

PATRICK FRANCIS FLAHERTY, JR.



Age 71, of Economy Borough, passed away on January 14, 2024. He was born on April 17, 1952, to the late Patrick Flaherty, Sr. and Louise (Daugherty) Hawk in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Patrick was a loving father of Nicolette Flaherty (Steve Williams); grandfather of Violette Williams and an expected grandson; brother of Timothy (Rose), Daniel, and the late Keith and Kathleen; also survived by many

cousins, nieces, nephews and former spouse Susanne Flaherty.

A stubborn Irishman, Pat was a man of many talents. When he walked into any room or situation, he held court. He had a quick comeback to any comment and he could turn any mundane task into an adventure. If it was broken, he could fix it. His humor was unmatched and he had a way of using it even in unfortunate situations to lift someone's spirits. If he had only one dollar left to his name, he would overdraw his bank account to give you \$1.50.

Pat was employed the majority of his career as a truck driver for Yellow Freight in the Teamsters Local 249 Union. He retired in 2006, but continued his professional driving while working on several movies and television series in Pittsburgh.

When he wasn't working, on a typical retired day you could find him chain smoking in his hot tub with a cup of tea, making his morning phone calls to his friends. And nothing could stand in his way of happy hour.

He loved being a grandfather, his Harleys, his more than often unsuccessful gambling habits and of course, his Irish whiskey.

But don't let the swearing, smoking, shot taking and sports betting fool you - Pat also had a soft side to him. He equally spent his days planting and tending to his flowers, watching the birds in his yard, feeding the fish in his pond and listening to 91.3 WYEP. He was always drawn to music - he played guitar and harmonica. And if you were a musician, you had his utmost respect.

We lost a one-of-a-kind man this week, and now the world will have a lot less phallic jokes in it and a lot more extra bar napkins that will never be folded into roses. He will always be remembered for his ability to make us laugh and being the life of any party. Pat truly had a heart of gold.

Family will welcome friends on Thursday, January 18, 2024. from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Friday 2-4 p.m. at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC.**, 388 Center Ave., West View, PA 15229, where a funeral service will be held on Friday following visitation at 4 p.m.

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