



## Patrick James Keenan

October 2, 1963 - February 24, 2015

Former Grafton, NE resident Patrick James Keenan, 51, passed away Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at his home in Sutton, NE.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 2, 2015, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sutton, NE with Rev. Judy Nuss officiating. Cremation will follow the service. Visitation will be Sunday, from 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., with the family present from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Sutton American Legion Argonne Post #61 or the Baroda American Legion Post #345; P.O. Box 217; Baroda, MI 49101.

Patrick was born October 2, 1963, in Hastings, NE to Francis and Betty (Wright) Keenan. He received his education at Grafton Public Schools and graduated from Sutton High School in 1981. He married Deborah Gaul of Baroda, MI in Las Vegas, NV and to this union two daughters were born, Katy and Danielle. He was employed with Gaul Construction and later was a self-employed carpenter. Pat always enjoyed coming back to his roots to help with fall harvest on the family farm.

He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion of Sutton, NE and

Baroda, MI and was a member of the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department. Pat enjoyed spending time with his girls, especially helping with coaching their softball teams when they were younger.

He is survived by his daughters, Katy (Keenan) Leshman and husband Zac of San Diego, CA; Danielle Keenan of Baroda, MI; granddaughter, Addison Leshman of San Diego, CA; mother, Betty R. Keenan of Sutton, NE; step-mother, Dolores Keenan of Blue Hill, NE; siblings, Karla (Roos) Miles of Lincoln, NE; Monty Roos of North Platte, NE; Tom Keenan and wife Jacque of Henderson, NE; Joe Keenan and wife Jerri of Grafton, NE; Genie (Keenan) Nuss and husband Joel of Sutton, NE; eleven nieces and nephews and eight great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francis Keenan; brother, John Keenan; paternal grandparents, John and Rose Keenan; maternal grandparents, Albert and Hattie Wright and uncle, Jerry Keenan.

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ I am so sorry for your loss, I always consider Pat a great person and truly a kind person with a witty sense of humor and a smile on his face. Our prayers for all.

Philip and Kimberly Sheridan - March 10, 2015 at 02:07 PM

SF

“ Katy and Danielle and family, our thoughts and prayers go out to you.  
2 Corinthians 1:3-4: "Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

Shawn Martin & Family - March 02, 2015 at 05:59 PM

CW

“ Prayers and hugs being sent to you. I am so sorry for your loss

Connie Wade - March 02, 2015 at 12:51 PM

RZ

“ Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Pat will be missed by all who knew him.

Ron and Lori Zordell - March 02, 2015 at 03:39 AM

JZ

“ R.I.P. my dear friend. The friendship was long, card playing, fishing, and just having a lot of fun. Girls please remember the best times, skip the bad and remember that you are always welcome. My deepest sympathy to the Keenan family.

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**jeff zordell** - March 01, 2015 at 07:08 PM

AB

“ Katy and Danielle I'm so sorry. I remember you two growing up and the times spending with your Dad. May the Lord be with you both though this difficult time. God bless you and Katys family.

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**Andy and Linda Bickel** - March 01, 2015 at 06:17 PM

BU

“ one may say, living in a small town, everyone is family. our hearts are heavy with love memories of the keenan family. pat is missed. we were so fortunate that he spent his last days with his grafton / sutton friends and his brothers and sisters. blessings to his 2 daughters that he loved so much. every visit included loving words spoken of his children. we were given a gift when we met pat. a gift that will stay forever in our hearts. luv you much keenan kids.....bob and rhonda

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**bob and rhonda ulmer** - March 01, 2015 at 01:29 PM

MG

“ We were so sorry to hear of the loss of Pat. We miss all of you and think of you often. I am sorry we can not be there to support you during this difficult time, but please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mary, Tim, and Timothy Haubert and Betty Gray** - March 01, 2015 at 11:41 AM

TF

“ Prayers to you and your family as you work through your time of loss. May God provide you strength and comfort!

Tom & Lynn Hofmann and Family - February 27, 2015 at 05:41 PM

DL

“ so very for your loss.

Darlene and Lyall - February 27, 2015 at 03:21 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Thoughts and prayers fo all the Keenan family...

Julie Gaul - February 27, 2015 at 01:04 PM

SM

“ Katy, Danielle and rest of family my deepest sympathies to all of you! My heart is so broken for Katy and Danielle.. your dad was such a good man! I've already told you and will probably keep telling you I'm here for both of you!

Stephanie Morse - February 27, 2015 at 09:13 AM

TM

“ All of Pat's family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers. Pat used to come by our house and sit in the garage with us to talk when Katie and Danielle were young. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Terry & Janice Mensinger - February 27, 2015 at 08:56 AM

BL

“ so sorry for your lose, hugging you in our prayers.

