



Patrick James Flaherty

April 15, 1970 - May 12, 2017

Flaherty, Patrick James, age 47, passed in his sleep May 12, 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. He is survived and mourned by his parents, John and Claire; his sister Erin and his uncles, aunts, cousins, colleagues at CDC and a host of friends. A funeral mass will be celebrated May 25, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Rd, Gainesville, VA 20155. For further details go to www.piercefh.com Flowers for the church are to be delivered, displayed and coordinated by Flower Gallery of Manassas, 10816 Sudley Manor Drive, Manassas, VA 20109. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to AMIGOSINTERNATIONAL.ORG or POSITIVEIMPACTHEALTHCENTERS.ORG

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Road
Gainesville, VA 20155
<http://holytrinityparish.net/>

Tribute Wall



“ *I'm not sure why I hadn't heard of Patrick passing away until just earlier this year. I met him in China and then Bangkok, and was very fond of him. Always meant to spend more time together, but never did, and regret not doing so. My best wishes to all his loved ones; Patrick made a huge difference in lives the world over, his legacy will always remain. Bless him and all of you.* ”

Roy Wadia - October 27, 2019 at 04:05 AM



“ *how did he pass away?* ”

j - September 15, 2017 at 06:36 PM



“ *I worked with Patrick many years ago in the Injury Center at CDC. I enjoyed working with him because he was smart, kind and always smiling. I am so sorry to learn of his death.* ”

Louise Galaska - May 26, 2017 at 04:58 PM

WP

“ I was stunned to hear of Patrick's death. We worked together at ASTHO in 1998-99, and I enjoyed maintaining contact periodically over the years. We were colleagues at CDC the last several years. Though we worked in different divisions, we enjoyed catching up when we had an opportunity. When I went to China on study tours in 2010 and 2011, I connected with Patrick, and he organized meetings for our group at the CDC China office. I had just seen him at our building a couple of months ago, and he shared plans to return to the US later this year. I'll always remember his kind and gentle spirit, passion for public health, and our friendship. Peace and blessings to Patrick's family and loved ones.

Bill Potts-Datema

William Potts-Datema - May 25, 2017 at 03:05 PM

CO

“ Supin and I were in Bangkok multiple times since my retirement from CDC in 2014. We regretted that we did not make an easy effort to see him and missed the chance forever. From day one in the Spring of 2009, when I was detailed to the CDC HIV/AIDS office in Beijing, Patrick impressed me profoundly with his gentle and cheerful demeanor and he had been very helpful professionally and in the daily life. We stayed in the same living quarters behind the US embassy. I was in all smiles whenever I saw him with Porkchop. Porkchop, a young but very muscular bulldog, always led the walk. Once, Supin suffered severe food poisoning while I was on travel and Patrick, who just returned to Beijing from Atlanta, brought her to a hospital and stayed with her for a few hours. Supin considers Patrick her life saver and was in tears after learning the unfortunate news. Patrick was also well-liked and respected by other CDCers and local Chinese colleagues. We were profoundly saddened by his passing at this young age. He could have contributed a lot more to CDC operations and particularly global health. Dr. Chin-Yih Ou

Chin-Yih Ou - May 25, 2017 at 12:30 PM

HP

“ I worked with Patrick at ASTHO back in the late 90s. Gosh, that seems so long ago. But I will never forget his spirit, joy, and passion for public health. Sending love and prayers to his family and friends.

Heather Pierce

Heather Pierce - May 25, 2017 at 09:10 AM

LP

“ Very sorry for your loss. Patrick was a wonderful man - worked with him in Thailand after first joining CDC and he was a dedicated and hardworking person who also had a kind heart and was great to be around - all too rare of a spirit.

Len Peruski

Len Peruski - May 25, 2017 at 08:20 AM

DA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Diane Loik and David Ames - May 25, 2017 at 08:11 AM

DA

“ *Diane Loik And David Ames lit a candle in memory of Patrick James Flaherty*



Diane Loik and David Ames - May 25, 2017 at 08:00 AM

DA

“ Hello to all of Patrick's family and friends from Patrick's former neighbours in Bangkok Thailand. Patrick moved into the neighbourhood and into our lives in 2012.

