



Patrick Sbarra

August 16, 1928 - February 20, 2015

SBARRA, Patrick R. - 86, of Cape May Point, NJ, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on February 20, 2015 at the Cape May Court House Center. Formerly of Hartsdale, NY, Patrick was born on Staten Island to Cosmo and Maria Sbarra. He earned his MBA at Wagner College, Staten Island.

A proud American and Army Veteran, he served as a Staff Sergeant with the 45th Division in the Korean War. He was a paratrooper/ranger and combat medic and a recipient of the Purple Heart. He became a member of the Staten Island Korean War Veterans Association, the Cape May VFW Post 386 and the American Legion Post 193.

Following his service in the army, he began a long career in the packaging and HVAC industries. In 1975 he launched his own company, Ellie Sales, which represented heating and air conditioning companies throughout the northeast. Patrick was also a pioneer in the solar energy movement.

An active community servant, he was Treasurer of the Cape May Point Volunteer Fire Company #1, Vice President of the Cape May Point Taxpayers Association, and a Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Cape May where he served as Chairman of Building and Grounds and a member of the Pastor Search Committee. He was a member of the Cape May Kiwanis Club and assisted in a variety of worthwhile causes in the Cape May community.

Patrick enjoyed concerts and plays, astronomy, photography, history, walking and biking, and taking care of his grandchildren. He was an avid traveller and visited countries throughout the world.

He is predeceased by his sister, Marie Yaccarino. He will be missed by his loving family which includes his wife, Jane (nee Plunkett); his son Patrick and wife Susan and his granddaughters Kate and Allie; his daughter, Alexis Sbarra; his step children John and Suzanne Greenawalt and their sons John and Drew; David Greenawalt; Jack and Kate Wightman and their sons Kyle, Dylan and Aidan; his brother Robert Sbarra; and many cousins, neices and nephews.

Patrick's memorial service will begin at 11am on Saturday (March 7th) at the Cape May Presbyterian Church, 500 Hughes St., Cape May where friends will be received from 10:30am – 11am. Patrick's interment with military honors will take place prior to his

visitation and memorial ceremony on this same day at 9:30am in the Cape May County Veterans Cem., Cape May Ct. House.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church of Cape May, 500 Hughes St., Cape May, NJ 08204.

(Spilker Funeral Home, Cape May) info and condolences: spilkerfuneralhome.com

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Spilker Funeral Home - March 07, 2015 at 01:53 PM



“ I found our family's dear friend, "King" via the Korean War Memorial site. He was a close friend of my Uncle Eddie (Edmund Gilligan) who was KIA in June 1952. Mr. Sbarra "King" shared such terrific stories about Eddie that I feel I finally knew my Uncle Eddie even though I never got to meet him. Mr. Sbarra's own sacrifice in Korea should have earned him the Medal of Honor!! King and Jane came to visit Eddie's grave in Danvers, MA 60 yrs. after that fateful day. King gave Ed's grave a salute worthy of any comrade in arms.

Thank you for all that you gave our family, for sharing your memories and love.
Mary Beth Rogers (Stow, MA)

Mary Beth Rogers - March 10, 2015 at 01:03 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Patrick's family. Patrick was a caring, supportive father who enjoyed meeting and knowing his sons' friends. It was great to share dinner with Patrick in Atlantic City, great guy, he will be missed.

Richard Mann

Richard Mann - March 07, 2015 at 02:10 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick Sbarra.



March 07, 2015 at 09:41 AM



“ He was so LOVED and will be so MISSED at Family Promise. I can hear God saying to Patrick when he arrived home, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Laurie Johnson - March 05, 2015 at 04:27 PM



“ 76 files added to the album LifeTributes



Spilker Funeral Home - March 04, 2015 at 09:03 AM



“ When you are growing up your friends parents are called Mr and Mrs and your best buddies, are given nick names. There was however one adult, one parent of a friend that was given a nick name and Patrick Sbarra was always The Big Boop. Patrick jr. was Le Boop or Skeboops. But the Big Boop was a name earned easily for his love of life, his joy in being around people and his easy and infectious smile. He was always of a mind set of what are we doing next? Let's do it. He gave us all of the tools we need to follow his example. Let's do it. Thanks for sharing Big Boop. - Johnny Stix

John Stix - March 01, 2015 at 07:14 AM



“ Diego Genito e famiglia purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Patrick Sbarra.



