



Patrick Mathew McCaffrey

May 20, 1935 - October 28, 2020

Patrick Mathew McCaffrey, age 85 of Amboy, IL, passed away Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at his home surrounded by his beloved family. He was a Twilight baby born on May 20, 1935 in Sublette, IL to Frank and Florence (Maier) McCaffrey.

He was the first son born out of 14 children including ten girls and four boys and is fondly remembered for his humble, soft-spoken nature. He warmly greeted everyone with a smile and as a result of a farm accident he offered a 2-fingered wave for good measure. His kindness and faith in God were second to none. He was a well-respected member of the community and his work ethic admired by many.

While he didn't say much, when he did it was a masterfully told story or a quick-witted comment causing an uproar of laughter. His gentle soul was especially connected to children. Somehow, without saying a word, little ones always climbed right up into his lap or into his arms for a snuggle. While he loved his family dearly, none stole his heart more than his wife. On November 21, 1959, Pat married the love of his life Helen A. Sheridan at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Maytown. Just last November, he and Helen celebrated 60 years of marriage where they proudly raised their six children in the Amboy and Sublette area.

Pat was honored to be in the Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956 where he was stationed in Korea and Japan. Carrying the military legacy are five grandsons: Patrick J McCaffrey, Airforce; Carl Joseph McCaffrey Jr., Army Reserve; Jake

Lytle, Marine Corps; Michael Ehrmann, Army; and Trent Blackburn, Army. After returning from overseas, Pat and his family farmed while owning and operating local restaurants over the years. In addition, He was a 50-year Gold Card Member of the Midwest Operating Engineers Union Local 150 and was an operator from 1972 until his retirement in 2000.

His unwavering faith in God only grew as a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Walton and a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus. That faith carried over into his love of sports. He was fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, the Green Bay Packers, and the Chicago White Sox.

Above all, Pat loved and adored his family. He is survived by his devoted wife Helen,

Children: Denise McCaffrey- Ehrmann of Dixon, Mark (Lisa) McCaffrey of Dekalb, Carl (Christa) McCaffrey of Geneva, Molly (Rich) Blackburn of Amboy, Christa (Bruce) Lytle of Dixon, and Michael (Bridget) McCaffrey of Geneva.

Grandchildren: Elizabeth Considine, Kathryn (Jason) Boyle, Valerie (David) St. James, Megan (Matt) Heiting, Jared (Sara) McCaffrey, Jenna (Harrison) Ruhl, Austin McCaffrey, Whitnie McCaffrey, Laurin (Harlan) Hankins, Patrick McCaffrey, Carl "Joseph" McCaffrey Jr., McAley Garland, Jake (Emma) Lytle, Shannon Lytle, Trent and Payton Blackburn, Mitchell, Nolan, and Brady McCaffrey.

Bonus grandchildren: Joe, Grace, Michael, and Luke Ehrmann, Ryan and Cole Thomas.

Great grandchildren Trevor, Kenedie Considine, Hudson St. James, Owen Smothers, Addisyn, Halle, Alivia, and Hillary Boyle. Jack Heiting, and Emilia McCaffrey. The newest addition to his family is a great-grandchild due in December.

Bonus great-grandchildren: Brandon Crowe, Brandon, Haden, and Colton Hankins.

His siblings: Gene (Mary) McCaffrey of Dixon, IL Sharon Blunt of Plainfield, IL Cheryl (Don) Balsam of Roscoe, IL Janet McCaffrey (Jose Veliz) of Tacoma, WA, and James "Jim" McCaffrey of Amboy, IL.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Roger McCaffrey, and sisters Marilyn Jones, Florine McCaffrey, Patricia McCaffrey, Colleen McCaffrey, Alice Ellis, Bette Johnson, and Kathleen Gray, son-in-law Rolfe Ehrmann, Annie Ehrmann, and Paul Biolo.

Visitation will be on Sunday Nov. 1, 2020 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. A private family mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday Nov. 2nd, 2020 at the church. Burial with Military Honors will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Memorials have been established to Serenity Hospice and the American Legion. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Cemetery Details

St Patrick Cemetery Maytown

1376 Maytown Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St Patrick Catholic Church Amboy
32 N Jones
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick Mathew McCaffrey*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Patrick Mathew McCaffrey*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Gary Sylvia Schultz lit a candle in memory of Patrick Mathew McCaffrey*



Gary Sylvia Schultz - October 30, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ *Beautiful tribute to Pat, describes him to the T. Deepest sympathy to the large McCaffrey family for the loss of a very special man that many had the pleasure of knowing. I had the pleasure of working on weekends for Pat & Helen while they owned the Lodge in Sublette. I hold very special memories of them both. Pat taking care of the bar area and Helen making sure things ran smoothly in the kitchen I was treated as family not an employee. Loved my time spent with them at the Lodge and so happy I got to see them last year out at Walton Tap for supper Sending many hugs, thoughts & prayers coming to all. May all those beautiful cherished moments with Pat help you thru the difficult times ahead. Love, Bonnie Bonnell Carson*

BONNIE CARSON - October 30, 2020 at 12:53 PM

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“ *BONNIE CARSON lit a candle in memory of Patrick Mathew McCaffrey*



BONNIE CARSON - October 30, 2020 at 12:49 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear the passing of Pat. Many memories come to mind of the best times I shared with the family and him. I will always cherish knowing Pat and his family. Especially around Christmas and St. Patricks day. I wish to express to the family,my deepest sympathies. Much love to all....*

Paul ONeal - October 30, 2020 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Thoughts & Prayers, Your Channahon Tractor Family. purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Patrick Mathew McCaffrey.*



Thoughts & Prayers, Your Channahon Tractor Family. -
October 29, 2020 at 11:40 AM