

PATRICK J. HICKEY



Patrick Joseph Hickey, known to his family and friends as "Pat" or "Paddy," passed away on July 29, 2022, in Sammamish, WA. He was visiting his sister Catherine and her husband, Bob Webster, and was surrounded by loved ones at his passing. Pat was born in New York City on December 18, 1932, to Richard and Catherine O'Boyle Hickey.

He lived in the South Bronx, until he moved to Hurley, NY in 1969, where he met the love of his life, Mary Louise Amodeo. They married at Holy Trinity Church in Poughkeepsie on June 12, 1971, and spent the next 46 years together until Mary's passing in 2017. An enthusiastic storyteller, Pat loved to tell how he met Mary at the Hurley Hill Nursery, where she worked, and offered to make a delivery for her in his truck. Living first in Hurley and Phoenicia, they soon settled in Saugerties. Pat had lots of stories about growing up on the streets of the South Bronx, and about his working life, first selling newspapers on the streets of Manhattan (2 cents a copy), then a stint in the National Guard, 10 years as a bread baker, and nine years on the custodial staff of John A. Coleman Catholic High School. He also worked as a driver, first for the Hudson Cement company, then on an armored car, and his favorite – helping the seniors get to the Mother Cabrini Day Care Center. He was a kind and caring person, and this came through in his stories. Pat's and Mary's generosity was on display each year when they opened their home on the 4th of July to celebrate with a huge gathering of family and friends from as far away as Florida. Besides time with his family, he loved working in his yard, enjoyed Italian food, and never met a cookie he did not like. He is survived by his sisters, Margaret Schwartz and Catherine Webster, and his sister-in-law Janet Canino in Highland. Uncle Pat also leaves his nieces and nephews: Stephen Hickey (NC), Kenneth Webster (TX), Deborah Webster (WA), Carolyn Webster (WA), Sarah Webster (Beirut), Steve Canino and Dave Canino (Highland), Ginny Becchetti Reale (Poughkeepsie), Annette Moise King (MA), Vickie Becchetti Barber Flynn (MA), Paula Becchetti Sensbach (FL), Frank Becchetti (MA), Anna Becchetti (FL), and many other nieces and nephews. Pat was predeceased by his brother Richard Hickey and by his sisters-in-law and their husbands: Virginia (Amodeo) and Paul Becchetti, Catherine (Amodeo) and John Delahanty, and by his brother-in-law Ralph Canino, Sr. and nephew Ralph Canino, Jr. Calling hours are Monday August 8th from 6pm-830pm at the Michael Torsone Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 218 Mill St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Wheelchair and street level parking are located in the rear of the funeral home off Vassar Street. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, August 9th 10am at Holy Trinity Church in Poughkeepsie with entombment to follow in St. Peters Mausoleum, Poughkeepsie, NY. For directions, online condolences or to send the family a sympathy card please visit our website at www.torsonememorial.com Memorial donations may be made in his name to: The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, 777 Third Ave, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10017-1427.