



Oliver Patrick Grogan

July 26, 1938 - July 22, 2020

Oliver Patrick “Pat” Grogan passed away on July 22, 2020, at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton, four days shy of his 82nd birthday.

He was born on July 26, 1938, in Moate, Co. Westmeath, Ireland, the son of the late Patrick Joseph Grogan and Margaret Tracey Grogan.

Pat came to the USA on February 25, 1957. He began his service in the Air Force at Lackland AFB, Texas, on March 3, 1957, and served honorably from 1957– 1961, active duty, and two additional years in the reserves. He proudly became a U.S. citizen in Baltimore, Maryland, on March 8, 1962.

Following his military service, Pat made a career in law enforcement as a police officer for Prince George’s County, retiring after 23 years. He was especially proud of the work he did as part of the Community Relations Division, where some of his duties included teaching drug awareness and safety programs at the local schools, assembling and distributing food baskets for the county’s hungry, collecting Christmas toys for needy children, and running an annual summer camp for school safety patrols.

He earned an A.A. Degree in 1977, from the University of Maryland.

Pat was a proud member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 89, where he served as Chaplain for 40 years. He was a founding member of the Prince George's County Police Drum and Bagpipe Band. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Irish American Club, and the Police Emerald Society.

He received many commendations and awards during his lifetime, but the most treasured of these was the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross, bestowed upon him by Pope John Paul II in 1991. The Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross is the highest award of the Roman Catholic Church bestowed by the Pope in recognition of dedication and exceptional service to the Church.

Pat married his first wife, Grace Marie (DiGennaro) Grogan, on October 17, 1964. They had four children and were married for 27 years before she died in 1991.

He was blessed to find love again and married Regina T. (Arneson) Stitcher on June 28, 2002. They made their home in Easton, Maryland, and were parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church.

Pat is survived by his large, loving family: devoted wife of 18 years, Regina T. Grogan;

children, Kathleen G. Rahn (David), Noreen G. Hayden (Tim), Patrick E. Grogan and Maureen G. Saunders (Mark); step-children, Christina Powers (Winter), Lanny Chapman (Kimberly) and John Stitcher (Amy); sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Despite the geographical distance, he remained close to his family in Ireland, including siblings, Carmel Egan, Thomas Grogan, Patrick J. "PJ" Grogan, Marie Killeen, and Nollaig Kelly and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Michael Grogan.

A visitation will be held from 12 – 3 and 4 – 7 PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2020, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 1210 S. Washington St., Easton.

Services on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, will begin at 10:00 AM at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, to include invited speakers from 10:00 –11:15 AM, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM. We hope to be able to provide live streaming for those who cannot attend in person. Details will be provided as they are made available.

Burial will be at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, Maryland, directly following the funeral Mass.

All guests are required to wear masks and maintain social distancing.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Pat's honor to the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 89, for the Police Memorial, 2905 Old Largo Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 and/or Sts. Peter & Paul Building Fund, 7906 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601.

Cemetery

Gate of Heaven - Silver Spring

13801 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD, 20906

Events

JUL **Visitation** 12:00PM - 03:00PM

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Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
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JUL **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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JUL **Service** 10:00AM

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Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street, Easton, MD, US,
21601

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - July 31 at 04:39 PM



“ Remember fondly from Patrol Camp 1979! God's peace and rest to Oliver and peace to this family. A life well lived.

Frank Fitzmaurice - July 30 at 09:09 PM



“ My parents Mike and Audrey Kelly's Spoke so much about how wonderful a man Oliver was I wish I could've met him rip in peace Pat what a life you have let and helped so many

Andrea Kelly - July 30 at 08:28 PM



“ Just heard the very sad news of Pat's passing, we would call each other quite often. We attended school together in Moate Ireland, so one could say we were friends all our lives. I remember once when we were kids, picking raspberries and fell in a bog hole, we formed a chain and pulled him to safety, we often laughed about the incident. He was good in every way, generous and very religious, he loved Moate Ireland The USA and above all Regina and his family, Sincere condolences to all his family. He will be missed.

