



Dr. Patrick Parenty

September 16, 1928 - July 27, 2020

Dr. Patrick “DaDa” Parenty, 91, of Ocean, NJ passed away on Monday, July 27, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

Born September 16, 1928, in Plainfield, NJ, he was the son of Patsy and Margaret (Simone) Parenty. He had two older sisters, Eva and Dorothy, and lived his childhood in Plainfield. He married the love of his life, Gail Louise Stoothoff, on June 25, 1955. Pat earned his B.S. in Education from Trenton State College (College of NJ) 1947 – 1951; Masters in Education of Administration and Supervision, Rutgers University, 1954 – 1957; Doctorate of Education Degree Administration and Supervision, Rutgers University, 1959 – 1965, his thesis entitled “An Analysis of State Policies for the Provision of Educational Facilities.” This final degree earned him the nickname “Doc” amongst his students and his children’s closest friends.

He had a life-long career in education, beginning as a teacher in Plainfield from 1953 – 1957. From there he advanced to Principal of Brielle from 1957 – 1964; moving on to Superintendent of Schools, Eatontown 1964 – 1967. He became Superintendent of Schools – Monmouth Regional High School, Tinton Falls from 1967 – 1972. He was also College Supervisor, Fairleigh Dickinson University 1972 – 1973; Elementary Curriculum Coordinator 1973 – 1974; Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Plainfield, 1974 – 1982; Superintendent Watchung Borough Schools 1982 – 1998, where he retired after 16 years. He

ended his career as Interim Superintendent in Warren. Pat demonstrated a real passion for education and took very seriously his key role in the positive development of all the young students that went through his school system. He led with his heart and was known and respected for his ability to bring people together for the betterment of children. He was deeply devoted to the development of his students, and therefore much loved by the student body, faculty and parents of the communities he served.

He was a Life Member, Phi Delta Kappa; Member American Association of School Administrators National Education Association; Life Member NJ School Development Council Executive Board Brielle PTA Vice President; and awarded a Life Membership into NJ Congress of Parents and Teachers by the local association.

Pat enjoyed traveling with his wife and spending time with family and friends, whether on a cruise to Central America or a road trip to the Amish countryside in Lancaster, PA.

Pat graduated from Army Officer Candidate School where he served as Line Officer. He was later assigned to Tank Gunnery Committee, Ft. Knox, KY.

Pat's priority, pride, and joy was always his wife, children, and grandchildren. His loss has left an inconceivable emptiness in his family. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Gail; his children, daughter Cindy; son Patrick and daughter-in-law Becky; son Jeffrey and daughter-in-law Debbie; and daughter Lisa (Parenty) Fritz and son-in-law Bill; as well as his precious grandchildren Matthew, Josh and Timmy Stewart; Dylan Parenty; Jeffrey, Nick and Patrick Parenty; and Noah and Lexi Fritz; as well as one great-grandson, Ben Stewart.

He is predeceased by his parents, Patsy and Margaret Parenty, and his

sisters, Eva (Parenty) Tumolo and Dorothy (Parenty) Cobert.

Due to current circumstances, there will be no memorial at this time. There will be a celebration of his life in the near future. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers and a personal thank you to Melissa for your compassionate care.

He is Gone – David Harkins

“You can shed tears that he is gone
Or you can smile because he has lived

You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him
Or you can be full of the love that you shared

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday

You can remember him and only that he is gone
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.”

Tribute Wall

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“ *Cindy, Pat and Jeff. I am just now seeing that your dad passed away. He was an amazing man. Prayers will continue for all of your families.* ”

Donna Davis Schweikert - October 12, 2020 at 04:30 PM

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“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Dr. Patrick Parenty* ”



Bongarzone Funeral Home - July 28, 2020 at 05:55 PM

CM

*Sorry for your loss 🙏
Carmel*

carmel mirarchi - July 29, 2020 at 11:19 PM

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Our sincere condolences to Gail and the Parenty family .Although his passing is a major loss, the memories that he provided will last forever in the hearts of his family and friends. He was a wonderful friend to the Leroux family as he provided help in their time of need. We will never forget the trips together as well as the frequent dinners. God speed good friend. Irene and Leo

Irene/Leo Leroux - July 30, 2020 at 12:20 PM

MF

So sorry for your loss love and prayers.💔Marie

Marie Foster - July 31, 2020 at 12:12 PM