



Patrick Vandegriff

August 31, 1950 - September 9, 2024

Patrick M. Vandegriff, of New Castle, Indiana, passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 9th, with his sister Marci at his side, after a long battle with cancer. We are so thankful for all the love, care and support given to Pat over the years from family and friends. There will be a family “Celebration of Life” in Brown County and a “Friends’ Gathering” in New Castle (TBD).

Pat was born to Charlotte and Budd J. Vandegriff on August 31, 1950 in Muncie, Indiana, the firstborn of eleven children. He attended St. Mary’s Catholic Church where he served as an altar boy. He was also involved in Scouting and played little league baseball where he was nicknamed “leftie” for his awesome left-handed pitching. Pat earned a bachelor’s in Sociology from Ball State University in 1983 and held various jobs until he retired. He was a huge fan of the Beatles, Rolling Stones, and rock ‘n roll in general. As an avid fan of Bobby Knight, the IU basketball team, and the Green Bay Packers, he rarely missed an opportunity to cheer them on. Pat enjoyed writing and had a witty work published in a Christian magazine entitled, “The Ten Commandments of Choir Singing”. One of the family’s fondest memories is that Pat would make friends everywhere he went and continued those friendships for years.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents, Charlotte (2012) and Budd Vandegriff (2022); his grandparents, Viola and Budd Vandegriff and Frances

and Charles Grover, two siblings, Brian Vandegriff (1983) and Judy Vandegriff (2000); nephews, Justin Vandegriff (1987) and Derek Vandegriff (2001) and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pat is survived by his brothers and sisters: Chris Vandegriff, Jo Anne Vandegriff, Thomas Vandegriff (Maria), Paul Vandegriff, Nicholas Vandegriff, James Vandegriff, Mary Hensley and Marci Burk. Also nieces and nephews: Melody Butler, Bradley Erskine, Brittany Clark (Kris); Holly Bessinger (Chris), Michael Vandegriff, Paul J. Vandegriff, Cory Vandegriff; Brandi Vandegriff (Brent), Spencer Vandegriff; Amanda Vandegriff (Brian), Janessa Vandegriff, Connor Brooks (Jamie); Samantha Beard (Emmanuel), Sarah Hensley, Brian Hensley (Claire).

And great nieces and nephews: Milo-Hill Vandegriff, Jamar Stager-Guice, Jewel Erskine, Anthony Clark; Logan, Wade, Brady; Kenney Neustal, Jaxton Buck, Eliah Beard, Evalyn Beard, and great-great niece Aria Leyde.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Patrick Vandegriff.

Tribute Wall

KG

“ My Mom Vivian, my son David and I love Pat. I met him at our apartment complex. I lived on the west end of the fifth floor, Pat moved in across the hall, In the second from the end. We hit it off real quick. Super sweet guy. He met my Mom and my son David there. I need new hips and knees so Pat would take my trash across the hall for me and put it in the chute. All I had to do was put it outside my door. Or I would call him. We would talk about everything. He would go across the street for me and buy me a bag of ice. I would buy him a pack of cigarettes for all his help. I've seen him walking to Kroger for another friend of ours, getting her groceries and carrying her groceries back for her. Even in the winter. To know Pat was to love him. Spoke so highly of his Mother. And his Dad and stepmom. I met them both. Pat made sure I did when they brought him back home from Thanksgiving dinner that first year he moved in. Good people. He spoke of his brothers and sisters a lot. He helped me move furniture around and anything I needed help with, Pat was there. I could see a change in his health after he got hit by that van. He told me when we first met about his head and cancer. I prayed for him and he prayed for me. When my Mom died a year and a half ago, he was so saddened by it. Like he helped me when Daddy died, my brother Jeff and his wife Vanessa. Well, we love you Pat, will miss you so very much. We are blessed to have you in our lives and our family. I'm not going to say goodbye dear friend, just what I've said to all my family, see you again...later. find my Mom and give her that great hug you have and she will introduce you to my Daddy, brother Jeff, and his wife Vanessa. Love always...Kennetha

Kennetha Brummett Guffey - October 04, 2024 at 10:40 AM

JV

You are very kind to remember Pat and say all these nice things. He loved his friends at the complex, and I don't think he would have left his friends at the complex to live in a mansion. Helping his friends meant more to him than his own personal comfort. Blessings

Jo Anne Vandegriff - October 12, 2024 at 05:44 AM

NH

*“ I met Pat when I worked at a tobacco store across from where he lived. He would come in for his lottery tickets. And he would always give whoever was working a couple dollars if he won something over \$50.
I loved talking to him. He was super soft spoken, but very smart. He will be, and is, extremely missed by us all at Smoker's Best Friend, but especially me*