Mike and Audrey Kelly,
Kelowna, BC.
Canada.

mike kelly - July 30 at 04:17 PM



“ Mr. Grogan was a favorite of my big family and many of us were very frequently playing with the Grogan children and doted on by both parents. My clearest three memories are a.) walking up an Irish potato cake with chocolate icing from my mother to Mr. Grogan twice a year: his birthday and St. Patrick's Day. This was

always met with excitement in our house because she would make the same cake for us on those days. b.) Mr. Grogan would visit our home a couple times a year and treat us to his voice and guitar playing. c.) We were all fingerprinted by Mr Grogan in a sort of block party to identify children more easily if abducted. It was also the heyday of "Say No To Drugs" so we weren't sure if we might later be arrested if we mistakenly tried drugs. We adored him, and his family, and are so glad Mr. Grogan led a long, honorable, service-oriented, loving life. My condolences,
Erin Foxmann

Erin Foxmann - July 29 at 11:09 AM



“ "My father and Mr. Grogan are very similar and from the same county. They have always done the right thing all their lives. They both were policemen here in the USA." - Catherine Fox, long-time Lanham neighbor

Catherine Fox - July 29 at 10:59 AM



“ Pat was a stellar neighbor, family man, and police officer. Our children were and are long time friends with his children. He gave service to the community which benefited many in our neighborhood. And, he was an excellent example of Catholic service. We last saw him a few years ago and he said he had remarried. He looked happy again. A life well lived. Our deepest sympathy to Kathleen, Noreen, Patrick and Maureen, and Regina. May God comfort you in the days ahead. We will keep you in our prayers.
Milton and Alice Gray

Alice Gray - July 28 at 11:30 PM



“ Dear Regina and family,

It is truly difficult to find words to adequately express my sympathy over the loss of Ollie...such a wonderful person.. Laney absolutely thought the world of Ollie and referred to him as a dear friend and "prince of a guy". I will always cherish the cards and letters he sent. I will also long remember my phone conversation with Ollie early last year,
Again, my deepest, heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I pray you find comfort in knowing others share in your sorrow, and a sense of peace in knowing Ollie is safely home in the arms of Jesus.

Love,
Karen Hester and family



“ Dear Regina and family, there are no words that I can speak that will make this any easier for you, just know that Pat was loved by all that knew him. He was one of the most admired men I have ever met.

Connie and I offer our most sincere condolences.

Bill (Billy) and Connie Poole ID'239 Ret

Bill/Connie Poole - July 27 at 11:33 PM



“ Pat, you were always there for all of us. I hope you know how much you were appreciated. Regina, thank you for sharing this special man with us. We will see him again.

Dennis Shellhouse - July 27 at 10:14 PM



“ Regina, and family,
Cathy and I extend our heartfelt condolences to you all for the loss of this fine man. A true gentleman, great police officer, loyal Irishmen, and a pillar in the Catholic Church. He will be remembered by many for his never ending kindness, and his allegiance to his fellow police officers and FOP Lodge #89.
We wish for you peace and comfort as you move forward from this time of terrible sorrow.
I will miss him and our talks , he was a fun guy, with quick wit , and always a generous smile. God Bless. Rip in peace Ollie. ID #257

Chuck Morse

Charles Morse - July 27 at 06:22 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Oliver Patrick Grogan.



July 26 at 03:39 PM



“ Dear Regina Kathleen Noreen Patrick and Maureen our deepest sympathies to you all from Roscommon Ireland . Uncle Oliver was a true gentleman and a wonderful brother to my mother Marie Killeen my he rest in peace with the angels he will be so sadly missed thinking of you all at this terribly sad time
Marie And all the family Evelyn Peter Sharon Siobhan and Sandra

siobhan carthy - July 26 at 03:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Oliver Patrick Grogan.



July 26 at 09:06 AM



“ With Much Love, Doug, Lee and Matthew Shryock purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Oliver Patrick Grogan.



