



Patrick "Pat" Bartnik

July 10, 1949 - August 11, 2025

Patrick "Pat" Bartnik, lovingly known as Papa Pat, passed away peacefully at his home in Hobart, Indiana, on August 11, 2025, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was 76 years old.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Pat grew up in Cedar Lake, Indiana, graduated from Crown Point High School, and served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked at Gerresheimer Glass until 2014.

Pat's greatest joy came from his family. He was devoted to his wife, Terri, and raised his stepchildren, Jennifer Thompson and Ted Zych, from a young age with unwavering love and dedication.

A man with a perpetual smile, Pat loved dancing (especially "the twist" with Terri), cheering on the White Sox, and spending the day fishing. He cherished every moment spent with his grandchildren. In his later days, he shared his signature phrase, "You are a very special ____ (lady, young man, guy, etc.)" to everyone he met. He taught those around him that people—not things—are what matter most, and he showed by example what it means to love unconditionally.

Pat is survived by his loving wife, Terri Bartnik; his daughter, Jennifer Thompson, and son, Ted (Jennifer) Zych; brothers Christopher Bartnik, James (Maria) Bartnik, and William (Nita) Miller; sister Barbara (Pete) Jaremczuk; sisters-in-law Tonna (James) Lowery and Tammie (Christopher) Rowen; brother-in-law Tim (Nancy) Cunningham; and grandchildren Ryan Zych (Kayla Norris-Center), Alyson Thompson, Tori Zych, Elliott Thompson, and Grayson

Zych. Pat also had numerous nieces, nephews, and close friends that he adored. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Bette Bartnik; brothers Michael and John Bartnik; and sister Lynda Brown.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2025, at Gino's Banquet Hall, 1967 E. 37th Avenue, Hobart, IN 46342. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m., followed by the service at 12:00 p.m. Guests are invited to share memories and stories in honor of Pat's life. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory entrusted with arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gino's Banquet
1967 E 37th Ave
Hobart, IN

Tribute Wall

LT

“ Love from your CLS team purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Patrick "Pat" Bartnik.



Love from your CLS team - August 29, 2025 at 11:45 AM

TF

“ Tonna, Jim, Lisa, Megan & their families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Patrick "Pat" Bartnik.



Tonna, Jim, Lisa, Megan & their families - August 23, 2025 at 05:02 PM

LA

“ I have fond memories of Pat from my school days. May his memory be a blessing to all those who loved him.

Laura - August 14, 2025 at 02:59 PM

RZ

“ Papa was the absolute best grandpa, and I'll always be grateful to have shared so many of his best years with him. He taught me to tie my shoes, ride a bike, fish, play pool, and taught me just about every sport under the sun. He was so devoted and loyal to the people he loved. I'll never forget how he'd come home from a 12 hour shift, change his clothes and immediately go outside and chase the ball around with me just to spend quality time together. He was my #1 fan and I knew no matter what I could look up in the stands at any event of mine and he'd be there smiling and waving at me. He found joy in just about everything and never stopped smiling and cracking jokes. I have always adored my Papa and never took for granted how involved he was in his grandkids lives. He loved us just as much as we loved him, and treated us like we were his entire world. I am so thankful for him and all of the time, effort and love he put into being the best Papa out there. I hope he found the peace he deserves. I'll never stop missing you Papa. ❤️ Until we meet again, keep Granny and Henry company for me. I love you always.



Ryan Zych - August 13, 2025 at 04:57 PM

TZ

“ *Papa was the sweetest guy i'd ever met and im so lucky to have called him my grandpa. He was always happy, whether he was complimenting you, dancing with you or just sitting there smiling, his energy was contagious. He was truly my biggest supporter in everything i did. I know he'd be honored to have such a beautiful celebration all for him, i just wish he was here to see it. Papa i love you and can't thank you enough for the impact you made on me. I already know you made heaven more beautiful. Enjoy watching cowboys up there with henry. I know he's glad to see you* ❤️



Tori Zych - August 13, 2025 at 02:44 PM