



Patrick "Pat" M. O'Neill

March 16, 1981 - November 29, 2024

Patrick "Pat" Michael O'Neill, 43, of Grand Island, went peacefully to be with the Lord, surrounded by his family on Friday, November 29, 2024, after a yearlong battle with cancer.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, rosary will follow at 6 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2024 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Celebrant will be Fr. Robin Bashir.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements, memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Pat was born March 16, 1981 in Grand Island to Gordon and Colleen (Halpin) O'Neill. He was raised in Grand Island and graduated from Grand Island Central Catholic in 2000. Pat served in the United States Navy upon graduation for five years. He enjoyed all the travel that the navy offered, and the skills and experiences that he gained from his time spent in the service. Pat then returned to Grand Island and graduated from Central Community College with his Associates Degree. He found his true calling working with people with intellectual disabilities for many years at Integrated Life Choices. Pat was united in marriage to the love of his life, Keisha Nehls on December 6, 2014 in Grand Island, NE. Together, the couple welcomed two beautiful sons, Thomas and Michael. They enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

Pat was smart, kind, and had a dry sense of humor, he enjoyed reading and anything that involved animals.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Keisha; his sons, Thomas and Michael O'Neill of; his parents, Gordon and Colleen O'Neill; sister, Shannon (TJ Wieczorek) Mills and nephew, Milo Mills all of Grand Island; along with numerous extended family and friends.

Pat was preceded in death by his grandparents, Steve and Peggy Halpin and Agnes O'Neill; parents-in-law, Cindi McCarthy and Tom Nehls.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
518 West State Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Vigil Service

DEC 4. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick "Pat" M. O'Neill.

December 09, 2024 at 07:51 AM

SR

“ Dear Colleen, Gordon, Shannon, and all of Pat's family that I have not had the pleasure of meeting,

I am profoundly saddened to hear of the passing of one of my best childhood friends. I have such fond and vivid memories of hanging out at the O'Neill home, where Pat and I would play video games, watch scary movies, dream up stories and characters, and occasionally raid the kitchen and pantry to mix everything we could find into "mutagen," hoping to create our own army of Teenage Mutant Ninja Ants. Pat was such an incredibly funny, kind, imaginative, and influential friend. When I moved away in the fifth grade, I regrettably lost touch with him, but the imprint of his friendship remains a part of who I am today.

Though my words feel small to me in a time like this, I hope it brings you some peace to know that Pat's memory will always shine brightly in the hearts of those who knew him. His humor, kindness, and imagination will never be forgotten.

Dear Pat,

In hearing of your passing, I immediately thought of the quote by Robert Louis Stevenson: "A friend is a gift you give yourself." Thank you for choosing to be my friend and for making those years so full of wonder and laughter. The gift of your friendship will always stay with me. I'm sorry that we lost touch and that we won't have the chance to catch up in this lifetime, but I hope, someday, we'll play again.

Sam Rapien - December 04, 2024 at 09:12 AM

DM

“ We are sharing in your sadness and sorrow Coleen and Gordan. It's a terrible hurt. I'm sorry. I'll always remember the friendship Jaimeson and Patrick shared as young boys. Your friends Davine and Nacho

Davine Meza - December 03, 2024 at 12:59 PM

JM

“ Keisha, Thomas and Michael, Prayers in the Name of Jesus for strength, comfort and peace. Please know you have been and will continue to be in our sincere thoughts and prayers. John and Judi mills

John E or Judi Mills - December 03, 2024 at 11:24 AM

DI

“ Doug and Terry Brown, Grand Island purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patrick "Pat" M. O'Neill.



Doug and Terry Brown, Grand Island - December 02, 2024 at 06:08 PM

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“ Doug and Terry Brown, Grand Island planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick "Pat" M. O'Neill.

Doug and Terry Brown, Grand Island - December 02, 2024 at 06:08 PM

MM

“ Colleen, Gordon and family I am deeply saddened to have learned of Patrick’s passing. You have my sincere sympathy and condolences.

Pat packed a lot of living in his short life. I hope all the good memories will be of some comfort to you.

Again, I’m just so terribly sorry for your loss.

Monica Ayoub McClure - December 02, 2024 at 05:46 PM