



## Patrick Joseph Graven, Jr.

June 8, 2023

Patrick Joseph “Speedy” Graven, Jr. passed peacefully in his home in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey on June 8, 2023. He was the devoted husband (63 years), of Anna Mary “Nancy” (Mount) and the loving and supportive father of Maureen (Bill Berenato), Anne Marie (Tom McHugh), Theresa “Terri” (Joe Pooler), Margaret “Margie” (Neal Pooler) and Patrick (Bridget Foy). He took great pride and joy in his grandchildren Liam (Nazaneen) Eells, Joseph “Joey” Pooler, Kieran Eells, Declan Eells, Connor (Nicole) McHugh, Daniel “Danny” (Kelly) Pooler, Caitriona “Cait” Eells, Sean Pooler, Clare McHugh, Timothy “Timmy” Pooler, Kevin Pooler, Matthew McHugh, Patrick Pooler, Brigid Pooler, Ryan Pooler, Aidan Pooler, Anna “Annie” Graven and, most recently, great grandson Edward “Eddie” Eells.

Speedy was fond of his in-laws, Edward “Eddie”(Pat) Mount, Frank Mount and George (Pat) Mount. He is predeceased by his parents, Patrick and Julia Graven, sisters Theresa (Sister Clare Maureen, I.H.M.), Margaret “Peggy” Barten, Mary Graven, in laws John and Anna Mount, brother in laws, John Mount, James “Jimmy” Mount, Robert “Bob” Barten, sister in-law, Joy Mount and son in-law, Charles “Chuck” Eells.

Patrick was born the son of Irish immigrants from County Mayo who met in and lived in the Grays Ferry section of South Philadelphia. His nickname, “Speedy” was given to him by his neighborhood friends. Most people thought he was named “Speedy” for his slow and methodical approach to things; instead it came from his first business, “Speedy Shine for a Dime.”

Speedy attended St. Gabriel's Parochial school and Southeast Catholic High School. Speedy was a devoted member of St. Gabriel's parish and despite having a new home in New Jersey he always considered St. Gabriel's to be his parish.

Speedy was a printer by trade and loved to tell his children and grandchildren that he set type for many of the exhibits at the Smithsonian Institute. He later went on to a longtime career with the Service Employees International Union and completed his working days with the ALM Maintenance Company.

Most days one would find Speedy repairing cars, appliances or doing home renovations for family, friends and neighbors. People usually consulted Speedy for his technical acumen and his pursuit of solving problems to help others. He loved to read and always had knowledge to share. He enjoyed time at the Jersey shore. He made wonderful memories with family and friends in the Villas, Cape May and Wildwood. He took vacations with his family in the Outer Banks and took trips and cruises with his in laws and his friends.

Speedy was an avid Eagles and Notre Dame fan and had a passion for all things Irish. Speedy lived his life for his wife, his children and grandchildren and his faith.

God now holds the life we all loved. Speedy always offered a drink of cheer to all who visited and when visitors left he would warmly say "Have a safe trip home." Cheers to a life well lived. May you have a safe trip Home, our husband, our father, our grandfather, our brother, our friend.....

"Death leaves a heartache

no one can heal;

Love leaves a memory

no one can steal."

~Irish Proverb

Relatives and friends are invited to his Visitation, Thursday, June 15, 2023 after 9:30 AM until 11 AM followed by his Funeral Mass at 11 AM. Interment

will be private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Gabriel's Parish, 2917 Dickinson St., Philadelphia, PA 19146 (stgabes.org) or Camilla Hall, 100 Maxis Drive, Malvern, PA 19355 (camillahall.org)

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Rachubinski & Rogers Funeral Homes.

Share Online Condolences at [www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com](http://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **15**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel Parish  
2917 Dickinson St  
Philadelphia, PA 19146-3598  
(215) 463-4060

*Flowers delivered before 9 AM*

## Funeral Mass

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriels Church  
2917 Dickinson Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19146

# Tribute Wall



“ Anne, So sad to hear about your Dad. Sounds like he was a loving father and a gentleman. Family is everything and I'm sure its very tough for all of you at this moment. Thinking of you all at this sad time. Ciaran and Sinead McGurk Ireland

Ciaran McGurk - June 24, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ To the wonderful Graven family. My deepest condolences for your loss. I have the upmost respect and admiration for your family and I know with your strength you will persevere. 29th street people always stuck together and I thank you for always supporting me in all my endeavors. Peace be with Speedy and the entire extended family.

Sincerely - Scott Oster

Scott Oster - June 16, 2023 at 06:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick Joseph Graven, Jr..



June 14, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick Joseph Graven, Jr..

June 14, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patrick Joseph Graven, Jr..



June 14, 2023 at 11:05 AM



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June 14, 2023 at 11:05 AM



“ Hi Anne, Hugh Martin and Dagmar here. So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Hopefully, he will meet with Colm for a bit of craic!

**Hugh Martin McGurk** - June 13, 2023 at 06:58 AM



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June 12, 2023 at 09:25 AM



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June 12, 2023 at 09:25 AM

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“ Prayers and sympathies from Ireland to Pat and Bridget and your extended family on the passing of Paddy's dad.

May he rest in peace.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

Frank (Horse) & Christine Byrne

Tipperary & Belfast.

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**Frank Byrne** - June 10, 2023 at 03:26 PM

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“ Great father in law!! Never really found the liking of Ortliebs!

God Bless you

Tom

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**tom mchugh** - June 09, 2023 at 12:21 PM

PS

Speedy was a great guy and a true gentlemen. RIP.

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**Pat Stewart** - June 09, 2023 at 09:52 PM

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Hi Anne,

The Murphy family Gulladuff Co Derry are very sorry to hear of the death of your father. I see from his obituary that he was a very much loved gentleman and that he lived a full and happy life. May he rest in peace.

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**Maeve Murphy** - June 15, 2023 at 04:15 PM