



## William Allan "Pat" Biddle

March 17, 1927 - November 29, 2018

William A. "Pat" Biddle, educator, Barbershop singer, card player, hobbyist, father, grandfather, and friend passed away November 29, 2018, at Candle Light Cove in Easton, MD. He was 91 years old.

Pat was born March 17, 1927, in Chestertown, MD, to the late James Albert Biddle and the late Emma Louise Hazel Biddle. He was married to Martha Ann Smith Biddle for 44 years before her death in December 2000. Except for his college years, Pat resided in Chestertown until his move to Candlelight Cove in Easton in 2014.

After graduating from Chestertown High School Class of 1946, he attended Washington College before completing his Associate's degree at Wesley Junior College in 1950. In 1952, he earned a Bachelor's degree from Western Maryland College. In 1965, he earned a Master's in Education Administration from Western Maryland College.

Pat had a 35-year career in education, all with Queen Anne's County Public Schools. He was a music teacher for six elementary schools and for Sudlersville Junior and Senior High School starting in 1952. Beginning in 1964, he was principal of Sudlersville High School for one year before Queen Anne's County High School opened. After that, Pat served as principal of Sudlersville Middle School, a position he held for ten years. He rounded out

his career as Supervisor of Instruction from 1975 to 1987. The years Pat spent working at Sudlersville were perhaps the most rewarding of his career as he developed relationships with students and teachers, many of whom became his closest friends.

During his education career, Pat saw a need for troubled youth in Kent County. He was instrumental in creating an alternative to incarceration when he worked to found Kent Youth Incorporated, a juvenile group home in Chestertown. He served as president of the board for Kent Youth, Inc. for ten years.

He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church where he was a Sunday school teacher, board member, choir member, and choir director.

Pat was artistically gifted. When his son was in Boy Scouts, Pat helped teach the club how to cast and paint lead figurines. This developed into a pleasurable hobby for Pat. He spent many years selling his hand-cast and hand-painted figures at craft shows in the area, especially the benefit craft show in Chestertown held yearly Thanksgiving weekend. Whenever he traveled, he took his figures with him to sell at gift shops. Stores and individuals across the nation eagerly collected Pat's work. His other interests included collecting coins, stamps, and Kent County postcards

Pat had a beautiful singing voice and enjoyed many years singing in and directing Barbershop quartets and choruses. Pat sang for many weddings and funerals throughout his lifetime and was honored to sing at his son's wedding.

He was also an avid baseball and softball player and was inducted into the local softball hall of fame. He also coached women's softball in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. Pat had a regular Friday night poker game and Sunday night Chestertown rummy game at which he either "won" or "lost"

three dollars.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by his brother, James Albert Biddle, who died in 1939. He is survived by his son, Glen, his daughter-in-law Barbara, and their children Gabriela, Claudia, and Nathan, all of Easton.

Pat Biddle always had a song in his heart, a smile on his face, and a kind word on his lips. He was a rare, wonderful person and a blessing to his family and friends.

A service will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 2:00 pm, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD, where relatives and friends may call from 12:30 – 2:00 pm. Interment will be in Chester Cemetery, following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to the Kent & Queen Anne's Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 126, Chestertown, MD 21620, Chestertown Volunteer Fire Co., P.O. Box 296, Chestertown, MD 21620 or Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

# Cemetery Details

## Chester Cemetery

Chestertown, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

## Service

DEC 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I knew Mr. Biddle from when I waitressed at Buzz's and Beverly's Restaurant. He made a doll bed for my daughter, she was 3 at the time. Mrs. Biddle put a receiving blanket on it. My daughter slept with that blanket every night until she was about 10. She called it her Biddle blanket. She still has her Biddle blanket. Now her daughter sleeps with the Biddle blanket.

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**Janice Liberato** - February 14 at 09:55 PM



“ Robert Pratt lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle



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**Robert Pratt** - December 24, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ William Allan "Pat" Biddle

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ William Allan "Pat" Biddle

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ William Allan "Pat" Biddle

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Robert Pratt lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



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**Robert Pratt** - November 18, 2022 at 07:07 AM

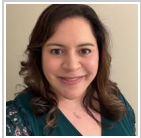


“ *Tom And Nancy Lee Jewell lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



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**Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell** - December 06, 2018 at 08:24 PM



“ *Glen & Barbara,*

*Sincere condolences from all of us in the Bradford family. Our family is keeping yours in our thoughts and prayers.*

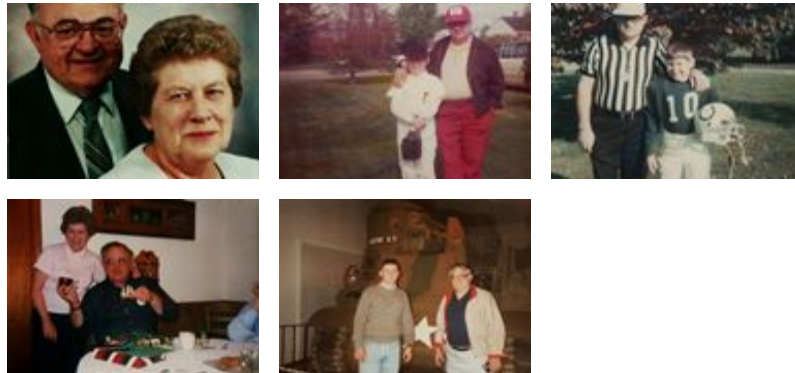
*Jordan & Becky Bradford*

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**Becky Bradford** - December 03, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - December 03, 2018 at 03:33 PM

PP

“ *He will be missed! There was no other dinner group that had so much fun together!*