Bruce and Bonnie Leshman - February 27, 2015 at 08:46 AM

SS

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers in your loss of Pat. It was good to have him back home and he will be missed. We just ask God to comfort you and give you His peace.

Steve & Jane Smith - February 27, 2015 at 08:36 AM

MH

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Prayers of comfort, faith and hope for you all.

Megan Hinrichs - February 27, 2015 at 07:04 AM

RG

“ So sorry to hear about this. May the family find your peace during this difficult time. May God be with you and with Pat.

Russell Girmus - February 27, 2015 at 06:18 AM

BO

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family, Pat you were too young to leave us.

Brenda Hattan Osborne - February 27, 2015 at 05:14 AM

MH

“ Condolences to the Keenan Family. We had great fun golfing with Pat, & enjoyed his help with our functions at the Baroda Legion. He will be missed. Rest In Heaven.

Mark Hoge - February 27, 2015 at 02:39 AM

LN

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

Larry T. And Sara Nuss - February 27, 2015 at 02:36 AM

CS

“ Our prayers are with you. Let us know if you need anything.

Chris, Autumn, Valyn, & Krynna Sterns - February 26, 2015 at 10:26 PM

BH

“ To the Keenan family: We are so sorry about the lost of Pat. No matter when you saw Pat he always made sure to talk to us. I know he has only been living in Sutton for a short while but he was so excited to get a new start. He will be missed a lot but will be in Heaven with Afro. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. You have our Sympathy. Friends Always!!

Bill and Pam Hofmann - February 26, 2015 at 08:26 PM

CA

“ Our thoughts and prayers to all the family.

Clare and Glenda Anderson - February 26, 2015 at 07:53 PM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the whole Keenan family. So hard to believe, Pat and I visited and reminisced last Friday night about many things and how proud he was of his daughters. i feel blessed to have had that time with him. R.I.P Pat

Jenny Sherrill - February 26, 2015 at 04:14 PM

BD

“ So sorry to hear of this, Pat was a one of a kind, always had something to say. Use to see him everyday at the Bills Tap. He'll be missed!

Beth Davis - February 26, 2015 at 03:46 PM

LS

“ You all have our sincere sympathy. Prayers and comfort go out to you all. It is so hard to lose a family member... We are thinking of you at this difficult time.

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**laurie and Barry Sheridan** - February 26, 2015 at 02:27 PM

NA

“ Our prayers for comfort and peace to the girls- your dad was and is very proud of you. To Pat's Nebraska family-take care and may God bless you in time of sorrow .

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**nathan.nitz** - February 26, 2015 at 02:23 PM

MC

“ I am so sad to hear about Pat. We use to have so much fun with our water fights and the times in the pool. Katy and Danielle, he will be sadly missed and our prayers go out to you.

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**Mary Davis , Danny and Clara** - February 26, 2015 at 12:57 PM

TM

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Pat was a great neighbor and friend. Sending out prayers.

*Theresa, Connor and Lucas Mann*

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**Theresa Mann** - February 26, 2015 at 12:15 PM

KR

“ To the Keenan Clan - Words don't come easy at times like these. We might not have been born family, but Pat was just as much a part of mine as he was to you. He was another brother to me. He could make me laugh and get me so mad at him - all at the same time. "It's a gift," he'd retort. To Katy and Danielle - take comfort that you both were his whole world. He was so proud of you both and the lovely young women you become. Danielle, remember all of the drives, "going to see the ostriches" he would drive for hours getting you to take a nap. Or the many sporting events he would be on the sidelines for. Katy, I've never seen a prouder Dad as when he walked you down the isle at your wedding. To all - He might not be with us physically, but he will be with us forever in our memories.

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**Kathy Redding** - February 26, 2015 at 09:44 AM

AS

“ So sorry to hear about Pat. Have lots of memories of him when we were kids . Thinking of your family.

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**Annie and Joel Snodgrass** - February 26, 2015 at 09:11 AM

TC

“ To all the Keenan family: We are so sorry to hear about Pat. Just know you are all in our thoughts & prayers. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help.

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**Terry & Jo Carson** - February 26, 2015 at 08:45 AM

GM

“ So sorry to hear of your loss! Prayers for comfort go out at this time.

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**Garland Miles** - February 26, 2015 at 05:21 AM

JH

“ We are most sorry that you girls have lost your father so young in life.

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**John & Karen Harner** - February 26, 2015 at 03:48 AM

SJ

“ So sorry for the lost loved one in the family . Our prayers for all .

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**Sherry Terry (twins)&Gloria Jirkovsky** - February 25, 2015 at 05:54 PM