



Patrick David Spice

April 26, 1949 - February 24, 2024

Patrick David Spice, 74, of Iron Mountain, passed away peacefully on February 24th, 2024, after a 5 year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

Pat was born on April 26th, 1949, to Milo and Nelda (nee Post) Spice in Oconto Falls, WI. He graduated from Oconto Falls High School in 1967 and went on to attend St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison to earn his degree in Chemistry in 1971. Upon graduation, Pat worked as a chemist for the City of Madison for several years before returning to school to earn his master's degree in Pulp and Paper Technology from the Institute of Paper Chemistry in Appleton, WI. He worked as a Process Engineer for Champion International Paper in Hamilton, OH from 1978-1984 and as a Process Engineer and Shift Manager for Champion International Paper / Verso Paper in Quinnesec, MI from 1984 until his retirement in 2012.

During his time in Madison, Pat met Cathryn Grosskopf, of Bowler, WI, and they were married on July 31st, 1976, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Shawano, WI. During their nearly 48 years of marriage, they raised two daughters, Amanda and Elizabeth, traveled to most of the lower 48 states and Finland (to visit foreign exchange student and 3rd 'daughter', Silja Mäkinen), and shared a passion for music, as Cathy is an oboist and now retired music teacher of Holy Spirit Catholic School in Norway. Pat played piano from a

young age and had a wonderful voice, singing with Dickinson County Community Chorus and the choir at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford for many years. Pat was non-verbal in the last few years of his life, but was able to sing for a bit beyond his loss of speech. During those years, he enjoyed listening to Cathy play the piano and she enjoyed still being able to connect with him in a meaningful way.

Pat was a dedicated Catholic, and as the oldest of 7 children, developed a caring and generous personality. He volunteered for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Food Pantry. In retirement, he worked part-time as a handy man at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church, and also filled numerous volunteer roles there over the years. Pat was a Fourth Degree with the Knights of Columbus and served as Grand Knight from 2015-2018, earning a Michigan Star Council award during that time.

Preceding Pat in death were both of his parents, brothers, Michael, Anthony, and Peter, and sister, Carol, as well as brothers-in-law, Jerry Grosskopf and Donald Wudtke.

Pat is survived by his wife, Cathy; daughters, Amanda (Chris Lammers) Spice of Spring Lake Park, MN and Elizabeth (Josh) Torres of Kohler, WI; grandchildren, Alex Opsahl, Maeve Lammers, Cameron Torres, and Tatum Lammers; brother, Terrance Spice of Peshtigo, WI; sister, Angela (Bob) Coppens of Oconto Falls, WI; sister-in-law, LouAnn (the late Anthony) Spice of Amberg, WI; Cathy's siblings and their spouses, Gail (Jay) Jaeger of Madison, WI, Jeanne (the late Donald) Wudtke of Shawano, WI, Jay (Annette) Grosskopf of Appleton, WI, Joann Kekula (the late Jerry Grosskopf) of Bowler, WI, and Curt (Mary) Grosskopf of Hyde Park, NY; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the kind caregivers at Family Ties Adult Care

Center and Sunny Days In-Home Care in Iron Mountain, the nurses and staff at Friendly Village Nursing and Rehab Center in Rhinelander, WI, and the volunteers from St. Mary Queen of Peace Church for assisting Cathy with Pat's care these last few years.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 29th at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 1st at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church with Fr. Mike Woempner officiating. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Patrick David Spice online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **29**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR **1**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
600 Marquette Blvd.
Kingsford, MI

Tribute Wall

FT

“ From the Tatars purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Patrick David Spice.



From the Tatars - March 01, 2024 at 09:39 AM

JJ

“ Jerry and Joann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick David Spice.

Jerry and Joann - February 29, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Patrick David Spice.



February 29, 2024 at 11:07 AM

DT

“ Rest in peace cousin Pat, with heartfelt condolences to Cathy, Amanda, Elizabeth, Terry, Angel, and extended family. Dave & Sue Thompson and family



David Thompson - February 29, 2024 at 10:01 AM

MG

“ Our sympathy to the family. Pat was a dedicated “Wednesday” volunteer at St. Vincent Food Pantry.

Mary Gagala - February 29, 2024 at 09:18 AM

SC

“ Steve, Barb, Joe & Chelsey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick David Spice.

Steve, Barb, Joe & Chelsey - February 28, 2024 at 10:23 PM

SC

“ Steve, Barb, Joe & Chelsey purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Patrick David Spice.



Steve, Barb, Joe & Chelsey - February 28, 2024 at 10:23 PM

DK

“ Debbie and Dave Koch purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patrick David Spice.



Debbie and Dave Koch - February 28, 2024 at 05:52 PM

AA

“ Ava, Kassia, and Aurora planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick David Spice.

Ava, Kassia, and Aurora - February 28, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patrick David Spice.*



February 28, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ *...an acquaintance of Pat, Robert Bagley. My sincere condolences to Pat's family.*

I often worked with Pat during our Quinnesec years. I remember every encounter as pleasant, even when he was unsure he agreed with me on an issue. A rare, intelligent, quiet and courteous man. May God grant peace over your memories.

Robert Bagley - February 28, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ *My name is Marshall White. I worked with Pat at Quinnesec from 85-91, I want to offer my sincerest condolences for your loss. Pat was a great guy and I always enjoyed working with him.*

Marshall White - February 28, 2024 at 12:14 PM



“ *Grateful for my co-worker memories of Pat. Peace.*

Folke A - February 28, 2024 at 09:09 AM

PS

“ Pat was a classmate and also a neighbor in Oconto Falls. We went to St. Anthony's together. My memories are about a very smart, but quiet classmate. I am very impressed with his accomplishments. May you all find peace.

Peg McGuan Steffeck - February 27, 2024 at 08:45 PM

JH

May God bless Pat and his family. 🙏

Jane Hearn - February 28, 2024 at 05:47 AM

DC

Always singing next to Pat in the community choir he always kept me in tune. A great but gentle man, rest in peace my friend

Dan and Nancy Cahee - February 28, 2024 at 08:06 AM

JK

“ Jim Kucksdorf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick David Spice.

Jim Kucksdorf - February 27, 2024 at 05:29 PM

JK

“ Jim Kucksdorf purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Patrick David Spice.



Jim Kucksdorf - February 27, 2024 at 05:29 PM

TF

“ Terry, Louann, Angel and families purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Patrick David Spice.



Terry, Louann, Angel and families - February 27, 2024 at 05:24 PM

TE

“ The Kondaks - Zander Ashley and Evelyn purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Patrick David Spice.



The Kondaks - Zander Ashley and Evelyn - February 27, 2024 at 05:21 PM

MP

“ A true gentleman, mentor and friend during our days working at the Quinnesec Mill. Thank you for sharing Pat with all of us!

Mark Pontti - February 27, 2024 at 03:37 PM