NORMA HOOVER - September 30, 2024 at 04:58 AM

JV

Thank you, Norma

Jo Anne Vandegriff - October 12, 2024 at 05:45 AM

SD

*“ Pat was a fellow lefty and a really friendly guy. I remember the early years when I visited Bud and Charlotte for a week in the summer with one or two of my siblings. Pat showed us around the neighborhood and introduced us to his friends. Cheerios were on the menu nearly every breakfast. We played and had fun whenever we visited thanks to Pat.
Steve Dance*

Steve Dance - September 14, 2024 at 07:36 PM

JV

Thank you cousin Steve Dance for posting. Funny the things we remember. Many blessings

Jo Anne Vandegriff - September 17, 2024 at 04:50 AM

 Tanya
Lawson

“ So sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I met him at Maplewood Terrace when I moved in in 2016 right next to him on the 5th floor. He greeted me the first day. Always asked how your doing. He was very friendly and helpful.

Tanya Lawson - September 14, 2024 at 10:44 AM

JV

Thank you, Tanya, Blessings

Jo Anne Vandegriff - September 23, 2024 at 03:22 AM

JV

“ Patrick Vandegriff is my brother. It is heartbreaking to see his photo on an obituary page. While it is good that Pat is no longer suffering, I will miss him. I chatted long distance with him almost weekly at times, and later as his health started failing almost daily. I enjoyed cooking for Pat because he liked everything you would make for him, except he hated tofu and kale. I loved buying Pat gifts because he was always so sincerely grateful for every little thing people did for him. And I will miss his sense of humor.

I would like to thank, in a huge way, all the family, relatives and friends who showed their concern for Pat as his health failed through phone calls, texts, emails, gifts, visits to the hospital and his apartment. You were all so wonderful. Especially thank you to his sister Marci Burk, who made great sacrifice to care for Pat in his last weeks here. She was an angel of mercy.
But again thank you to all of you.

Now "we wait in joyful hope for the second coming of our Savior Jesus"

JO Anne Vandegriff - September 14, 2024 at 04:27 AM

CD

“ Pat and I were cousins, both very close in age. Always a sweet, calm and smart little boy who I enjoyed spending time with when visiting family in Muncie. I can't remember a family get together throughout the years that I didn't enjoy getting to visit with Pat. God bless him. May he rest in peace. May all who loved Pat remember him with prayerful gratitude for shared life with him. Love, Catherine Dance

Catherine Dance - September 13, 2024 at 04:54 PM

JV

Thank you Cathy. That is so heart-warming and comforting. God bless you.

JO Anne Vandegriff - September 14, 2024 at 01:21 AM

DV

My cousin Pat was nearly an adult by the time I first remember him, but he always had that youthful outlook on life that would let him connect with anyone, old or young. He was a joker for sure - when I asked him why he wore the bushy beard, he said it was to store some Cheerios for when he got hungry later. Sorry to learn of his battle with cancer and recent passing. Thank you, Marci, for being there with him until the end. To all my cousins who were Pat's siblings - you have my heartfelt sympathy.

David Vandegriff - September 24, 2024 at 04:12 PM

KR

Blessings to you, Jo Anne and other members of Pat's family. Pat was a kind, gentle soul who was witty and appreciative and a good friend during my youth. Also, I had some pleasant chats with him at the library in New Castle over the past few years when we visited my mother-in-law. You were a good friend, too, Jo Anne. I always enjoyed visiting with your family, where I felt very comfortable and at home. May Pat rest in peace, and may you all enjoy peaceful lives full of appreciation. Bless you all.

Kathy Raines - September 24, 2024 at 04:46 PM

JV

It appears here that I am responding to several comments at once, so I hope you all will see my response to your posting.

First, my apologies for my delay in replying to your heartfelt comments, but I had a hard time looking a Pat's obituary site and had to stay away from it for a while. It seems so surreal that he is gone. I hope you will understand that one can only take so much sadness at a time.

To cousin David Vandegriff: thank you for you kind thoughts about Pat. He was very fond of his aunts, uncles and cousins and so enjoyed visiting with the Dave and Sue Vandegriff family. Yes, Pat had quite a sense of humor. Many blessings to you and your family.

To Kathy Raines: Thank you also Kathy. Pat just loved having you as a friend and our family liked you also. I'm glad you and Pat met and you were around our family for a long time. Pat really missed you when you moved far away. I so enjoyed having you as a friend in junior high and high school. I used to see your Mom sometimes when I was working in Northwest Plaza shopping center is she was always so nice. Pray all is well with you and your family

Jo Anne Vandegriff - December 02, 2024 at 03:41 AM