

PATRICK "PAT" RATESIC



Age 80, of North Huntingdon passed away on July, 19, 2023 after a four-year battle with cancer. Born April 19, 1943 in McKeesport, PA, Pat was the son of the late John and Bernadine Ratesic.

Pat graduated from McKeesport High School in 1961. He then received a football scholarship and played for the University of Miami Hurricanes as a defensive back, where he held a career record for

tackles. As a mathematics major, he was also a member of the ROTC program at Miami and was commissioned upon his graduation in 1965 as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery of the US Army, where he proudly served for two years in Okinawa, separating as a Captain. After his military and playing days, Pat was a



football coach and math teacher at East Allegheny, Serra Catholic and Plum. He then received a Master's Degree and Principal's Certification from Duquesne University and spent time as assistant principal at Latrobe Junior High, assistant principal and athletic director at McKeesport High School, and principal at Penn-Trafford High School. He was also president of the WPIAL Board of Control and a member of the PIAA Board of Directors. Pat continued with the game he loved as a football official for twenty-four years at the high school and Division I college level, where he worked four Bowl Games, including the 1991 Army/Navy Classic and the 2001 Gator Bowl. He was inducted into both the East Boro Hall of Fame and the WPIAL Hall of Fame in 2010. Upon his retirement in 2001, Pat enjoyed spending time with family, watching any football that he could find and golfing with friends. Pat was a charter member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Pat is survived by his devoted and loving wife Michelene (Zabec) Ratesic; daughter Anna (Scott) Inglese; and grandchildren Haylee and Daniel of Irwin, daughter Erin Dugan; and grandchildren Kyra and Kiley of Irwin; and son Patrick (Mandy) Ratesic; and grandchildren Gavin, Colin and Ivan of Irwin. Also surviving are his siblings Anne (Ed) Bell of Coulter and Kay (Gerry) Feagles of Massillon, Ohio and his sister-in-law, Dorothy Ratesic of White Oak.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved big brother and hero, John Ratesic, who passed away in March of 2020.

Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate the life of Pat, Sunday and Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the **OTT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 805 Pennsylvania Ave., Irwin, 724 863-8900.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m, Tuesday July 25, 2023 in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 200 Leger Rd, Irwin, PA, 15642. Everyone please go directly to the church. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery, North Versailles. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Parkinson's Foundation For online condolences / directions, visit us at ottfuneralhome.com.

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