



## Patrick James Gallagher

January 8, 1940 - August 9, 2021

Patrick J. Gallagher, 81, of Apple Valley, MN and formerly, Mason City, IA, passed away Monday, August 9, 2021 in Bloomington, MN.

A Funeral Service will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 20, 2021 at Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 3rd St. NE, Mason City, IA 50401. He will be laid to rest at Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery, Mason City, IA.

Family will greet friends and relatives one hour prior to the funeral at the chapel.

Patrick James Gallagher entered this world on January 8, 1940. First time parents, James Joseph age 28, and June E. (Anderson) age 24, arrived in Cresco, Iowa driving a horse and sleigh. Their family grew to include Shirley, Carol and Wayne. He was a natural care giver with a loving spirit and boundless energy. Did this energy lend itself to enjoying school? Well, not exactly but it gave him a great work ethic. James and June raised their children in Mason City, Iowa. This is where he met and fell in love with Betty Jean Sexton. They got married on June 20, 1959 in Mason City, Iowa and celebrated 62 years of marriage in 2021. Together Pat and Betty raised 3 children, Michelle (Holte), Julie (Imoto), and Steven. Pat worked as a sheet metal worker for Ray E Pauley and Metropolitan Mechanical until he retired in 2007. Patrick was known as the energizer bunny. Thus, we all were wondering how retirement life would suit him. Being the proud Grandpa the Great to: Courtney and Melvin Holte; Rollie, Jarryd (Annie), Jordan (Paige M) and Maya Imoto; Nora Gallagher and Jack Conlon; Patrick didn't sit still for too long. Patrick became the taxi driver to dance, soccer, track, tennis practice, etc. He was also the very loud cheer leader at all events. Pat loved bringing his grandkids to parks and zoos. He even attended a concert in Red Rocks Colorado! Patrick never learned to swim but was a lover of his time spent on his boat. Taking his grandkids and their friends fishing and tubing at a moment's notice. Patrick loved all children and volunteered to teach Sunday school as well. His love and devotion to his family was evident in his actions and words. Whenever someone needed help he was the first one there. Patrick's legacy will be carried out by his

family and friends thus will never be forgotten.

Family members that preceded him in death: his mom and dad, twin siblings that passed before age one, sisters Shirley and carol, and grandson Addison.

# Cemetery

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**Elmwood-St. Joseph  
Cemetery**  
1224 South Washington  
Mason City, IA,

# Events

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**AUG 20 Viewing 10:00AM - 11:00AM**

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Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel  
126 Third Street Northeast, Mason City, IA, US,  
50401

**AUG 20 Funeral Service 11:00AM**

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Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel  
126 Third Street Northeast, Mason City, IA, US,  
50401

# Comments

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“ Ray & Faith Sexton lit a candle in memory of Patrick James Gallagher



Ray & Faith Sexton - August 20, 2021 at 10:32 AM

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“ What comes to my memory when I think of Pat is his humble attitude. When I would see him serving, it warmed my heart, so sometimes I would send a note and let him know how I appreciated his love for the Lord's people at our congregation. He would always come over and give me a hug and tell me how he appreciated my words to him! He was such a fun greeter every Sunday morning too-always sharing a joke or teasing the children and shaking their hands. He will certainly be missed. Sending my prayers for his family and all who are grieving his presence here on earth. I'm thankful Pat was faithful to the Lord to the end, and has gone on to his Heavenly reward.

Robin Martin - August 17, 2021 at 09:45 AM

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“ I loved Pat's reverence for the Lord's church. I knew this by how serious he was before going up to give a lesson to the church. One could see this by how nervous he was. He also often asked me to look over a lesson to feel more confident it was a solid one before he gave it to the group. And he also didn't hesitate to help others, even confessing his own sins as to give others spiritual assistance. He was unique with this humility.

As long as I'm teaching I'm going to use him as an example of someone who would serve the church even in areas that made him uncomfortable.

Randy Martin - Elder and Preacher at STC Church of Christ

Randy Martin - August 16, 2021 at 03:56 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Patrick James Gallagher.



August 16, 2021 at 10:18 AM

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“ My father and I would like to express our deepest condolences to the family, over the loss of dear Mr. Pat. He always enjoyed teasing my mother, while she was alive, by tapping her from behind on the shoulder and then pretending he had not done anything. I like to think of him tapping my mother's shoulder from behind, to greet her in Paradise.

--Ken & Jennifer Wolfe

Jennifer Wolfe - August 14, 2021 at 10:42 PM

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“ Favorite memories of Mr. Pat:

#1. How brave he was for the edification of his church family! He'd get so nervous, but would still get behind the pulpit to share spiritual messages for us all.

#2. His chipper, enthusiastic spirit as the church's greeter! He'd always have a smile and say something silly to give us one!

#3. Pat & Betty's faithful service of weekly preparing the church's communion. We never had to worry if that important job was complete.

#4. How he'd flirt and kiss Mrs. Betty in front of us! What a romantic!

#5. And how he would always open the door for whoever was behind him. We need more gentlemen like him on this earth!

Me and my family are so thankful Mr. Pat lived a faithful life on earth, that we were blessed to have him as a part of our congregation, and that he is now enjoying an eternity with our Savior!

-Christopher & Evie, and sons Noah, Javan, Gideon, Jude, and Elisha Graber

Evie Graber - August 14, 2021 at 09:41 PM