We didnt know the apartment next door to us on the 8Th floor of the Esmerelda apartment building in Bangkok was occupied. Porkchop was the first to let us know that she and Patrick had moved in next door. One morning we opened our door to find Porkchop standing there and looking at us as if to say...so are you going to invite me in or what. I called the building office because I didn't know the dog and wondered if it was lost...they confirmed Porkchop was our new neighbour.

It was not long before Patrick entered our lives with an ease that was Patrick- we shared everything ...our homes our histories, our flaws, our joys, and every aspect of our lives. Together we shared meals, happy hours, travels, tough times, happy times and just because times. We learned that the top of Patrick's stove was not for cooking...that was where the chips were stored. We learned that champagne was a food group. We learned about being a fan of the bionic woman and brainstormed our own episodes with Patrick starring as the bionic woman and saving Dave and I from the rogue killer stuffed shark that had invaded the 8th floor. Together we solved all the worlds problems and political challenges. We danced, we sang and best of all we laughed.

We formed a bond with Patrick that can never be broken. Patrick has gone off to explore a new life and we know he is with us in all we do. Tomorrow his spirit is going to go diving with usto a remote dive location in Thailand called Losin. We will put a rock with his name on it at the dive site and it is likely that because it is a healthy reef...life will grow on this rock. We chose a rock because Patrick was and will always be our rock...not to mention...Patrick rocked!

He touched all of us and gave selflessly of himself to all; healing will

not be easy but with the memory of his smile and grace - we will be okay and will try to be the person he was to us and others in our lives going forward. Chaiyo dearest Patrick...we will always love you and say Hi to Joan Rivers for us!!

If you run into any of our relatives on your new travels, they are fun loving and share your love of wine music and laughter...we hope you will have time to get together with them...and to all of you like us left behind ...our door and hearts are open to you....we are neighbours and friends to Patrick forever and to all those who knew him. Xxoo Diane and Dave



Diane Loik and David Ames - May 25, 2017 at 07:56 AM

JK

“ My prayers go out to the whole Flaherty Family at this time of sorrow and grief over the loss of your beloved Patrick.

Jennifer Keen - May 24, 2017 at 06:08 PM

DA

“ I met Patrick at a PHPS social event. He and my wife were in the same PHPS class and worked together. Many years later, I worked with him in a professional capacity. I cannot say enough good things about him to convey what a wonderful human being he is. His passing is a tremendous loss for his family, friends, colleagues, and the entirety of mankind. May you rest in peace, Patrick.



David - May 24, 2017 at 02:36 PM

CC

“ Cousins in Maryland- Cochrans purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Patrick James Flaherty.



Cousins in Maryland- Cochrans - May 24, 2017 at 08:26 AM

AA

“ Much love to the family and friends of Patrick -- he was one of my dearest AMIGOS friends and I was lucky enough to live in Michigan at the same time he attended UM in Ann Arbor. He always had a smile, an encouraging word, and a sharp wit. I loved following his work all over the world and seeing the positive impact he made. What a wonderful human being!!

anne amis - May 23, 2017 at 01:38 PM



“ Tear of Sympathy Pendant was purchased for the family of Patrick James Flaherty.



May 23, 2017 at 09:33 AM

WA

“ Patrick.. you ARE such a beautiful soul.. a treasure of kindness and generosity of heart.. a huge loss to all that are left behind on this physical world .. But thank you for sharing your heart with us and for touching our hearts.. for that itself is a blessing for us.. Blessed Be PATRICK FLAHERTY 🙏 ..

wan - May 23, 2017 at 02:37 AM

YU

“ YuanXiaodong lit a candle in memory of Patrick James Flaherty



YuanXiaodong - May 23, 2017 at 02:32 AM

EU

“ I had the sincere pleasure of watching Patrick mature from a young Amigos volunteer to an internationally recognized public health professional. He was a kind-hearted, dedicated and brilliant person who made a significant difference in the lives of people throughout the world. Many join you in grieving. Please know that Patrick's many public health contributions live on, as will fond memories of him.