With Much Love, Doug, Lee and Matthew Shryock - July 25 at 08:03 PM



“ We are thankful to be part of your lives and hope that we can offer comfort and strength during this time of need. I know that Your father/husband/grandfather/friend will be missed deeply. My time help you heal and bring you peace. The BELCOURT family.

Rich Belcourt - July 25 at 12:54 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Oliver Patrick Grogan.





July 25 at 12:41 PM



“ Regina, our hearts go out to you for your loss. We will miss Pat for so many reasons, but especially his humor and willingness to sing us a tune. His “Lady of Knock” on many St Patrick’s Days at SS Peter & Paul, as well as his serenading the Maryland State Senate a number of years back, will never be forgotten. Barbara and I will include a special prayer for him this evening in our nightly Rosary. He was a good man by every measure, so there is little doubt in my mind that God will warmly welcome him into heaven at this time.

Tom & Barbara O’Reilly

Tom O'Reilly - July 25 at 11:45 AM



“ All of my memories of Pat are happy ones. He was deeply religious, loving, family man. He had the gift of blarney, definitely. He loved sharing stories about his past. Everyone who knew him will miss him. My deepest sympathy to all of his family. Mary Ann Horsey

Mary Ann Horsey - July 25 at 11:16 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Oliver Patrick Grogan.



July 25 at 11:13 AM



“ To all our American cousins, we offer our deepest sympathy and prayers. Uncle Oliver was a true gentleman to all and could make hours disappear with his great stories and banter. He will be missed by many. May he RIP. We are thinking of you all at this most difficult time. Our sincerest Regards...PJ, Kathleen, Alan, Ollie, Padraig, Mark & Michael Grogan

Alan Grogan - July 25 at 09:14 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Oliver Patrick Grogan.



July 25 at 07:45 AM



“ Sending you love, hugs and prayers! Mr. Pat was a great man. We are so blessed to have spent time with him. A storyteller like no other!

Chris and Heather Sedwick

Heather Sedwick - July 24 at 11:39 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Oliver Patrick Grogan.



July 24 at 09:41 PM



“ Miss you Oliver, you are flying with the angels now. Sincere sympathy to all the family. Mary and Ann Thornton, Moate, Ireland

Ann Thornton - July 24 at 06:40 PM



“ Regina, we send you our deepest sympathy and prayers on the loss of your wonderful husband, Pat. We have many happy memories of Pat, sharing St. Patrick's Day with our fellow Irishman, and enjoying his wonderful voice singing Hail Glorious St. Patrick and Queen of Knock at church. And his warm smile and great conversation will be greatly missed.

Adrienne and John Wafer

adrienne wafer - July 24 at 10:28 AM



“ Regina, have had you Cathy, Renee, Patrick, and Maureen in my prayers and daily Mass since Pat passed on to a new life with the Lord. Will continue to pray for you all and thi great dad and husband. jo saunders

jo saunders - July 27 at 08:54 AM



“ Dear Regina. I'm so so sorry. Brokedown and cried like a baby when I heard the news of Pat's passing. What a wonderful, humble, and gracious human being. A true man of God - we can take comfort in knowing he is now resting in the arms of our Lord and Savior. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Especially by the police officers who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him for so many years both as an active and retired officer. He was one in a million. Please excuse my absence during this particularly troubling time. My age and any number of other health-related issues have restricted my movements over the past several months. My prayers are with you and the entire Grogan family. Love, Denny Cambell

Dennis Campbell - July 28 at 10:25 PM



“ Our most sincere sympathy to Regina and all of Pat's family both here and abroad. Pat was a true friend and we spoke often. I was inspired by Pat's capacity to always tell a joke despite suffering multiple illnesses. His rich singing voice was a delight to hear. I truly never heard Pat say an unkind word about anyone--a true gentleman. His loss leaves a void and we are truly saddened by his passing. Rest in Peace. Roland & Sharron Cassavant

Roland Cassavant - July 30 at 04:57 PM