



Patrick J Boylan

April 15, 1934 - October 20, 2020

Patrick J. Boylan, 86, of Mount Joy, Pennsylvania passed away at home on Tuesday, October 10, 2020. He was born on April 15, 1934 in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania, son of the late Joseph and Laura (O'Hern) Boylan. Pat grew up in a small town where everyone seemed to have a nickname and he was no exception. He was quite small at birth- as well as the youngest child - so his three older brothers and older sister called him "Itsy Bitsy." When he got older (and bigger) it was shortened to "Bits" and, for the rest of his life, to his Saint Marys friends and family he was Bits Boylan.

After graduating from Saint Marys Central Catholic High in 1952 he served overseas in the U.S. Army. He was proud of his Army service and greatly appreciated the care given to him by the physicians at the Veterans Affairs Hospital. Anyone who knew Pat knew that music was a big part of his life. He learned to play the guitar at an early age and earned his music union card while still in high school, playing guitar professionally until he departed for Army basic training. After completing his military service he attended and graduated from the Rockwell Piano School in 1958. On June 7, 1958, he married the former Sharon Lavonne Feldbauer in Kersey, Pennsylvania.

In addition to the guitar, Pat could play many musical instruments ranging from the piano to the harmonica to the ukulele. He spent the majority of his life in the music business, retiring from over two decades of employment with the

Yamaha Piano Company in 1996, and he continued to consult for the company for many years thereafter. While at Yamaha he learned to speak Japanese and enjoyed surprising his Japanese colleagues with jokes in their native language.

Pat was also famous for his seemingly never-ending arsenal of funny stories and anecdotes. To the occasional embarrassment of his children and the constant delight of their friends, he could always be counted on for a wry observation or an outright laugh. His family often joked that having grandchildren was the greatest gift he ever received because it provided him with a whole new audience for his "material."

Pat is survived by his wife, his two children; Scott Boylan, husband of Kim Marie (Kozaczek) Boylan of Washington, DC, and Melanie ("Cricket") Boylan, wife of Edward Zobian of West Chester, Pennsylvania. He is also survived by his three above-average grandchildren: Catherine Boylan, daughter of Scott and Kim, and twins Teddy and Charlie Zobian, sons of Melanie and Ted. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: John, Richard and Charles, and a sister, Clair Marie. A funeral will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I am so sorry for you loss. My dad spoke often about his friends "Bits".

Arline Yanak Mahoney - November 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Sounds like a great guy! Wish I could have met him.

Dan - October 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Sharon and Family, We were so sorry to hear of Bit's passing. He was surely one of a kind, and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Kevin and Marcia

Kevin & Marcia Hanes - October 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Our condolences to: Sharon and family. Just got the news here in Arizona. During our teen years, Bits was a close and frequent amigo. He helped me get through those turbulent years. His infectious humor and positive outlook shaped me a great deal. I thought of him now and then and am glad to hear he did well. Yes, he was a mentor but didn't know it. Fare thee well my old friend. Sal and Scott Distler

william scott distler - October 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Please pass our condolences to the family. Pat was truly a fine gentleman and will be greatly missed!Paul & Elizabeth Gibbs

Paul & Elizabeth Gibbs - October 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Sharon and family, We hope the precious memories you have will bring you special peace. We think of all the good parties and all his funny jokes. We all had such good times. There was only one Bits. Our deepest sympathy. Phil and Arlene.

Arlene and Phil - October 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Our condolences to Sharon and entire Boylan family. We both miss the after Mass chats and Pat's jokes and funny stories each Sunday morning. Always enjoyed hearing about (the above average Grand kids)

Ken&CarolAnn Betz - October 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Sharon & Family,Pat was one of a kind! He made us laugh so many times. He always lit up the room & made everyone feel good with his stories. He made us happy every time he came to see us. God bless you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jane & Tom Burger - October 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ My condolences to Pat's family. I met Pat back in 1988 when I was selling Yamaha pianos at Jacobs Music. He was our sales rep. He was always a joy to speak with, and he was so helpful with my many questions. So sorry to hear of his passing, and I know he will be greatly missed.

Sonja Lynne - October 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM