



## Patrick L. DeLaere Sr.

November 1, 1941 - January 4, 2012

DeLaere, Patrick L. Sr.

Age 70 of Clinton Township, died on January 4, 2012. He is survived by his loving Wife of 49 years, Shirley Jean (nee: Hemeryck). Loving Father of three sons; Christopher (Jill), Timothy (Lisa), and Patrick Jr. (Nancy). Treasured Grandfather of Elizabeth, Albert, Trevor, Bailey, and McKenzie. Brother of Mary Stronatti-Tobbe (Jerry), Paul (Betty), and Sister-in-Law Carolyn (the late Michael); Brother-in-Law of Robert (Sandy) Hemeryck; Son-in-Law of Mary Goodwin (Hemeryck, VanDaele). Predeceased by his parents, Margaret and Charles DeLaere. Survived by many loving Nieces and Nephews. He was President of the Belgian-American Century Club, member of the Belgian-American Association, on the Board of Directors for River Bend Condos, Longtime member of Fun Time Cruisers with his '51 Chevy, and volunteered at the Gazette van Detroit Newspaper.

Family and Friends knew him as "Lenny" and "MacGyver" for all his commitment to making and fixing things. He retired after 37 years with Hostess Cake. He also worked at The Wood Shop in Detroit for 7 years.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Arthur J. Van Lerberghe Funeral Home  
30600 Harper  
St. Clair Shores, MI

## Service

JAN 7. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church  
41300 Romero Plank Road  
Clinton Township, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Shirley and family,  
We were shocked to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry we are. Pat was a gift to all of us here at River Bend! Pat spoke with honesty, his thoughts were sincere, and he always acted with integrity! It was an honor to work with him on our board. You're in our thoughts and prayers; and always remember, you have friends who will listen and care.  
Love, Gene & Elaine##imported-begin##Gene & Elaine Sypniewski##imported-end##*

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January 10, 2012 at 12:39 AM



“ *Dear Aunt Shirley, Chris, Tim, Patrick, and the rest of the DeLaere family. We were saddened and shocked to hear about the sudden passing of Uncle Pat. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Love , Steve DeLaere and family.##imported-begin##Steve DeLaere##imported-end##*

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January 08, 2012 at 11:36 PM



“ Dad, what can I say about you- that has not already been told. You were the best dad, friend and Grandfather- anyone could have. You may have left us in body- but you are constantly here with us everyday. Mom will be fine- you can bet we will make sure of that! You raised us to take care of each other-no matter what! Your car will remain YOUR '51 Chevy for generations of the DeLaere family. The cottage will be taken care of, we will make sure Mom spends plenty of time up there- St Francis will be watching over the garden at the cottage. As for us, I will think of you everyday, pray for you everyday- and remember all you have done for us...everyday. I miss you so much- but I know that you will be watching and making sure we doing what you taught us. Thank you Dad- I LOVE YOU!###imported-begin##Patrick DeLaere JR.##imported-end##

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January 08, 2012 at 08:06 PM



“ Knew Pat as Paul's older brother since 1st Grade (St. Phillip Neri) Great guy. Thoughts and prayers to the family.  
Ed & Kathy Hodgson###imported-begin##Ed & Kathy Hodgson###imported-end##

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January 07, 2012 at 08:00 PM



“ There are no words.... just know that he is in a better place and you have a lot of friends and family who love you all very much. You're in our thoughts and prayers...###imported-begin##Brian and Jennifer Prall###imported-end##

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January 07, 2012 at 02:19 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to Shirley and the entire Delaere family. The world has lost someone very special. Pat was always so uplifting and such a wonderful person, talented and so proud and loving of his family. I hope you can find some comfort in your many special memories. Love, Joanne Pfeifle###imported-begin## Joanne Pfeifle###imported-end##

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January 06, 2012 at 03:20 PM



“ Dear Shirley and family,

We were so very very saddened to hear about Pat. He has always been such a sweetheart from those long ago days on Eastlawn to the more recent ones. He never failed to say hello to me if he saw us at the Cadieux. The Belgian community has lost a valuable asset. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Fern and Bill Misuraca###imported-begin## Fern Misuraca###imported-end##

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January 06, 2012 at 11:39 AM



“ Pat showed dedication in all that he did; As a brother, husband, father, grandfather, and as an American, and most importantly, as a Christian. He has been there all of my life. I will miss his presence greatly. Paul###imported-begin## Paul DeLaere###imported-end##

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January 06, 2012 at 11:15 AM



“ Words cannot express how deeply Pat will be missed. He touched all who met him in a positive way. He was a great person and we all are better people for knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with our wonderful sister-in-law Shirley, our nephews Chris, Tim, and Patrick and their families. We share in your pain. Though Pat is no longer with us in body, he will continue to live in our hearts and in our lives. We are confident that one day will all be united with him in Christ and until then may we reflect the values he so eloquently taught us.  
Sincerely, with love, Betty and Paul###imported-begin##Betty and Paul DeLaere###imported-end##

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January 06, 2012 at 11:11 AM



“ Shirley Ann & I were deeply saddened to here of Pat's passing, Pat was a great guy and seeing him at car shows and your visit in October were good memories. Growing up with Pat and being his friend for 55 years and then when he met you and got married you guys set a trend. All of us followed and we atended each others weddings. Pat will be missed, we hope the best for you and your family. GOD BLESS###imported-begin##John & Ann Yatros###imported-end##

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January 06, 2012 at 10:59 AM



“ For dearest Shirley, Chris, Tim, Patrick and families:  
Pat was a most kind and cheerful man with always a laugh and a smile. He loved his wife, Shirley, and his sons and their families dearly. He adored all of his grandchildren and he provided them all with wonderful examples of good humor, high spirits, enthusiasm, and graciousness. Pat was willing, always, to help anyone at a moment's notice. I was very fortunate to have had Pat as a brother-in-law – he always made me feel welcome and comfortable and offered his assistance numerous times after the death of my husband. His beautiful words of tribute at his brother's funeral service will always be held close to our hearts and cherished. How very sorry we are for your loss. Pat enriched all of our lives. The world has lost a good and devoted man. May each of you find comfort in God's loving and tender embrace.  
With all of my love, Carolyn##imported-begin##Carolyn DeLaere##imported-end##

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January 06, 2012 at 05:56 AM



“ I practically grew up with Pat, being good friend of his brother Mike. I sincerely send our regrets to all of the family. Paul & Karen Yackell in Tucson.##imported-begin##Paul Yackell##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 08:36 PM



“ Dear Shirley, Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. You are in our prayers. love Helen and Bruce##imported-begin##Bruce & Helen Lambert##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 08:30 PM



“ I will really miss my uncle Pat. I was shocked and saddened to hear of his passing but I am so grateful to have known him as a wonderful uncle. He had a true zest for life that not many possess and I loved hearing his hearty laugh and fun stories each time I saw him. What a great conversationalist! I know that he will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by the entire family and so many friends. My thoughts and prayers are with My Aunt Shirley, Chris, Tim, Patrick, and their families as I know their loss is great.##imported-begin##Theresa DeLaere##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 07:01 PM



“ We are so very sorry for the loss you are going through. Always remember the laughter and good times. That spirit will resonate in you each day :) Love to you.##imported-begin##Sara & Craig Lentz##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 06:01 PM



“ Nancy < Pat and family you are all in my thoughts at prayers God is with you let him carry you thru this time. If you need anything just call xxxooo##imported-begin##Laurie Reske##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 04:17 PM



“ Our memories of Pat will always make us smile. He was a kind and caring man. We are so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##John & Theresa Weir##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 03:55 PM



“ Shirley and Family, Bob and I are so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Pat was such a helpful and caring board member for us at River Bend Condos. We will miss him!##imported-begin##Bob & Carol Mociulewski##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 03:48 PM



“ Dear Shirley and Family,  
Our hearts go out to all of you at this very difficult time. There are no words that will take the pain away, however, know that Pat is in a very beautiful place and is with the Lord. There is nothing that can beat that! God bless and watch over all of you, surely Pat is!!!  
Love.....Jim and Stephanie##imported-begin##Jim and Stephanie Langeveld##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 01:27 PM



“ pat you were loved and will be deeply missed. you will go on through your sons. you are now in good hands and we hope you look down on us and help us through this time of sorrow. we will always remember the good times and the fun we had. bob & sandy##imported-begin##bob hemeryck##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 12:12 PM



“ Dearest Shirley & family, we have had the pleasure of knowing both of you for 50 yrs. Amazing isn't it? We will remember Pat as a caring guy who was a lot of fun. Our deepest love and sympathy to you all.##imported-begin##Ralph & Sheila Weiss##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 12:04 PM



“ We want to offer our deepest regrets on the passing of Pat. He was a down to earth person. We will miss him very much at our cruises it was a pleasure to know him.##imported-begin##Anthony & Doreen Smith##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 10:00 AM



“ We are saddened to hear of your loss. You will be missed Pat. The family is in our thoughts and prayers. Ruth & Clarence Alexander##imported-begin##Ruth Alexander##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 05:12 AM



“ Pat was an unforgettable link to the american DeLaere family. We will always remember his heartwarming welcome during our visit.##imported-begin##urbain vindevogel##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 02:30 AM



“ We are saddened to hear of your loss. We are shocked and will miss Uncle Pat dearly. The DeLaere family is in our thoughts and prayers.  
Our deepest sympathies, Jeff, Tricia & Nathan Hemeryck##imported-begin##Tricia Hemeryck ##imported-end##

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January 05, 2012 at 12:04 AM



“ I love you papa and know that you are happy and safe. I will miss you every day you were an amazing grandpa, storyteller, and so much more. Love you so much miss you love bailey##imported-begin##Bailey DeLaere##imported-end##

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January 04, 2012 at 10:38 PM



“ Aunt Shirley, Chris, Tim, & Patrick,

*I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Pat. I wish that we could be there with you. Uncle Pat was a great guy for many reasons, but one thing that I will never forget is when he spoke at my dad's funeral. It was very eloquent and touching, and I appreciated it very much. Our hearts are with you!*

*Love, Michael & family##imported-begin##Michael C. DeLaere Jr.##imported-end##*

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January 04, 2012 at 10:36 PM



“ Our blessings to the Delaere's at this difficult time. He was a wonderful Uncle and will be missed greatly. We know he is at peace with the Heavenly Father.

*The Glefke Family, Carl, Laura, Shaylin, Hannah and Carl Jr.##imported-begin##Laura Glefke##imported-end##*

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January 04, 2012 at 08:03 PM