



## Pat McGrail

October 1, 2025

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Pat McGrail (William Patrick McGrail) of Dover Centre on October 1, 2025, at the age of 70 at Chatham Kent Health Alliance. Pat passed away peacefully after having spent the entire day with his family by his side.

Pat was a loving father, beloved son and brother, and all-around good neighbour to many. He was the son of Joanne McGrail and the late Patrick McGrail. He was the proud and steadfast father of Meghan (Blake), Ethan (Natalie), Cullen (Sam), and Shannon (Cole). He was the cherished Grandpa “Paddy” of Anderson and Maclaine Ashton, Emmett and Luke McGrail, and the late Avery McGrail. He was a caring, albeit pesky, brother to Lu Flynn (Gerry), Stephen McGrail, Lisa Harris (Elmer), and Martha Zilberman. He was the smart aleck uncle to many nieces and nephews who will miss his potluck contributions greatly.

Pat’s true passion was farming. He worked the fertile Dover dirt his entire life and for as long as he could, planting, tending, and harvesting crops alongside his family. To his farming community, Pat was larger than life; a kind soul always ready to lend a helping hand or to talk for hours at the end of the driveway.

Pat was a jack of all trades, he could build a vegetable harvester from scratch

one day, and perfect a homemade beaver tail recipe the next. He loved long drives (and longer stories), family road trips, 1950s diners, Canadian television, CBC Radio One, and a good game of cards. He sported hundreds of souvenir and swag hats and shared MANY terrible dad jokes. Pat's children will miss his wealth of knowledge, spontaneous phone calls, tall tales, and generous spirit.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home (409 Nelson St, Wallaceburg, 519-627-3231) where a private family service will be held next week. Friends and Family are encouraged to Celebrate his Life at an open-house on Wednesday, October 8 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall (800 Murray St) in Wallaceburg.

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

If you'd like to make a donation in memory of Pat, please consider the Children's Treatment Centre Foundation of Chatham-Kent, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwestern Ontario, or Three Oaks Respite Cabin (Shetland, ON). All donations may be left with Cavanagh Funeral Home in Wallaceburg. Online condolences may be left at [www.cavanaghfuneralhome.ca](http://www.cavanaghfuneralhome.ca).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Knights of Columbus Hall  
800 Murray St  
Wallaceburg, ON N8A 1A1 (CA)

# Tribute Wall



“ Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pat McGrail



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - October 06, 2025 at 03:09 PM

LF

Stunning tribute to a wonderful man, my brother

Lu Flynn - October 06, 2025 at 09:40 PM

SM

An Amazing video... so many memories to cherish ❤️

Sue Moran - October 07, 2025 at 01:41 PM

DM

“ Deepest. Condolences to the family of Patrick on the loss of. Their dad. My pray are with you  
Sincerely. Dr Michael A McElligott

Dr Michael A McElligott - October 13, 2025 at 08:54 PM

JM

“ Jamie McGrail lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail



Jamie McGrail - October 09, 2025 at 07:52 PM

PM

“ Pat McGrail lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail



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**Pat McGrail** - October 09, 2025 at 03:18 PM

EK

“ Meghan, Ethan, Cullen and Shannon, I'm deeply sorry about your loss. Pat was such a kind, lovely man, a good family friend and neighbour. He will be truly missed. Sending love and light as you navigate this difficult time.

*Erika (Kearns) & Chris Matthews*



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**Erika Kearns** - October 08, 2025 at 04:05 PM

HH

“ Condolences to Pat's family and extended family. We will miss Pat's visits and his road trips to see the countryside and farm shows. His was a good friend and neighbour and will truly be missed.



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**Harvey Handsor** - October 07, 2025 at 12:57 PM

CM

“ The days of the McGrail - Mathany reunions were always great ! When I told Ashley , Ian and Clarke of the passing of Pat, Clarke asked. "Was it not Pat who threw Ashley into the lake one time !?" It was a good memory and laugh. Unfortunately I will not be able to make it to Pat's celebration of life. Truly sorry. Cathy Mathany

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**Cathy Mathany** - October 07, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Pat’s passing. Condolences to Joanne and the family.

