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Napa, California

Patrick J. Creegan passed away, age 96. A man of intellect, faith, and humor, a devout Irish Catholic, Democrat, and family man—he led a full and adventurous life.

Born in San Francisco to Charles James and Margaret Bird Creegan, Pat moved to southern California as a young boy, lived with his Aunt Nan (Frances Robertson), attended Loyola High, enlisted in the Navy at 17, and served in WW II, the Pacific theatre.

After the war, he graduated from Santa Clara University in Engineering making lifelong friendships that led him to Nicaragua where he engaged in various ventures and eventually moved after the 1972 Managua earthquake. His knowledge of earthquake-resistant construction practiced at Creegan and D'Angelo Engineering benefited Nicaragua's reconstruction efforts.

As a Civil, Structural, Geotechnical, and Dam engineer he worked nationally and internationally including Dubai and India. At age 67 he earned his Doctorate in Engineering, Berkeley. A life-long learner, he inspired education.

Pat was a loving and generous husband, father, and grandfather. A loyal friend to many and seaman at heart, a surfer, fisherman, natural athlete, golfer, hiker, an avid Giants and 49ers fan, and a creative woodworker. On family vacations he taught his children to play poker, skim seaside sands with homemade boogie boards, and bodysurf. Pat loved dogs, cats, horses, ice cream, and chocolate.

Preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Sunie Birdsall Creegan, his son Jerry Creegan, and first wife, Clare Kuklinski Creegan, he will always be remembered by his children: Daniel Creegan (Debbie), Katie Creegan, Clare Creegan Chamorro (Jaime), Maury

Creegan (Jadi), Renee Miller (Jack) and his stepchildren Patrick O'Neill (Lori), Maura O'Neill (Vaho), Megan O'Neill (Cary), and Michaela Eikenbary (Doug), fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Rosary July 31, 2021, 11, mass at 11:30, and lunch at St. Apollinaris Catholic Church, 3700 Lassen St., Napa, Ca. At a later time, he will be interred at the federal military cemetery on the island of Alameda, CA when construction is complete.

Donations can be made in Patrick Creegan's name to the

- Carmelite House of Prayer, 20 Mt. Carmel Dr., Oakville, CA 94562, (707) 944-2454.
- Santa Clara University—Civil Engineering scholarship
- Loyola Marymount University, L.A. CA—Civil Engineering scholarship
- Loyola High School, L.A. CA—unrestricted purposes

Previous Events

Rosary

JUL 31. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

St. Apollinaris Catholic Church
3700 Lassen St
Napa, CA 94558
(707) 257-2555

Memorial Mass

JUL 31. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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Reception

JUL 31. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Hello, I am saddened to hear of Mr. Creegan's passing. Many of my fondest childhood memories were our families getting together in Saratoga. My father and Mr. Creegan were childhood buddies and remained the best of friends until my father's passing. My sincerest condolences, especially to you Clair!
Mary DeCoursey

Mary Rothert - October 14, 2022 at 03:19 PM



“ Patrick James Creegan

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ Patrick James Creegan

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM

NG

“ My name is Noreene Golden, and I was a secretary at Creegan & D'Angelo for over 14 years. I remember taking shorthand from Pat - where he could remember the outline format - even after dictating an hour or more. The other secretary, JoAnn Pourroy would then go in and take another hour of dictation. Pat was amazing!! I have kept up with both JoAnn and Susan Cabral Sampson as well as some of the engineers at C&D over these many years. Katie Creegan also worked at C&D. Hello to all of Pat's children. Your Dad was truly an awesome parent and boss. Love and prayers to all.

Noreene J. Golden - November 19, 2021 at 03:06 PM

KC

Thanks so much, Noreen. So wonderful to see your words here. Would love to catch up. If you see this note, my phone number is 408-806-1005. It's been too long. Katie

Katie Creegan - March 22, 2022 at 01:06 AM

JB

“ My name is Jody Breaud. I am the daughter of Lowell Rodrigue and the late Mae Rodrigue. I only met Mr. Pat once at my house when we lived in Alameda and my parents were visiting my family.

My parents Rod [I think he called Dad Barney] and Mae thought the world of him and Mrs. Suni. He and Dad were in World War II together and had stories. I think some were true. The couples met and kept in touch throughout the years.

Dad always has spoken so highly of Mr. Pat when WWII is mentioned...a lot. I feel that I know him and Mrs. Suni as they were important people and memories in my parents' lives.

Dad found out from the VA about Mr. Pat's death just recently as they had not communicated for awhile. I am copying this obituary and Dad wants to put it in his scrapbook.

What a blessing he has been in so many lives!

Jody Breaud - November 05, 2021 at 05:12 PM

GF

“ Without a doubt Uncle Pat was my favorite. I spent a month living with Pat and his young children in Nicaragua in 73 or 74, got to know him well, admired his knowledge of structures and decided to become a builder. His influence on my development as an adult was profound, I will always appreciate the time we spent together, and his help getting home, back to the states. He really lived, most would envy the life he enjoyed, I decided to name my son after him, glad I did.

greg franck - July 27, 2021 at 10:16 PM

KC

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KC - July 22, 2021 at 01:07 AM

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