Patsy Wins, board games, Sundays, and all the clown things you did. But more importantly - they will know you were*

*first and foremost the role model father, and a selfless, caring man.*

*For the last few years, I've had many conversations with people like "Man, I can't even remember what Patsy was like before he got sick." The only person that I could remember, is what you became.*

*But since you've been gone, I can't remember the sick person anymore. The only person I can remember is the loving, goofy, prank pulling jokester that you used to be. It's as if a switch has been flipped, and it's all I remember anymore. And I am so glad that the memories I have of you now, are the memories I will have of you forever.*

*Thank you for raising Tara the way you did. She is the best thing that has ever happened to me - and I have you to thank for that, raising her with the values that defined you. Tara has every quality and attribute in her that you had - except I am pretty sure she still got that Donna toughness. I promise you I will always take care of her.*

*I love you, I miss you, and I will always remember you.*

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**Rich** - May 08, 2020 at 03:57 PM

KT

“ Dear Donna, Marissa, Tara, Pat and Family,

*I am completely saddened to hear about the passing of Patsy. My mom recently found out and told me.*

*I loved hearing his stories when he was younger and admired the love he had for his family. He always made me laugh and made me feel at home in your house. He was like a second dad to me for a long time.*

*There is no doubt that he will watch over all of you and keep you safe.*

*With love,  
Kim*

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**Kimberly Tarriff** - May 07, 2020 at 11:08 PM

AN

“ *Patsy Nardella, the best friend and neighbor anyone could ever ask for. He was a part of what I always thought of as "the beautiful Nardella Family," and my husband and I had the good fortune to move next door to them. We shared lots of laughs, teasing, Rita's Ices, fireworks, and tears, too. And how did Pat do that Pied Piper thing where all the neighborhood kids followed him around and wanted to play with him!?! Even my nieces and nephews wanted to hang out with Patsy when they visited!*

*Pat was always there for us with amazing smile and optimism. Pat, along with the rest of that wonderful family helped us through some tough times. I will always be indebted to them and always be grateful that we were friends. Donna, Marissa, Tara and Patrick, God bless your Patsy! I will always remember him with love and smiles.*

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**Angela and Jim Nikitopoulos** - May 06, 2020 at 05:00 PM

MP

“ *Donna and Family,*

*So sorry to hear about Patsy. He was always comic relief, always made me laugh.*

*Meri*

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**Meri Philbin** - May 04, 2020 at 08:18 PM

MA

“ Words can't express the void that you left in my heart. This was supposed to be the best time of your life. You had everything to live for and it all got taken away way too soon.

*I'll never forget how you used to sit on the floor for hours and let me and Tara put our girly clips in your crazy hair. And how you would let Patrick jump off the couch with a huge metal tin and bash you over the head with it even though it made you bleed. All we had to do was give you a kiss and we got whatever we wanted.*

*You were the best pop. Aiden absolutely adores you. You were always the first person he asked for and wanted to see. He says he wants to be a doctor when he grows up to help pop. He loved playing pop ball, racing cars with you in the hallway and looking at cars in the paper with you. You'll always have a special place in his heart and I know he'll never forget you. I wish Jack got the chance to know you like Aiden did cause I know he would've loved you just as much.*

*Life will never be the same without you. Our lives were better with you in it. A day won't go by that I won't think of you. You were the first man I ever loved and I'll love you forever. I miss you so much.*  
*Love,*  
*Marissa*

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**Marissa** - May 03, 2020 at 07:53 PM

TA

“ There are not enough words to describe the type of person you were. Everyone who knew you loved you and wanted to be around you. You were always the funniest and friendliest guy in the room.

Most people say they have the best Dad but me, Marissa, and Patrick really did. We have so many memories that we could all share. My favorites are all the ones we were together as a family on Sundays. That was always the best day of the week. We will always keep that tradition going but it will never be the same .

I am so sad my kids will never get to know their Pop because in the short time you had with Aiden and Jack you were the best Pop. My kids will know all about you. Rich and I will talk about you all the the time.

I will miss you and love you forever.

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Tara - May 03, 2020 at 02:53 PM

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I will miss you and love you forever.

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Tara - May 03, 2020 at 01:47 PM

DN

“ For the past 42 years, we have had many laughs and some tears, but they truly were the best years of my life. We raised 3 great kids and the memories you have given them will last them a lifetime. You were always the glass is half full type of person. You were blessed with a great sense of humor, always laughing and the life of the party, We will miss you always but we will always laugh when we talk about you. I know you are now at peace and you are with Pop and Nanna who I know you missed terribly in the last few years. Watch over us and keep us safe. No more tears, its time to celebrate your wonderful happy life because that is what you wanted.