Mary Kearns - October 06, 2025 at 09:34 PM

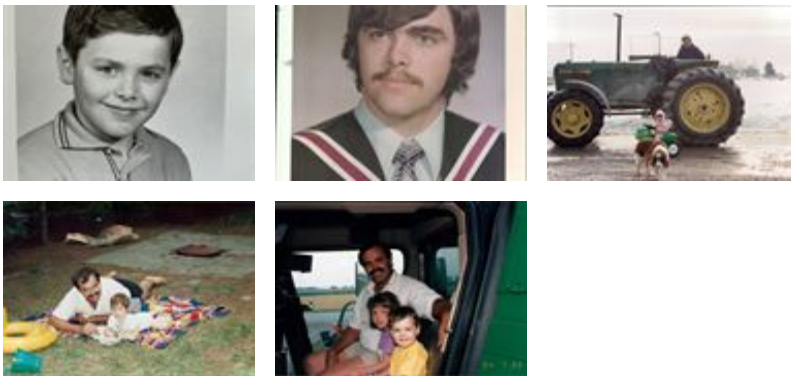


“ Meghan, I’m so sorry for the loss of your father. Condolences to you and your family at this time.

Bailey Johnston - October 06, 2025 at 07:55 PM



“ 111 files added to the album Life Tributes



Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home - October 06, 2025 at 03:03 PM



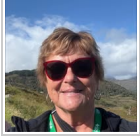
“ So sorry to hear of cousin Pat's passing. Please accept my condolences, Aunt Joanne and all Pat's family.

John Rolling - October 05, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ My condolences to Pat's mother, siblings and children.

Jacob Renders - October 05, 2025 at 10:22 AM



“ *Christine Roe lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail*



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**Christine Roe** - October 05, 2025 at 08:43 AM



“ *Linda Routley lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail*



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**Linda Routley** - October 05, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ *Meghan, Ethan, Cullen, Shannon your family's And the McGrail extended families we are thinking of you all at this very difficult time. Losing a family member and friend like Paddy will definitely affect many. Your obituary is a beautiful tribute and confirms his love for family and his farming passion. He will never be forgotten for many reasons and his name will continue to be mentioned as we recall many story's. We send our deepest condolences to all.*  
*Stuart & Lorrie Handsor & family*

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**Lorrie Handsor** - October 04, 2025 at 05:49 PM

JD

“ *Julie DeMeyer lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail*



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**Julie DeMeyer** - October 04, 2025 at 03:06 PM

WB

“ *We were saddened to hear about our neighbour Pat. Prayers to the entire McGrail family.*

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**Wayne and Colleen Bowen** - October 04, 2025 at 10:21 AM

EJ

“ *Our condolence to Pat's family. The McGrail family were neighbour's of ours and our parents were friends in Electric area many years ago.*

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**Eileen (Lewis) and Lyle Jardine** - October 03, 2025 at 09:18 PM

CM

“ *I am in shock to hear of the passing of your Pat. Pat was such an awesome guy ! It was always nice spending time with Pat at family functions.*

*Truly sorry I cannot make it to Pat's celebration of life.*

*My love to Pat's family.*

*Cathy Mathany. ( Mike Mathany's wife. )*

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**Cathy Mathany** - October 03, 2025 at 08:32 PM

PL

“ I was saddened to hear of Pat's passing. He was a member of our graduating class of 1974 at WDSS. Many fond memories! Rest in peace my friend. Condolences to the family!  
*Peter Lade*

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**Peter Lade** - October 03, 2025 at 07:45 PM

KM

“ Keith & Tina (Smith) Myers lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail



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**Keith & Tina (Smith) Myers** - October 03, 2025 at 07:15 PM

PL

“ I was saddened to learn of Pat's passing. He was a member of our graduating class of 1974 at WDSS. Many fond memories. Rest in peace my friend. Heartfelt condolences are extended to the family.  
*Peter Lade*

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**Peter Lade** - October 03, 2025 at 04:53 PM

CF

“ Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers are with Pat's family

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**Clarence & Cindy Feddes** - October 03, 2025 at 03:35 PM

BB

“ I remember Pat from his days at Holy Family School; he was a good student and always helpful to everyone.  
Bev Bradley



Bev Bradley - October 03, 2025 at 03:18 PM

SP

“ To the McGrail family, we send you our sincere condolences. Sue Ann and Larry Parkes.

sue ann and Larry parkes - October 03, 2025 at 02:46 PM

MD

To Pat's family,  
We share with you in the many memories of Pat. Sending you lots of love, hugs and our deepest sympathy .  
Your American cousin,  
Mike Dakoske and Sharon too.

