



## Patrick McAllister

April 30, 1951 - September 13, 2020

Patrick McAllister, passed away peacefully on September 13, 2020, at Compass Hospice in Centerville, MD.

The son of Francis and Victoria McAllister, both veterans of WWII, Patrick was born on April 30, 1951, and raised in Aberdeen, MD. Patrick is survived by his sisters, Faye and Diane; and brothers, Michael and Joseph.

As a young man, Patrick worked as a quality control inspector on power plants in New York and Louisiana. From 1979-1981, Patrick oversaw the building of an 1800 mile transmission line along the Congo River in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo. After his work in the Congo, Patrick opened an import/export company in Washington, DC, trading electrical goods to Korean contractors for construction projects in Saudi Arabia.

Patrick and his late wife, Patricia (nee Walter) were married in 1988. In 1989, Patrick and Patricia established Annapolis Mobile Power Services [AMPS], a small but much sought-after portable power distribution company. For 27 years, AMPS provided service to the movie and television industry locally, nationally, and internationally, as well as powered events inside the Beltway. Patrick learned the business from the ground up, becoming a union electrician with a reputation for his knowledge and technical expertise primarily in diesel generator performance, maintenance, and service. Patrick prided himself in

fast, accurate service, and hands-on attention to every detail. His dedication and work ethic became legendary.

Patrick had a penchant for travel, crisscrossing the globe from Zaire to Singapore to Eastern Europe. A recent trip took him on the TGV (Train à Grande Vitesse) through France, a particularly enjoyable excursion for him. While touring France, Patrick visited the Normandy Beach where his father landed on June 6, 1944. Patrick's mother was in the Women's Royal Air Force during WWII, and Patrick had a lifelong fascination with and read all he could relating to WWI and WWII.

Patrick was remarkably well read, intelligent, curious, and kind. He had a lifelong love for animals, especially his dogs. As a friend, Patrick was the best, respectful, caring in a gruffly gentle way, understanding, never preachy and above all else, supremely loyal. Patrick did not suffer fools gladly and had a sharpness of wit that could as easily corrode as it could cajole and tease. That was part of his charm. In his manner and deportment with those for whom he cared for most, Patrick was a gentleman of the old school with a natural politeness, courtesy and deference.

He will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in his memory to the Australian Cattle Dog Rescue Association, [www.acdra.org](http://www.acdra.org).

His Memorial Service will be held in the Spring of 2021. Details will be announced.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick McAllister*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Patrick McAllister*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Patrick McAllister*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



**Diane McAllister** - January 31, 2021 at 10:27 AM

PI

“ I just saw that Patrick has died. I met Patrick and Patricia through ACDRA, where they fostered and adopted several dogs including Otter, and had an email friendship with Pat first, then later occasionally with Patrick. He always had his way of looking at things, with a wry wit and no BS. My husband and our two dogs stopped and visited Patrick and Otter at their home as we traveled nearby about two years ago. I want to wish his family and close friends condolences. I will remember Patrick fondly. I am sure Otter is missing his buddy, too, and want you to know to please let me know if Otter has any needs.

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**Pat Isaacs** - October 25, 2020 at 07:06 PM

DM

Dear Pat, How beautiful that you would offer to help with Otter's needs, something Patrick would deeply appreciate. Patrick made sure that Otter went to a happy home with another dog and cat. The new owners, through the rescue, sent two videos of such a happy Otter, playing with his doggie and kitty. Thank you, Pat, thank you. Sincerely, Diane, Patrick's sister.

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**Diane McAllister** - November 18, 2020 at 06:15 PM

LJ

“ Pat was quite the guy back in our class of '69 at John Carroll ... He would always make you laugh and a real jokester .... I am so glad I sat and talked to Pat at our 50 year reunion ... We really caught up on old times and laughed a lot !!!! RIP our good friend ...

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**Linda Jennings** - October 22, 2020 at 09:53 PM

CR

“ Patrick along with his sidekick back then Gus Kinnear, were the true entertainers of our Class of 1969. They kept us laughing. I'm really glad I got to see him briefly last year at our unofficial 50th class reunion. RIP Patrick

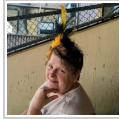
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**Craig Rosendale** - October 21, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Patrick was probably the most unique fellow student I attended John Carroll with. Pat was a true free spirit, life loving smart ass who lived life they way he wanted to. He was different and would have laughed at the smart ass comment. He was his own Man. Rest in Peace Patrick. Another good one gone from the Class of "69"

David Blair - October 21, 2020 at 10:24 AM



Patrick was really quirky in high school. Pat always entertained during lunch or breaks. He was a good guy. When I saw him for our 40th or 45th reunion he had not changed much. Another of our class gone from us for now.

Debbie Gibbons - October 21, 2020 at 12:21 PM

DJ

Patrick had the best maintained generators in the film business.

David Jacobs - September 17, 2024 at 06:06 PM

DM

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



diane McAllister - September 27, 2020 at 12:34 PM

YA

“ Patrick was my cousin though I only really got to know him these past couple of years. I met him for the second time in my life in France and immediately took to him. He had such passionate beliefs about the world that he shared with great wit and intelligence. Underneath it all was a big heart. I miss him already. He very stoically said that everything came with a warranty date on it and that's just the way it is. He had an adventurous life, I am just sorry I won't get to see more of him in what was to have been his last adventure in Portugal. My deepest sympathy goes to Diane, Faye, Michael and Joe. You must really miss him.