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**Paula Cunningham Pavon** - December 03, 2018 at 11:17 AM

Skip Willits

“ *Glen, so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. He and I probably spent too much time hanging out together, but we both enjoyed each other's company. If not at the "Table" in Ellens or over one of his infamous card games. We also showed our art together from time to time and it's a wonder either of us sold anything with the constant teasing one of the other. He was a fine man and kept us smiling most all of the time. Condolences my friend.*

*Skip Willits*

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**Skip Willits** - December 02, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Allan "Pat" Biddle.*



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December 02, 2018 at 07:49 PM



“ *Glen, Barbara and family-*

*Our deepest sympathy. Uncle Pat has such a wonderful sense of humor. I know he, Aunt Ann and my parents had many good times together and the blessing of a close friendship. I will cherish my memories of Uncle Pat. Our thoughts are with you.*

*Our love and sympathy  
Jennifer and Robert*

*Jennifer Dagenais Starks  
Robert Starks*

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**Jennifer Dagenais Starks** - December 02, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ *Emily Capel Meintzer lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



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**Emily Capel Meintzer** - December 02, 2018 at 03:33 PM



“ Glen - Sending condolences from the Clements family to yours. I remember your dad being in our house often from the time I was 4 years old practicing with my dad Jim, Nelson Rodney, Elmer Pierson with the River Four. Barbershop was a big part of his life and he helped to make it a cherished memory in my life, and I'm sure yours as well. And making sure the 4Cs knew all the words/music to Keep America Singing. I appreciated knowing him before he was my principal in middle school - he always looked out for me.

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**Liz Clements** - December 01, 2018 at 06:16 PM

SD

“ Pat was a wonderful man. Was on his staff at Sudlersville when he was the Principal for the last year of the High School. Liked working for and with him as he had a great sense of humor. Condolences to his family.

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**sara jane davidson** - December 01, 2018 at 04:34 PM

GP

“ Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle



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**Gene & Lynda Palmatary** - December 01, 2018 at 09:46 AM

GP

*To the family: Mr. Pat was one of a kind. He sang at our wedding in 1970 and he was a great man who loved people and his family. I bowled with Ms. Ann and they would come to visit my mom and dad. Our prayers and blessings are with you at this time. Heaven has surely gained an angel and he has been reunited with his loving wife and mother. God Bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, Centreville.*

Gene Palmatary - December 01, 2018 at 08:48 AM

RH

“ *He was a kind, gentle man, who loved teaching. I remember him well. His classes were always something I looked forward to.*  
*Rosine Merchant Handsberry*

rosine merchant handsberry - December 01, 2018 at 08:03 AM

SM

“ *Keep America singing....respect and fond memories Mr. Biddle and just remember: BILL GROGAN'S GOAT was doin' fine and before there was Linda, there was: My Eveline!!!*

stu margrey - December 01, 2018 at 06:27 AM



“ *Robert Pratt lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



Robert Pratt - December 01, 2018 at 12:01 AM



*My deepest sympathy and sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of Mr. Pat Biddle. I will truly miss and long remember Mr. Biddle. I was one of his students at Sudlersville Middle School. I was blessed to know this good man; not only as a kid, but as an adult. Mr. Biddle went out of his way to express his kindness and caring to all those who knew him. He demonstrated this caring and kindness, not only by his words, but by his actions. Thank you, Mr. Biddle for making a difference in my life. God bless you with love and eternal peace. R.I.P. ❤️ Dr. Robert D. Pratt*

**Robert Pratt** - December 01, 2018 at 12:18 AM

SJ

“ *Suzanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



**Suzanne Jackson** - November 30, 2018 at 10:36 PM

SJ

*Mr. Biddle was a favorite teacher and I always loved singing in the Glee Club.*

**Suzanne Jackson** - November 30, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ *Glen so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing.*



**Tracey Middleton** - November 30, 2018 at 10:18 PM

CF

“ *Connie Fithian lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



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**Connie Fithian** - November 30, 2018 at 09:57 PM

KP

“ *Kay Parramore lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



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**Kay Parramore** - November 30, 2018 at 08:09 PM

BT

“ *Condolences and Prayers from the Thompson Family to yours Glen. My father William H. Thompson graduated from Sudlersville High in the late 50s and spoke very highly of Mr. Biddle. My dad loved to sing as well and credited Mr. Biddle ( and Hank Williams) for a big part of his love of singing.  
Sincerely, Blake Thompson*

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**Blake J Thompson** - November 30, 2018 at 08:02 PM

SE

“ *Glen and Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Spencer and Barbara Everett*



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**Spencer & Barbara Everett** - November 30, 2018 at 06:14 PM

BG

“ *Bob Garson lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



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**bob garson** - November 30, 2018 at 04:44 PM

BR

“ *Betty Merchant Richardson lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



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**Betty Merchant Richardson** - November 30, 2018 at 04:19 PM

JB

“ *Joyce Benton lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



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**Joyce Benton** - November 30, 2018 at 04:16 PM

JL

“ *John M Larrimore lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



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**John M Larrimore** - November 30, 2018 at 03:30 PM

DH

“ *Denny And Judy Hickman lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



Denny and Judy Hickman - November 30, 2018 at 03:25 PM

RG

“ *Rick & Jeanne Geibel lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



Rick & Jeanne Geibel - November 30, 2018 at 02:41 PM

JH

“ *Jeff & Donna Hollett lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



Jeff & Donna Hollett - November 30, 2018 at 02:16 PM

WP

“ *William A Potts lit a candle in memory of William Allan "Pat" Biddle*



william a potts - November 30, 2018 at 01:52 PM