



Patrick Henry Ford

July 28, 1942 - June 7, 2021

Rye - Patrick H. "Pat" Ford of Rye, NH, was officially reunited with his beloved wife Ruthie on June 7, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Lowell, MA, on July 28, 1942, to Mildred Fay and Patrick Ford, Pat was the older of two boys and was predeceased by his younger brother, Jack, who passed in 2010. Pat was raised by his Aunt, Katherine "Kay" Brick. Kay welcomed Pat and Jack into her home with her own children.

After graduating from Keith Academy, in Lowell, MA, Pat went to work at Lamie's Inn & Tavern in Hampton, NH for the Dunfey Family Hotel Company, which subsequently recommended him to the UNH Hotel School. While in college, he met the love of his life, Ruthie, and they married soon thereafter.

After marriage, Pat became the Assistant Food & Beverage Manager at the Eastland Hotel in Portland, ME. He later transferred to Burlington, VT and became the General Manager of what is now the Doubletree Hotel and originally known as the Sheraton Hotel Burlington, VT. Pat subsequently become General Manager of the former Sheraton Wayfarer Bedford, NH, as well as the Parker House in Boston, N/K/A the Omni Parker House. He is credited with establishing the annual budgeting process in the hotel industry.

In 1971, the Dunfey Family transferred Pat to Southern California where he

assumed regional management duties for five hotels located in Anaheim & San Mateo, CA, Dallas & Houston, TX, and Atlanta, GA. He continued in this position for two years, instituting sales and marketing practices that created huge revenue growth. After that, he returned to Bedford, NH, where he became Director of Hotel Operations for the Dunfey Family's portfolio of 27 hotels.

In 1975, Pat moved his family to Rye to be close to the Dunfey Hotels corporate offices in Hampton, NH and remained in Rye the rest of his life.

In 1977, Pat established his own hotel management company which soon expanded into hotel brokerage with New England Hotel Realty; an award-winning firm responsible for brokerage and advisory services for many hospitality owners and many lenders during the financial crises of the late 80's and early 90's. He is a former president of the Hotel and Motel Brokers of America.

In the mid-90s, Pat started Portsmouth, NH-based Lodging Econometrics the first company to comprehensively track all new hotel development and the status of every open & operating hotel globally using and regularly updating cutting-edge research. Lodging Econometrics now employs 48 people and provides business development and analytical programs for a variety of hotel franchise companies, vendors/suppliers with a product or service to sell within the industry, many ownership and management groups, private equity companies and Wall Street firms. Three of his children continue to operate the business.

In 2018, Pat was presented with the distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award for his 55 years of contributions to the hospitality industry by the Lodging Conference in Scottsdale, AZ.

Pat was the epitome of a family man and remained active in the Catholic Church his entire life. He served on the Board of Trustees of New Hampshire Catholic Charities for many years. He was also a Knight in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

His other passions included golf, photography, the arts, jazz, reading, world travel and spending as much time with his children and grandchildren as possible; attending all of their events. He remained a loyal fan of the Red Sox, Patriots and Celtics.

Pat is survived by Patrick H. III "JP", and his wife, Susan W., of Exeter; Julie F. and her husband, Col. Timothy J. Bailey, USMC, of Hampton; Shawn C. and his wife, Pollyanna G., of North Hampton; his daughter-in-law, Ann Marie L., of Barrington; Bruce A. and his wife, Paula H., of Dover; and Timothy M. and his wife, Lori L., of Somersworth. He also leaves behind beloved grandchildren, Ashlee C. and her husband, Jonathan; and great grandson Ronan, Rhiannon V., Lauren O. and her husband Michael, Tucker J. and his wife Allyssa, Sampson H., Connor R., Patrick H. IV, and his wife Erika L. of Newton, MA; Lochlan E., Jack R., Jake M., Cole M., Mya A., Maxwell J., Ella A., Cooper J., Matthew J., as well as Brandon J. and his wife, Ellen, and great-grandson Miles A. of Beacon, NY; Geoffrey P. and his wife, Tasha, of Dover; and great-grandchildren, Ethan M., Zoe A. and Theodore E. Mr. Ford was predeceased by his wife, Ruthie; his son Kenneth W.; his brother, Jack, of Hampton; sister, Judith Brick, of Florence, MA, and his half-brother Peter Williams of Pennsylvania. Pat will be missed by his brother, Paul Brick, and his wife, Ann, of Port St. Lucie, FL; his brother Michael and his wife, Regina Brick, of Northampton, MA; and his sister, Katherine, and her husband, Rob Voght, of Killingly, CT.

Visiting hours will be from 4 to 7 PM on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at Saint

Theresa Parish, 815 Central Road., Rye Beach, NH. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Wednesday with interment to follow in the family lot at the Central Cemetery, Rye, NH. The Mass will be live streamed at <https://www.sainttheresachurchrye.org/live-streaming>. In Patrick's memory, contributions may be directed to New Generation (<https://www.newgennh.org/donate/>), a shelter home for homeless women and children that his loving wife Ruth founded in 1987. To donate by mail, New Generation, P.O. Box 676, Greenland, NH 03840.