*Do not cry for what you lost but rejoice in what you had and that is what we will do. Love you forever Patsy!!*

*Donna*

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**Donna Nardella** - May 02, 2020 at 08:26 AM

AA

“ Words can't describe how heart broken we are. You were definitely one of a kind man. I don't think I ever saw you mad . You always lit up a room. Jessica always said living with Uncle Patsy must be so much fun. You made everyone laugh all the time. If you were having a party and he was going , you knew you were going to have a good time.

*You will be missed dearly. I Love You!! Until we meet again.❤️ RIP  
Love Anna*

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**Anna Alessi** - May 01, 2020 at 08:45 PM

TS

“ Uncle Patsy was an amazing man and truly one of a kind. We were so lucky to have him be a part of our lives. There are so many fun memories with him from BBQs, to whiffle ball on the lawn to "sneaking the kids candy"!! He always has a smile on his face and a hug to give. We are so sorry for your loss and we are sending you all our love.

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**Taryn Siedenburg** - May 01, 2020 at 06:40 PM

JB

“ Donna, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May Patsy rest in the sweetest peace.

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**Jennifer Ballestero** - May 01, 2020 at 05:15 PM

SS

“ Scott Sander lit a candle in memory of Patsy Nardella



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**Scott Sander** - May 01, 2020 at 04:07 PM

“What can I say about my dad (A LOT). So many memories come to mind but a few of them stick out more than others. Going back to the early days there was a time when he had to go up onto the roof which required a ladder and a hammer (laughing yet)? After he finished doing whatever he was doing, it was time to move onto the next section of the roof. In standard dad fashion, he left the hammer on the top step of the ladder, climbed down, and began to move the ladder over to the next section. This resulted in the hammer falling off the ladder and hitting my dad directly in the head and cracking his head open. A normal family would have asked if he was okay, but nothing is normal at the Nardella's. We proceeded to laugh hysterically as my dad's head was bleeding. Speaking of the roof, there was another instance where my dad went to go spray a hornets nest. As he proceeded to spray the nest, a swarm of hornets came at him trying to sting him. A normal person would have attempted to swat the hornets away but I am talking about my dad. As the hornets attacked, my dad ran as fast as he could and jumped off of the roof onto the front lawn. Again, instead of asking if he was okay, we started hysterically laughing.

As the years went by, more memories were made. Like the time when my dad and I were trying to move my kicking bag from upstairs to down stairs. The kicking bag was filled with water so you can imagine how heavy this was. My dad kept asking me "You sure you can carry this" as I continued to tell him "I can carry it." Long story short, I couldn't carry it. My dad ended up falling down the stairs, crashing into the front door, and the kicking bag went down the stairs through the wall. I remember my dad seeing the hole in the wall and saying "Oh shit, mommy is going to kill us." Luckily she wasn't home at the time so we had some time to cover up the damage.

Then there was the time where I couldn't get the snowblower to start and I asked him for help. Not knowing he was behind me, I decided I was going to give it one last shot to try and start the snow blower. I pulled the rope as hard as I could and punched my dad

*right in the face. He must've called me every curse word in the book but I was laughing too hard to care. After it was all said and done, in typical dad fashion he says "Is that all you got? You hit me with your best shot and you still couldn't knock me down." We both had a good laugh.*

*There is so much more to say about my dad but the people who are close to him know how great of a man he was. I'll miss the laughs, craziness, playing whiffle ball, Nardella 21, ping pong, Kan Jam, washers, board games, and Sunday fundays. People always say they have the "best dad ever" but I'm not afraid to say that my dad was better. He was like a Derek Jeter or a Michael Jordan. What I am trying to say is athletes like those only come around once a century. They don't make athletes like those anymore, just like they don't make dads like mine. To quote your man crush Bruce Springsteen, "Tomorrow there'll be sunshine and all this darkness past" I miss you everyday dad.*

*Love your son,  
Patrick*

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**Patrick Nardella** - May 01, 2020 at 02:20 PM

PC

*That was beautiful. I'm so sorry for the loss of you dad. My deepest condolences to you and your family. May god bless him on his journey home. 🙏🙏❤️*

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**paulette carlsen** - May 01, 2020 at 02:56 PM

TS

*I can never hear Bruce and not think of your dad.. I will always remember that concert and seeing him sing his heart out. Such a great night!*

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**Taryn Siedenbourg** - May 01, 2020 at 06:41 PM

PS

*That was beautiful. Always happy and positive, his humor and laugh.. one of a kind.*

Pat Simeone - May 02, 2020 at 12:00 PM

VM

“ Dear Nardella family,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. Patsy was a great guy and so full of life - he will truly be missed by all! Please know that we are thinking of you and keeping you in our prayers.  
Sincerely and with love,  
Vicki, Rui, Julia, Olivia and Gabrielle ❤️

Victoria Mendes - May 01, 2020 at 02:15 PM

JS

“ Donna, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. Justyn



Justyn Scarbeau - May 01, 2020 at 01:07 PM

DL

“ Donna, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry to hear about your loss.

