



Patrick James Saxton II

March 18, 1956 - January 15, 2025

Patrick James Saxton, II of Manassas, Virginia, was born in Oceanside, California, on March 18, 1956, and passed away peacefully on January 15, 2025, at Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center after a battle with cancer. He was 68.

He leaves behind a wife, Mary Saxton; a daughter, Christina Lightle (RJ); a granddaughter, Rosalie Lightle; a brother, Craig Saxton; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pat was preceded in death by his father, Patrick James Saxton; his mother, Bette Dolores Cascales Saxton; his sister Brenda Lum; and his brother Bryan Saxton.

Born into a military family, Pat spent his early years in California, North Carolina, Florida, and New Jersey before the family settled in Woodbridge, Virginia, in 1968.

Pat began his career at Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO) in the mid-1970s. He spent the next 40 years in the fields of facilities engineering, mission-critical power systems, and data center building and management for companies including Burns and Roe Services Corporation, Atlantic Research Corporation, Charles E. Smith Management, Intelsat, Exodus

Communications/Cable & Wireless, Primary Integration, and Equinix.

In addition to his full-time jobs, Pat did side work. He started his own company, Solar Technologies, Inc., in his 20s. Later he went into business with a friend installing residential standby power systems. For many years he also had a consulting business that handled facility site assessments, power design evaluation and requirements, and real estate consulting.

Family and friends were the center of Pat's universe, and he was thrilled to discover late in life that he had a daughter, a son-in-law, and a granddaughter. He also was an expert handyman who could usually be found with tools in hand, up on a ladder, under the hood of a car, or tinkering in the garage. He was unfailingly generous with his time and his skills whenever anyone needed help.

Pat leaves behind a loving family and many close friends, and he will be dearly missed. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ My heart felt condolences to Pat’s wife Mary, his daughter, grand daughter and brother. When I was in high school Pat attended one on my birthday parties. He brought a gift - a model airplane. He was the only friend that brought a “thoughtful” gift. Pat was like even more so in recent years. Helping and offering help to friends in a most sincere way. He was able to discuss a wide variety of topic (with humor) and really blessed me with sound advice. Both Rick Thompson and I loved Pat and I still refuse to believe he left us this early. God bless you Pat.

David Connolly
Fredericksburg, VA

David Connolly - May 29, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ Pat was my brother-in-law for 33 years and his mother Bette was my dear friend for almost 50. They, along with his sister Brenda, brother Bryan, and their Father PJ, and Rufus, his OTHER best friend, are truly mourned, and have made heaven a much happier place, and earth a far sadder one, with their absence. Please keep my sister Mary in your prayers and also Craig and his wife, the last living Saxtons of our generation, and Pat’s special daughter and her family, and of course Barry, his best friend. My brothers, my father, and Pat’s favorite in-laws, Arthur and Linda, and their family, are also mourning a gentle man, a gentleman, and a very good person.



Madelen McIntosh - May 28, 2025 at 01:29 PM

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“ Sharon L Griffin lit a candle in memory of Patrick James Saxton II



Sharon L Griffin - April 03, 2025 at 09:54 PM

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“ Pat was a great friend I cherished and he had a special place in my heart always. We shared a beautiful daughter (Christina) together and granddaughter (Rosalie). I'm so blessed they spent time together in his later years. He will be missed everyday til we meet in heaven. Pat and Jack West where the first guys I meet when I moved to Woodbridge in 8th grade. We had good times and that I will cherish also. Your friend, Sharon Griffin

Sharon L Griffin - April 03, 2025 at 09:52 PM

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“ Pat embraced finding out he was a father and was a joy to get to know. He was an amazing, attentive grandfather who cherished every moment of it. I learned so much about US history from this smart guy. His love of and concern for family, and his faith, continued to deepen, even during his period of suffering from grief and illness. Will miss him all my days.



Chrissy Lightle - March 21, 2025 at 02:39 PM