Emily Untermeyer MPH
Former President, Amigos de las Americas

Emily Untermeyer - May 22, 2017 at 09:25 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Patrick James Flaherty.



May 22, 2017 at 11:22 AM

DR

“ I remember the fun Patrick, Erin & Tracey had playing together in Irongate and the dance classes. My thoughts and prayers are with you, John & Erin.

Darlene Riney - May 19, 2017 at 03:05 PM

NM

“ It was my pleasure to be Patrick's third grade teacher and we have been in contact through Facebook. I remember he and Erin so well--
-really good kids who grew up to be great adults!!! My thoughts and prayers are with the family!!! Novajeane Monroe

Novajeane Monroe - May 19, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ Thinking of You, praying you all find comfort from God, family, and friends. Find strength in the knowledge that Patrick is forever safe, in the arms of our Lord. Love, Anne

Anne Kight - May 19, 2017 at 06:40 AM

MJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you feel the hand of God as you move forward. Much love, Molly Judge

Molly Judge - May 19, 2017 at 04:22 AM

HA

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Hambrick's, Cheung's, Ching's, Shyr's, Kwok's, Chhuor's purchased the Adoring Heart for the family of Patrick James Flaherty.

Hambrick's, Cheung's, Ching's, Shyr's, Kwok's, Chhuor's - May 18, 2017 at 11:04 PM

HA

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Hambrick's, Cheung's, Ching's, Shyr's, Kwok's, Chhuor's purchased the Stately Lilies for the family of Patrick James Flaherty.

Hambrick's, Cheung's, Ching's, Shyr's, Kwok's, Chhuor's - May 18, 2017 at 10:53 PM

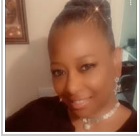
AH

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Alicia Hambrick lit a candle in memory of Patrick James Flaherty



alicia hambrick - May 18, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ Patrick you were such a gentle spirit in school. I'm so proud to know that my friend has left such a footprint in this world that will forever be engraved!!!! We know you are amongst the elite group of Angels that have a mission still yet in heaven. God bless you friend. 🦋🙏 Rest with the Lord Patrick.
Always with love,
Debbie Smith- classmate of 1988 SJHS



Debra Lynn - May 18, 2017 at 09:03 PM

DB

Debbie said it well. Peace to you, the family in memory of this great guy. Doug Brooks '88

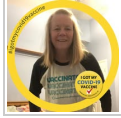
Doug Brooks - May 22, 2017 at 09:45 PM

DS

“ My heart is broken with the loss of Patrick. I've known him for over 20 years, meeting him when he was an undergrad at the University of Michigan. After he graduated, he remained in touch with me. Just two months ago we agreed to get together in the near future. I send my deepest condolences to the family. May his memory always be a blessing for you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ronni Sanlo

Dr. Ronni Sanlo - May 18, 2017 at 06:40 PM



I am so shocked and saddened to hear about the loss of Patrick. I worked with him at ASTHO and later we crossed paths again when he worked in immunization at CDC. I was friends with him on Facebook and was looking forward to seeing him as my son will be spending next Semester in Bangkok. He was so dedicated to public health, and also to helping and supporting his colleagues, and to mentoring young professionals. I enjoyed working with him so much - he was funny, smart, and fun to be around. He was really making a difference in other peoples' lives. I always think of him on tax day - who has a birthday on tax day and doesn't mind - totally enjoys it! My heart goes out to his family, I remember that he was very close with his loving family. I hope you will be comforted by knowing what an amazing person Patrick was to everyone around him.

Sincerely, Claire Hannan

Claire Hannan - May 22, 2017 at 02:59 PM