Dara Leikauskas - May 01, 2020 at 12:26 PM



“ Elizabeth Hardney lit a candle in memory of Patsy Nardella



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**Elizabeth Hardney** - May 01, 2020 at 11:24 AM

“ The first day I met Patsy I almost ran away crying because I wasn’t prepared for him.

We were playing an odd form of 2 on 2 basketball that they apparently play in Brooklyn, where there really isn’t any running or jumping but being a competitive person and trying to impress Marissa’s dad, I was going to give it my all.

Until a critical point in the game where I make, what was by all accounts, an unbelievable, diving-to-save-the-ball-from-falling-out-of-bounds-into-a-perfect-behind-the-back, pass, to my teammate... Patsy ... who instead of catching the pass and laying it up like a normal person, instead screamed in agony that he was violently struck in the head with the ball and immediately yelled, “it’s only a game Focker.”

The rest of the family, who I barely knew, was laughing uncontrollably. It was a grand old time. Except for me. I thought to myself, “what’s wrong with this guy? I don’t think the ball hit him. I think he’s joking but what if he isn’t? Why are they laughing? What kind of person would put somebody they just met in an embarrassing position like this? Marissa is nice and all but I gotta get the hell out of here.”

And for a split second, holding back tears, I literally thought about running away! Thankfully I didn’t and would come to find this was standard behavior in Patsy’s world!

The story doesn’t end there. The next week I come to the house and Patsy, never being one to let a joke go, was prepared. I walk up the steps at the Nardella house and before I even reach the living room I hear, in what I can only describe as a crazy man’s voice, “I’m ready for you this time!” And this lovable, lunatic of a man is dressed like a hockey goalie, mask, shoulder pads and all!

I’m pretty sure that was the day long before Marissa I fell in love

*with Patsy!*

*That was only the first of the countless stories I have about Patsy and I know everyone has theirs to fondly remember how great a man he was! He was the best dad and I see that genuine, fun personality in his kids and I'm so happy I already see it in mine.*

*You were more of a big brother than a father-in-law to me Patsy and I miss you! We all do! Love you baby!*

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**Greg Shoro** - May 01, 2020 at 10:23 AM

PS

*This is beautiful, right on point. He was hysterical and such a good man. We will always think of him and laugh.. truly one of a kind. So glad you two were blessed with each other' and were able share so many good times and laughs.*

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**Pat Simeone** - May 02, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Patsy Nardella.



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May 01, 2020 at 10:16 AM

CA

“ Hello Donna, I'm so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family. I will pray that the Lord give you and your family strength during this time. My your husband rest in peace.



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**Carmen Anderson** - May 01, 2020 at 10:00 AM

LN

“ You were the guy I wanted to be with. No matter where you went. You always “complained” about having your little brother trying to tag along everywhere you went. Always joking. Never a moment when you weren’t trying to stir up a laugh. My memories may have been short but I have and will always remember them fondly. We had a “crazy” beginning but we did eventually grow up. We didn’t get a chance to get know each other as adults and I will always regret that tragic fact. I can’t imagine what you have been through. I hope it’s all over now and that you are resting in the greatest and loving peace that you deserve. Some day we will meet again I hope. Love your brother....

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**Louis Nardella** - May 01, 2020 at 09:31 AM

EP

“ Hello Donna

*So sorry for your loss. My sincerest condolences to you and your family. May God bless you all and keep you during this time.*

*Ervin Peterson*



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**Ervin Peterson** - May 01, 2020 at 08:52 AM

AL

“ We will all miss you Uncle Patsy 💔



**Amy Lyons** - April 30, 2020 at 11:52 PM

MD

“ We’re so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and condolences to the Nardella family.

**Monira Douban** - April 30, 2020 at 09:25 PM

BL

“ Patsy was such a wonderful man, my prayers to Donna and the family.

**Brian Lyons** - April 30, 2020 at 08:58 PM

DP

“ Because of Uncle Patsy, I learned that “52 card pickup” wasn’t a real game, but still, he made it fun! He truly was one of a kind and will be missed by everyone who was blessed to know him💔 Rest peacefully Uncle Patsy.

