

PATRICK JOHN FOY

April 30, 1937 - March 23, 2025



Of Charlottesville, Virginia from complications of vascular dementia. He was 87.

He was predeceased by his parents, Adelbert Foy and Mary Foy Walsh; brothers, Francis, of Medina, OH and James, Victorville, CA, and his ex-wife, Carol Foy, Pittsburgh, PA, the mother of his children.

He leaves behind his wife, Jane Sweitzer Foy of Charlottesville, VA; sons, Charles Foy (JoEllen) of Aliquippa, PA, and Daniel Foy (Doyle McCullar) of Orinda, CA; daughters, Carolyn Foy (Mike Samuels) of Apopka, FL, and MaryJean Bretton (Richard), of Denmark, WI; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; sisters, MaryMargaret (Mimi) Willse of Lakewood, OH, Elinor Foy Wellhausen of Ormond Beach, FL, and Adele Foy (Robert Preer) of Flagler Beach, FL; and many nieces and nephews.

Pat was born in Cleveland, OH. He graduated from St. Edward's High School, where he co-captained the varsity football team. He went on to earn his BS in Journalism from Ohio University ('58) where he was a member of the junior varsity football squad.

After college, he settled in Pittsburgh, PA and soon began a decades-long career as a restauranter. With partners, he helped bring about the rebirth of the city's Market Square area by opening the Pewter Mug restaurant. Later he partnered in creating Walt Harper's Attic and the Three Lions restaurants, also downtown. In 1974, he purchased a small restaurant in Coraopolis, PA, The Hyeholde, eventually turning it into one of the finest restaurants in the country. In addition to winning multiple national awards, it was named Best Restaurant by Pittsburgh Magazine for four consecutive years.

Pat was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Wherever he was, if the Steelers were playing, he'd find a place where the game was being broadcast.

An accomplished horseman, Pat was a member of the Rolling Rock Hunt Club in Latrobe, PA and later, after moving to Middleburg, VA, rode with the Western Loudon Hunt Club. It was there that he and Jane opened Reynard's Grill and Hunt Country Inn.

He later became a restaurant consultant and in 1996 moved to Charlottesville, VA, where he also managed Farmington Country Club's fine dining restaurant, The Terrace Room.

In 2005, he retired from the restaurant business to pursue another life-long interest, physical fitness. He became a certified personal trainer, through the American College of Sports Medicine, and eventually opened his own fitness center, Fastway Fitness.

In 2013 he was diagnosed with vascular dementia and fully retired after he suffered a stroke in 2016. He entered Monroe Health and Rehabilitation Center in 2021, where he resided until his death.

The family would like to thank the third floor staff at Monroe for their excellent care. Although Shea was his very special pal, we wish to thank all the nurses, nurse practitioners, and CNAs at Monroe whose treatment of dementia patients is exceptional. Also, many thanks to Dr. Jonathan Evans who supported Pat and Jane during their long dementia journey.

A private celebration of life will be held later.

The family requests that any remembrance of Pat in the form of a donation to the Alzheimer's Association, or to a dementia care facility of personal choice.

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