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**Yvonne Andia** - September 24, 2020 at 11:22 AM

JM

“ 4 files added to the album Patrick & Family



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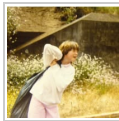
**Joseph McAllister** - September 23, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ I met Patrick when he came to for his sister Diane . His visit added so much warmth and wit to the neighborhood. I adore him at first sight. He was so sincere in his love for Diane. It made me wish I had been blessed with a brother. Patrick made me laugh every single time I spoke with him. Patrick will remain in my memory a rare clever kind funny individual ...and I count myself so lucky to have met him.

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**Margery Bailey** - September 23, 2020 at 03:29 PM



Came  
To visit his sister....

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**Margery Bailey** - September 23, 2020 at 03:29 PM

JM

“ Uncle Pat (AKA “Uncle Meanie) was the kind of uncle every kid needs: Tough, crass, great sense of humor, and a caring heart beneath it all that couldn’t be hidden. I always enjoyed are times together visiting with Granny and Gramps, family reunions at the farm, hanging out at the generator outside of NFL football games, and random meetings in Delaware. He also introduced me to “The Far Side”, “Calvin and Hobbes”, and the importance of only putting one hand in your pocket at a time (as opposed to both hands) so as not to look “Un-cool.” Your memory lives on in our hearts and minds!

*Photo from brother Joe's 60th birthday party, 11/4/2017.*



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**Josh McAllister** - September 23, 2020 at 11:00 AM

KL

“ I met Patrick (and Otter and Blu) in a tai chi class where Patrick quickly established himself as class clown and generous provider of refreshments. You might imagine how one-liners flew before a receptive audience, but Patrick also treated the class to his delicious baked brownies, lemon bars, and bread. This was in addition to the many apples he brought for the teacher.

He was a diligent student, too. He worked hard and asked many questions (and vociferously defended as *\*his space\** a section of carpet at the far end of the studio).

He was a faithful dog parent. Temperature permitting, Otter would make the Centreville to Glen Burnie trip with Patrick on class days and then wait quietly in the car after a quick walk. Patrick would keep a close eye on him through the studio window.

Patrick possessed grit, courage, directness, and resilience that made me envious. Maybe his sense of humor fueled it all. His quick wit usually settled slowly on me.

Needless to say, the class was never the same after Patrick joined. He shared many stories from Africa, from his Catholic upbringing, and from his years providing power services and puns far and wide. (The two young electricity salesman who talked their way into the studio one day under false pretenses never knew what hit them.) We heard all about Patrick's dream of relocating to Portugal. So, we always knew we would lose him eventually and we knew that we would miss him. I only wish we had lost him to Portugal.

The attached photo was taken in early May after he dropped off some lemon bars. (His really set the "bar". I'll never have another of that caliber.)

Kathy L





kathy I lough - September 22, 2020 at 04:48 PM

PP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Patrick's passing. He was one of my oldest friends in the movie business. I knew him when he was an electrician and I loved seeing him at work because he was always so FUNNY and insightful. I missed him a lot when he decided to leave the regular crews and open AMPS - but I always recommended him and his gennies ( and then I would get to see him and share a few jokes.) He always made me laugh. Rest In Peace. Peggy Pridemore

Peggy Pridemore - September 22, 2020 at 04:21 PM

TD

“ In all the wonderful memories we have of Patrick we must remember his wit. Quick, insightful, often wicked but always that one note that could pull any situation into sharp perspective. I will miss that as much as anything from this wonderful man. I think it was the Irish in him that saw the tragicomic absurdity of life but knew that if we could just laugh we will somehow muddle through. That is something that just might get us all through this terrible loss. I love you, Patrick. Keep those angels laughing up there. Don't let them get away with anything!

Tommy DiRenzo - September 21, 2020 at 06:04 PM

MG

“ *Such unspeakably sad news. I am totally stunned, and I am so, so sorry. Patrick will be missed by many— family, friends, and his beloved fur buddies. It was much too soon to lose your charming, funny, delightful, light-up-the-room brother. That is how I’ll always remember Patrick.*

*With deepest sympathy and much love, keeping you all close in my heart and prayers.*

*Martha Gay, Chaneysville PA & Houston*

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**Martha Gay** - September 20, 2020 at 02:49 PM

RT

“ *Patrick McAllister was a rare and beautiful friend. He was rare combination of courage and joy . I have never known anyone with such irreverence and deep spirituality . Patrick was generous , kind and one of the funniest people I have ever met .*

*Patrick , you came into my life like a hurricane of life and light . You were my husband’s best friend . You filled our home with laughs . And when Tom died before you ~ you became the brother I needed and the uncle Allisun deserved.*

*I will always miss you . God speed . God Bless the family you leave behind . You have left them a life time of love and funny stories .*

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**Rosemary Maguire Thompson** - September 20, 2020 at 01:08 PM

RC

“ *Patrick had a spirit that was unmatched. He will carry it into eternity and will again please his wife and God.*

*Rex Caswell*

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**Rex Caswell** - September 19, 2020 at 08:39 PM