**Danielle Paiva** - April 30, 2020 at 08:26 PM

AA

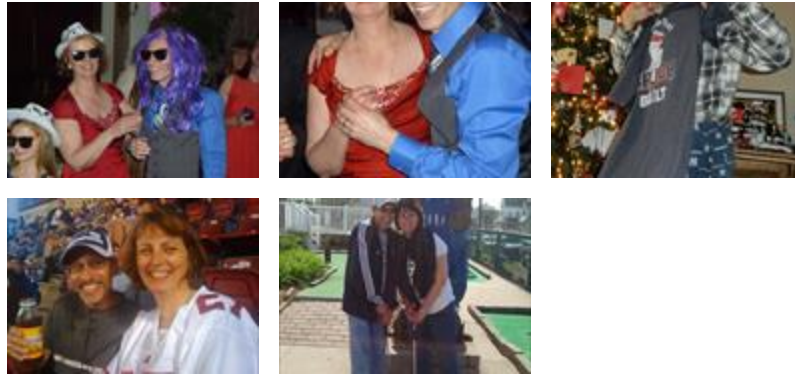
“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to your family and loved ones. You raised one amazing son.*

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**Adria Allenza** - April 30, 2020 at 07:21 PM

PN

“ *16 files added to the album Family Pictures*



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**Patrick Nardella** - April 30, 2020 at 05:27 PM

AA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Anna Alessi** - April 30, 2020 at 05:18 PM

PS

“ No words can fill the void of the happiest, most joyful, loving.. and craziest man (in the most harmless way possible) I've ever known. My Uncle and Godfather, you were truly a gift from God and made everyone's lives happier knowing you. I'll always miss hearing you scream, "WHAT IS THAT SMELL?? IS THAT PATTY BOOTS???" I COULD SMELL YOU FROM JERSEY!!!"  
Gone way too soon. Until we meet again have fun up there and look out for us. I love you and will miss you. ❤️



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**Pat Simeone** - April 30, 2020 at 04:49 PM

TP



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**Tina Paola** - April 30, 2020 at 05:17 PM

LN



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**Louis Nardella** - May 01, 2020 at 08:42 AM

SC

“ Donna, Tara, Marissa, and Patrick, We are so sorry for the loss of Pat. He was one of the nicest people we have met. Always a smile. We are so sad and our hearts break for you. Our deepest condolences to you. Love to you, Sandy and Herb Cannon

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**Sandra Cannon** - April 30, 2020 at 04:24 PM

LV

“ We’re so sorry for your loss. We hope you can get together in this time and remember all of the positivity, laughter, and love Patsy brought.

We feel lucky we got the chance to get to know Patsy over the past couple of years – he was always ready with a joke, was quick to laugh, and ready to join in any party.

Sending our love and condolences to the whole Nardella family.

Love, Lindsay and Jake

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Lindsay VanderHoff - April 30, 2020 at 04:22 PM

JP

“ Our love and condolences to Donna and the family. Pat was always such a sweet soul. May God bless you all and welcome Pat with open arms❤️

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Joan Powell - April 30, 2020 at 04:17 PM

TP

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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Tina Paola - April 30, 2020 at 04:13 PM

TP

*Uncle Patsy was our "Fun-cle"! Always so energetic and full of life, that it was contagious! Whenever he saw me, he would hop around me laughing, "Tina-lina bushalina"!!!*

*He is going to be deeply missed. Rest in peace. 🙏 You will never be forgotten. ❤️*

Tina Paola - April 30, 2020 at 04:20 PM

AA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anna Alessi - April 30, 2020 at 04:07 PM

FV

“ So sorry to hear of Pats passing. Our prayers and condolences to Donna and his family

Frank Vento - April 30, 2020 at 03:56 PM

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Anna Alessi - April 30, 2020 at 03:51 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anna Alessi - April 30, 2020 at 03:45 PM

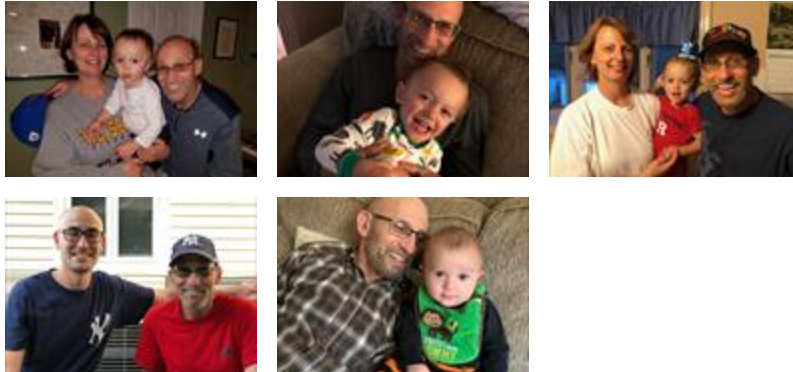


“ So sorry to hear about Patsys passing. Sending loving thoughts and prayers to all his family and friends. Remembering his comment as Jill walked down the aisle to marry Patrick last summer . - ‘Jill, it’s not too late!’ He will always be remembered as a funny kind and loving man

Eileen Michelle - April 30, 2020 at 03:40 PM

PN

“ 16 files added to the album Family Pictures



Patrick Nardella - April 30, 2020 at 03:29 PM