



## Patrick Joseph Nally

May 7, 1942 - May 23, 2024

Patrick “Pat” Joseph Nally, a longtime resident of Belmont, passed away on May 23rd, 2024 at the Boulder Creek Assisted Living facility. He was closely supported in his final days and months by Louise (Maggini), his loving wife of 52 years.

The first of eleven children born to an Irish-German Catholic family in Maumee, OH, Pat developed at a young age the traits that would define his life: a strong sense of responsibility, exceptional people skills, a fierce competitive drive, and a love of family. Growing up, there was hardly a sport Pat didn’t play; he particularly loved football, baseball, and hockey. After graduating from St. Francis de Sales High School in 1960, Pat left Maumee for John Carroll University where he worked his way through college and graduated in 1964, serving as class president. He was then drawn to Cincinnati where he began a long association with Xavier University. After obtaining his MBA in 1966, Pat held a series of student-focused roles at Xavier that culminated in becoming Dean of Students. Helping to integrate women into the student body was a proud accomplishment.

On a ski trip to Boyne Mountain in 1968, he met the love of his life Louise Maggini of Grand Rapids. Her father, determined to have his daughter stay close to home, arranged for Pat to interview with Steelcase, Inc. Pat’s leadership skills quickly became evident to the office furniture company, and he began a long and accomplished career at Steelcase that lasted for nearly 30 years. His work here focused on people and leadership development, and

he was extremely proud of the many people he helped to nurture and develop over the years.

While pursuing his career at Steelcase, Pat was also deeply devoted to raising his family, including two active, athletic boys. He hardly ever missed an athletic event, no matter how far the distance. The fishing trip to Canada where the big one did not get away will forever live in family lore.

In retirement, Pat found joy and meaning in campaign organizing for Barack Obama, attending Fountain Street Church services (he was a member for many years), assisting at his beloved Boulder Creek Golf Club, amateur ski racing well into his 70s (!!!), and coordinating an annual golf outing with Texas friends. He particularly relished spending time with his four grandchildren.

Pat had many passions that he shared graciously with friends and family: golf, skiing, fishing, Notre Dame football, the music of John Denver and Luciano Pavarotti, all things Irish, and being in nature. He also loved to travel and experienced some epic vacations throughout his life: a family visit to the Emerald Isle, a sojourn through Italy with Louisa, and father-son trips to Bandon Dunes Golf Resort and Costa Rica. But more than anywhere else, he loved being home with his family on Seven Mile Road surrounded by Louise's bucolic garden, his refreshing pool, and abundant nature.

Patrick's kind and loving spirit will be deeply missed by his wife Louise, his eldest son Ryan and wife Jennie of Rowayton, CT, his youngest son Tyler and wife Jamie of Denver, CO and his grandchildren Jack, Alex, Gianna, and Sam. He is predeceased by his parents Francis and Catherine Nally, and siblings Martin, Michael, Daniel, Brigid, and Theresa. He is survived by his sisters Ann and Nora Nally, Catherine Druffel, Mary Moawad, and Julia Greiner.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Pat was a great friend in HS at at St Francis and always fun to be around. Glad to hear he became a fellow post-grad Musketeer at Xavier. What a wonderful family man! Mike McCarthy, Class of 1960.

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**Mike McCarthy** - June 13, 2024 at 04:28 PM