Mike Dakoske - October 03, 2025 at 05:32 PM

CD

“ Our sincerest condolences to the McGrail family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Con & Joanne Van Damme - October 03, 2025 at 01:35 PM

SC

“ Our condolences to the McGrail Family for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you



Sherry David Crowe - October 03, 2025 at 12:24 PM

CC

“ *Cathy Coke lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail*



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**Cathy Coke** - October 03, 2025 at 12:03 PM

DD

“ *Our sincere condolences to the McGrail families*



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**Dan and Cheryl Dehens** - October 03, 2025 at 11:51 AM

TB

“ *Tim Bechard lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail*



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**Tim Bechard** - October 03, 2025 at 11:32 AM

GH

“ *So sorry. Please accept my sympathy.*

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**Garbutt Hyde** - October 03, 2025 at 10:58 AM

DB

“ I remember Pat taking a bunch of us out in high school to go smelt fishing.

He was always our designated driver so the rest of us could drink!  
We drank more than we fished!!

He also climbed up on the rafters to set up lights for my “Tartan Review” performance. Most of us were afraid of heights so appreciated his help.

May you rest in peace Pat.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family 🙏🙏

Deb Browning

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**Debbie Browning** - October 03, 2025 at 09:53 AM

DN

It saddens me that he left this earth so early. My sympathies go toward his family and close friends.

I remember Pat dropping treats tied to rope while we girls made our way on the canoe race. He was always a good friend and enthusiastic farmer full of knowledge.



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**debbie DeMars Neff** - October 03, 2025 at 02:02 PM

MH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are for the McGrail family



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**Merle Shelly Hazzard** - October 03, 2025 at 09:13 AM

DO

“ Dennis Owen lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail



Dennis Owen - October 03, 2025 at 08:43 AM

RB

“ Randy & Robin Benedict lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail



Randy & Robin Benedict - October 03, 2025 at 08:11 AM

TM

“ I played baseball with Pat in the late 80's. He always had a smile on his face no matter the score. He truly was a kind sole. Our condolences to the family. Rest in peace my friend.



Tina & Andy Myers - October 03, 2025 at 08:07 AM

JG

“ John & Janice Gonyou lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail



John & Janice Gonyou - October 03, 2025 at 07:47 AM

VD

“ *Lu and family our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mike and Vicky Davis*

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**Vicky Davis** - October 03, 2025 at 07:15 AM

CH

“ *Charlie lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail*



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**charlie** - October 03, 2025 at 01:09 AM

LL

“ *Sending deepest condolences to your family. May fond memories bring you comfort as you navigate your grief journey.*

*Lori-Anne Lucier* □

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**Lori-Anne Lucier** - October 03, 2025 at 12:03 AM

RY

“ *Sending love and condolences to the McGrail family. Rose Yazbeck and Tim Gielen*



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**Rose-Marie Yazbeck** - October 02, 2025 at 11:45 PM

MC

“ *Maureen & Colleen Clancy lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail*



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**Maureen & Colleen Clancy** - October 02, 2025 at 10:06 PM

LK

“ *Meghan, Ethan, Cullen, & Shannon and the entire McGrail families, we are so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. He was a good neighbour & a great friend to our family. We've been recipients of many good deeds from Pat over the years, actually too many to list. I will miss the many driveway & workshop chats we had over the years and even his good natured "dad" jokes steered our way.*



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**Louisa & Steve Kearns** - October 02, 2025 at 09:45 PM

MC

“ *Michael Cibulka lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail*



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**Michael Cibulka** - October 02, 2025 at 09:03 PM

MJ

“ *Sincere condolences to Joanne and the entire family. I remember Pat from years ago as a good guy. May he R.I.P.. from Marlene Coveny Judson*

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**Marlene Judson** - October 02, 2025 at 08:19 PM

GA

“ So very sadden over the loss of cousin Patrick. I remember him from the early years when my parents would visit with Joanne and Pat. He brought great pride to the name "McGrail".....Gerry (McGrail) Ambrosie

gerry (mcgrail) ambrosie - October 02, 2025 at 06:41 PM

TS

“ Tracy Shaw lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail



Tracy Shaw - October 02, 2025 at 05:01 PM

JM

“ Janeth Myers lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail



Janeth Myers - October 02, 2025 at 04:59 PM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of Pat McGrail



Gerry Flynn - October 02, 2025 at 04:00 PM

ER

“ *Our sincere condolences to hear of your loss Meg. Our thoughts are with you and all your family. - Your Friends at Broad Arrow*

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**Erica Reaume** - October 02, 2025 at 03:17 PM

AB

*My condolences to the McGrail family. The two Pat's were front and centre during school board days lots of memories. You will be in my prayers.*

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**Anne (Julius) Van Den Bossche** - October 09, 2025 at 01:38 PM