



Patrick William Davis

June 20, 1939 - September 20, 2019

Patrick William Davis, 80, of Anderson, Indiana, passed away on Friday evening, September 20, 2019 at Community Hospital in Anderson due to complications from pneumonia. Pat was born at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes, Indiana on June 20, 1939 to William and Minta Mae Nelle (nee' Gillispie) Davis.

A 1957 graduate of Lawrenceville High School, Pat enlisted in the US Navy at the age of 17. Pat served his country in active duty from June 10, 1957 until June 3, 1960. He continued to serve in the reserves until June 9, 1963.

After basic training at Naval Station Great Lakes, Pat continued his training at the Naval Air Station in Hutchinson, KS. He was then assigned to the USS Princeton (CVS-37). Pat enjoyed telling the story about how he was assigned to board the ship in Long Beach, CA. Due to processing delays Pat missed boarding and was sent to San Francisco to board. Once again delays caused him to miss boarding. Pat finally reached the USS Princeton 10 days later in Yokosuka, Japan where he served from July 1958 until May 1960 as a Fire Control Technician. In March 1959, the USS Princeton was reclassified as an LPH-5. At the completion of his tour in May 1960, Pat disembarked the USS Princeton in Numazu, Japan. He returned to San Diego, CA on the USS Wiltsie (DD-716) as an E-4 Petty Officer Third Class. A trip to Washington DC in 1990 included a visit to the Vietnam War Memorial Wall. It was during this visit that Pat shared a few of his memories as he found the names of men with whom he had served.

Pat married Ann Sprinkle on June 25, 1961 at First Christian Church in Bridgeport, IL and she survives.

When he returned from the Navy, Pat worked at Cullen & Cullen Ace Recap Service retreading tires in Vincennes, IN. After working at Cullen & Cullen, Pat took a position with Montgomery Ward Auto Service Center. He then moved his growing family to Anderson in 1963 when he accepted a job to manage the Montgomery Ward Auto Service Center in preparation for the store's April 1965 relocation to the Anderson Mounds Mall. The majority of Pat's career was in the tire business. He was a Manager of Sales for Central Tire Sales and also owned Pat's Tire Sales in the early 1970's. He was a sales rep for Kelly Springfield Tire Company for a period of time. Pat spent the latter half of his career as a sales rep for Cooper Tire Company before retiring in 2003.

Pat will be remembered as a man with a strong work ethic who was steadfast and faithful in his provisions for his wife, children and grandchildren up until his last moments. Pat was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving along with his wife, Ann Davis; his sister, Diane Davis of Laurel, MD; son, Michael Davis (Rachel Anne Day) of West Lafayette, IN; and daughters, Marcia Gravely and Malinda Ashcraft of Anderson, IN. He is also survived by grandchildren, Mycah Davis (fiancé Elliott Mantock) of Seattle, WA, Joshua Smith (Rachel) of New York City, NY, Matthew Smith of Lafayette, IN, Ashley Gravely (fiancé Brandon Reynolds) of Anderson, IN, Aaron Gravely (fiancée Shelby Bisher) of West Lafayette, IN, Katherine Ashcraft of Anderson, IN Sarah Ashcraft (USN) and Megan Ashcraft of Anderson, IN.

Per Pat's request, there will be a celebration of life with an inurnment at Anderson Memorial Park at a later date.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory.

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ *Ann, I was so sorry to learn of Pat's passing. Please accept my sympathy.*

Margaret Sprinkle Sopp

Margaret Sopp - October 02, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Pat in the same Midwest Region at Cooper Tire Co. for 24 years. He always had an esprit-decor that I will never forget. Pat managed very successfully one of the more difficult territories in our region. We enjoyed Pat's company and words of wisdom during all our Region meetings. He was very infectious with his sense of humor and just plain fun to be around. When Pat retired a void was created that could not be filled.*

Pat will truly be missed by all who worked with him at Cooper Tire. We all loved him and miss him.

My sympathies and condolences go out to his wife Ann and all the family members

God Bless you Pat. Rest in peace my friend.

*Roger Meyer
Retired Territory Manager
Cooper Tire Co.*

Roger Meyer - September 26, 2019 at 10:50 AM

JW

“ I had the opportunity to work with Pat over the years (via phone conversations) at Cooper Tire where I worked as a coordinator of Advertising Material in the Ad department. I took Advertising Material orders from Cooper Sales Reps and their dealers. Pat was a joy to talk to as I always enjoyed his sense of humor and ease in working thru any dealer issues. I grew up a Hoosier in the Monticello, Indiana area, so he seemed a voice from my home whenever I heard from him. My condolences to his wife and family. May he rest in Peace.

Judy Wagner

Judy Wagner - September 24, 2019 at 10:41 PM

GR

“ I had the good fortune to work with Pat at Cooper Tire for about 20 years. I was a customer service coordinator that supported Pat and the other people on the Midwest region sales team. I worked closely with Pat on the phone and traveled with him on occasion. Pat had a wealth of knowledge and good humor. I learned much about how to treat customers fairly & thoroughly by Pat's fine example. I wish his family peace and good memories during this difficult time. Sincerely, George Rustemeyer.

George Rustemeyer - September 24, 2019 at 02:17 PM

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George Rustemeyer - September 24, 2019 at 11:20 AM

MD

“ I knew Pat from my days as a sales rep for Cooper Tire while in Louisville, KY where we often traveled together. Pat was a great man - had a dry sense of humor and was always a joy to talk to. He always had a good story to tell (burning coat in his back seat was my favorite), and I always appreciated Pat's words of wisdom. My condolences to the Davis family. RIP Pat.

Matt Dodds - September 23, 2019 at 07:30 AM

MI

“ I've know Pat since he married my cousin Ann. We always enjoyed our family visits at the Sprinkle dinners each labor day weekend. We watched our children grow up. As the time passed and the Sprinkle brothers and sisters passed we just ended this tradition. Ann often visited with us as she came to the southern part of Indiana. We send out thoughts and prayers to Ann and her children and grandchildren. Mary Lee Ingram

Mary Lee Ingram - September 22, 2019 at 10:24 PM