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St Theresa Church
815 Central Rd
(603) 964-6440
Rye Beach, NH 03871

Funeral Mass

JUN **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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815 Central Rd
(603) 964-6440
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Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick Henry Ford*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *A wonderful long time friend and mentor. I'll miss you Pat.*

Jan P. Loth - June 16, 2021 at 09:45 AM



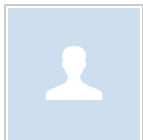
“ *Tim, Bruce, JP, and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your entire family are in my thoughts. May your countless fond memories bring you comfort during this difficult time.*
~Amber Buckingham

Amber - June 14, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ *Julie & family, my heart goes out to you on the loss of your father/grandfather. It is such a difficult thing to lose a parent. Please know you are all in my thoughts. -- Lisa Karakostas, Exeter Hospital*

Lisa K - June 14, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Patrick Henry Ford.*



June 14, 2021 at 12:51 PM

HR

“ Heather, Josie, and Ryan purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Patrick Henry Ford.



Heather, Josie, and Ryan - June 13, 2021 at 03:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Patrick Henry Ford.



June 11, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Patrick Henry Ford.



June 10, 2021 at 06:46 PM

WG

“ *With Sympathy*, Foy Insurance Group purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Patrick Henry Ford.



With Sympathy, Foy Insurance Group - June 10, 2021 at 04:12 PM

RH

“ I can't remember if i shared this story with Tim or not, but I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ford at a chamber type event way back in the 90's when I was just a know nothing, twenty-something working as commercial lender for a bank in Portsmouth. Ours was only a brief encounter, but I clearly recall him as being not only a true gentleman, but one of the few "older people" who actually took the time to stop and speak with me, rather than just moving on to the next handshake. Lesson learned.....

Rob Holt - June 10, 2021 at 12:15 PM

MD

“ Michael G. Desiato purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Patrick Henry Ford.



Michael G. Desiato - June 10, 2021 at 11:59 AM

KF

“ Kelly McCann, Jessica McCann and family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patrick Henry Ford.



Kelly McCann, Jessica McCann and family. - June 10, 2021 at 11:00 AM

PC

“ Hard to believe that it was 22 years ago that Pat hired me to work at Lodging Econometrics. During that time he taught me that even the smallest detail mattered in trying to make our work perfect for our clients. Thankfully the sports analogies helped get the points across. On a more personal note, I'll always remember how as a new employee I brought my father and 5 year old step-daughter into the office on Saturdays to show them where I worked. Pat was there both times, getting dozens of things done at once as usual, but he took the time to make them feel welcome and to let them know that I was an important and valued member of the LE family. Thank you for everything!

Paul Chussil - June 10, 2021 at 06:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patrick Henry Ford.



June 09, 2021 at 07:38 PM

CG

“ When I was in my mid-30s, I converted to Catholicism, and in the same year, I first heard the name Patrick Ford. This is notable because I had an interview with a company called Lodging Econometrics in April 2005. A young man, name of Tim =), interviewed me and said one Patrick Ford would normally be there, but he was in Rome to pay respects to John Paul II. Mr. Ford was not even in the room, or the country, and I already respected him. I worked for him for about five years, and admit, I never knew him well. But I remember when he was in the office, he made a point to come and speak with each individual - how they were, what they were up to. I knew him as generous to his employees, a good father (apparent if you have ever met his sons and family), and a man of integrity with strong faith and honor. My profound condolences to the Ford family, as well as my friends at Lodging Econometrics.

Chris Grimmett - June 09, 2021 at 07:09 PM

MG

I was blessed to know and work for Pat when he launched the first edition of Lodging Econometrics. With my know-how of database set-up and Pat's in depth knowledge and experience of the hospitality industry and statistical analysis, there was a successful launch within a year. I was further blessed to meet and help Ruthie in her passionate commitment to New Generation. My own dear husband, Bruce, came to know the Ford family through his own local men's grooming business. I give prayers of thanks for knowing the family and pray that they feel comforted by the peace and mercy of loving family and friends.

Margaret Gallagher - June 09, 2021 at 10:44 PM

DB

“ Deborah Brown lit a candle in memory of Patrick Henry Ford



Deborah Brown - June 09, 2021 at 05:47 PM

DB

Our Family sends our deepest condolences and blessings. A life to Celebrate for sure. Sending love, the Brown Family

Deborah Brown - June 09, 2021 at 05:49 PM

ML

“ Mike Leven purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patrick Henry Ford.



Mike Leven - June 09, 2021 at 05:04 PM

JG

“ We're really going to miss him at Lodging Econometrics. As an employer, he always made it a point to come around to say hello to each person working in the office. He remembered every person and every conversation he's had with them. He was engaging and sincerely interested in what employees had to say. He'd often come across some article or essay in his travels and would remember to bring it back into the office and leave it for you on your desk if it had something to do with your conversation. Pat's love of life and love of family shines brightly on his family. ~ Jeanette G.

Jeanette Gagne - June 09, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick Henry Ford.



June 09, 2021 at 11:53 AM