Diego Genito e famiglia - February 28, 2015 at 04:01 PM



“ A Patrick Jr. e famiglia, a Jane

Non riesco a descrivere la tristezza che mi accompagna da quando ho appreso la notizia della scomparsa di Patrick.

I tanti ricordi dei momenti trascorsi insieme nelle sue visite in Italia, le lunghe chiacchierate ed i consigli che mi ha sempre regalato, il generoso supporto che ho sempre ricevuto da Lui nei miei viaggi in USA, sono la conferma del reciproco profondo affetto che ci legava.

Resteranno sempre presenti nei miei pensieri le sue qualità di uomo, con il rammarico di non aver trascorso più tempo insieme a causa della lontananza, ma con la speranza di averlo un po' più vicino, ora che è stato accolto in cielo tra le braccia della sua amata mamma, che riposa nel nostro paese.

Mi mancherà moltissimo!!

Altavilla Irpina (AV), Italia,

Il tuo affezionatissimo cugino Diego, insieme a Beatrice, Luca e Sara.

Diego Genito - February 28, 2015 at 03:23 PM



“ A Patrick Jr. e famiglia, a Jane

La perdita dell'amato Patrick ci rattrista profondamente.

Con la sua morte tutti noi abbiamo perso l'affetto di un uomo straordinario che ha sempre amato con tutto il cuore i suoi familiari.

Noi tutti lo ricorderemo sempre nelle nostre preghiere, con la certezza che Egli continuerà a guardarci dall'alto dei cieli con il suo sorriso buono.

In questo triste momento noi tutti siamo vicino a voi con la più viva ed accorata partecipazione al vostro dolore.

Altavilla Irpina (AV), Italia

Gli Zii Pasquale e Teresa, Anna e Agnese



Pasquale Genito - February 28, 2015 at 02:30 PM



“ Sending our condolences to Jane and their families, Patrick searched for me over 50 years. We served together as combat medics in the 45 th IN F DIV in the Korean War and had lost contact. He was the brother I never had. When we reunited, we attended several reunions together and Jane and my wife Mary Ann also became friends. Because of the distance in miles our phone conversations would go on over an hour. I will miss him dearly. He was a wonderful man and touched everyone he met. Raymond P. Coffin, Lowell, MA

Raymond P. Coffin - February 26, 2015 at 05:56 PM



“ Dear Patrick,
I remember the first time you came in Altavilla Irpina (Italy), searching for the grave of your beloved mother Maria Genito, my father's stepsister: in a while you built a bridge over the ocean between the italian and american branches of our family! I see you playing my brother's guitar and ear your talking about Korean War. Thank's for helping me to build our family tree.
We all miss you.

Massimo Genito - February 25, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ Forever Beloved was purchased for the family of Patrick Sbarra.



February 25, 2015 at 12:32 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Jane, and all who are grieving the loss of dear Patrick. Before Jane and Patrick moved to Cape May they were a beautiful presence in our Scarsdale Congregational Church. Patrick chaired Parish Life, and with him leading us through some ambitious and fun filled events, you could be sure there was great joy in the life of the Parish!. His smile, enthusiasm, generosity and good humor ruled! I was and will continue to be ever grateful for his grace and kindness. I am also grateful that in Cape May he clearly continued to enjoy life with Jane, family, friends, and through his remarkable service to others. Bravo, Patrick!

Brooke Mitchell - February 25, 2015 at 11:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patrick Sbarra.



February 25, 2015 at 09:21 AM



“ Pat was a contributor, generous, supportive, always welcoming. In my time at the Scarsdale Congregational Church I experienced his presence as unfailingly positive and upbeat. He was a good man, and, as the saying goes, a good man is hard to find. He made a difference. Phil Washburn

Phil Washburn - February 25, 2015 at 07:31 AM