



## Patrick Joseph Maher

October 14, 1994 - November 9, 2023

Gone too soon. Patrick Joseph Maher, age 29 of Cicero, Illinois passed away suddenly on November 9, 2023. Beloved Son of Laura (nee Gearon) and the late Herbert E. Maher. Loving fraternal Brother of Erin (Paul) Stachura. Grandson of the late Herbert E and Angela (nee Mazurowski) Maher and Merlin B (Joe) Jr. and Blanche R (nee Kruckow) Gearon.

Treasured Nephew of Michael Gearon and the late Judith Gearon, Suzan (Robert) Styczenski and Richard Gearon; Cathie (Paul) Abrahamson, Janet (Ken) Kessler. Charlotte (Kevin) O'Connell, Mary (and the late John) Schmidt, Dorothy (Joseph) McCloskey, Joanne (Bill) Gaines, John (Beth) Maher, Patty (Dan) Ray, Charles (Cathy) Maher, Peter (Sue) Maher, Martin Maher and Rose Maher, and Laurie (Mike) Flores. Great Nephew of Henrietta (the late Nicholas) Mazurowski and Nephew of Alice, Kenneth, MaryAnn and Nicholas Mazurowski, Sandie Mazurowski and Michael Sharp, Stephanie (Jeffrey) Probst and the late John Mazurowski.

Much loved Cousin of Jennifer (Terry) Hadfield; Michael (Susan) O'Connell, Timothy (Meghan) O'Connell; Pam Schmidt, Brittany (Chad) Sarver; David (Jackie) Pleasant, Jennifer (Corey) Brelsfoard; Matthew (Lisa) McCloskey, Daniel (Kriston) McCloskey and Robert McCloskey; Amy (Mike) Powers, Dan (Linda) Presler, Nell (Chuck) Baez and Megan Presler; Angela Ray (Cyrus Alavi) Adam Ray; Rebecca (Benjamin) Jacobson, Amy Maher; Nicholas

(Ashley) Maher, Steven, Travis and Tyler (Kelly) Maher.

Caring Uncle of: Paul, Angelina and Jason Stachura; Emily, Terry and Meghan Hadfield; and all the spectacular family of our next generation.

Patrick held a passion for life, with a gift for communicating and keeping people together. He deftly handled life's challenges with humor and dignity. An avid genealogist, who maintained his family tree of over 900 members of his extended families around the world, so our apologies for those who are not listed here.

A lifelong student of history, he was especially devoted to Irish History and the centuries of history told in Irish music. He supported many Irish Organizations, Musicians and establishments, in their efforts for justice and to keep Irish Heritage and Culture alive. Tiocfaidh ár lá.

Continuing the family legacy of service and supporting veterans and their organizations, he was a proud member of the Son's of the American Legion Marrs-Meyer Post #991 in Worth IL and cherished the years he rode with his Father in parades with the 40&8 Voiture 220 Cook County IL locomotive trains. He volunteered at Viet Nam memorials and events.

A perpetually optimistic fan of all Chicago Sport Teams, he also treasured a good game of chess, whether online or in person. Playing in scholastic, and individual chess tournaments and clubs throughout the area.

He also enjoyed faceting gemstones.

A visitation celebrating Patrick's life will be on Friday, Nov.17,. 2023 from 4PM to 8 PM at Foran Funeral Home, 7300 W Archer Ave. Summit IL. Visitation at the funeral home on Saturday from 10 AM until time of Service at 11 AM. We will go in procession from the funeral home to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where Patrick will be laid to rest. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Disabled American Vets (DAV), Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund or a charity of your choice. Please offer your condolences to Patrick's family on his

personal tribute website at: [www.foranfuneralhome.com](http://www.foranfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Memorial Visitation

NOV **17**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

NOV **18**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Mary Rose Gearon from Florence, Italy.*

*Patrick was simply the kindest and most open hearted person who came into my life through a genealogy search and was instrumental in helping me weave my way through the family archives and was as jubilant as I when, finally I got my Irish citizenship. I met him once, on a bitter cold, snowy May day in Evanston with his mum, my cousin Laura, and was amazed by his vitality, his stories, his knowledge and wry humour.*

*Lucky those who were able to spend more time with him, but my memory of him will shine long and bright. Heartfelt condolences, Laura on losing your Patrick.*

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**mary rose gearon** - May 07, 2024 at 10:23 AM

SG

“ I have known Patrick since he was in kindergarten at OLC, and he was such an inspiration to me and everyone who knew him. He had so many challenges in his life and was always positive and had a wonderful smile. After that year, he transferred to St. Joseph. When he was in fourth through eighth grade, I started teaching computer classes there several days a week. He would come early into the lab on days that I was there, and he shared many stories with me about all his family members, including his dad, who served our country in the military. He had such a good sense of humor, and we shared so many laughs. He was so excited to work on his family tree and shared many memories as well as family pictures. I continued to keep in touch with him while he was in high school and college, and he just recently messaged me about his gemstone project that he was working on. I will be praying for his mom who was so devoted to her son. She is one special lady. Rest in Peace, Patrick. You definitely will be missed by so many people who loved you. I know God has a special place in heaven reserved for you. Hugs, Sharon Griebel

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**Sharon Griebel** - November 18, 2023 at 01:00 PM

DG

“ I knew Patrick from high school Saint Joe's. He was on the chess club with us and I occasionally had a class with him. He was a confident, forthright young man.

We still kept in touch here and there over the years. Just checking on how each other is doing and stuff. The last time I talked to him was the September is disheartening to hear about his passing. Best wishes to the family all of.

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**Deshon Gates** - November 15, 2023 at 09:02 PM

MC

“Patrick was such a dear, sweet person. He was my student in first grade at St. Joseph School. He had so much spirit, courage and wit. He persevered and would never give up. We all enjoyed his intelligence and his wonderful sense of humor . I remember him giggling and enjoying himself and everyone. He had such a positive outlook. His bravery was an example to us all. I love you, Patrick. I'll never forget you. Please pray for us now that you are with God in heaven. My condolences to your family.  
Ms. Mary Carragher

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**Mary Carragher** - November 15, 2023 at 02:30 PM

SE

“Everyone at Riverside Chess Club will miss Pat. He was a good chess player and a good dude.

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**Sean** - November 14, 2023 at 10:44 PM

TQ

“Pat frequently stopped by my classroom after school. He loved talking Chicago Bulls and Chicago Cubs. When he found out I had been to England once, he schooled me on the Irish! I still have his copy of *REBELS, The Irish Rising of 1916*. I appreciated his humor and his love for his family ties. He sent me several links to great Irish songs. He did a great job tracing my family as well. I'll miss our Zooms. They were as humorous as they were thoughtful. God welcome you, Pat! - Tony Quattrochi

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**Tony Quattrochi** - November 14, 2023 at 09:03 PM

TR

*I'm so sad seeing that Patrick is gone. When he was at St. Joe's grade school, I was the gym teacher. We both had walking challenges and often "raced" outside to the playground! He loved beating me and would be laughing. We talked about sports so much, especially the Bears. Patrick talked a lot about his family too. He missed his Dad, gone 12 years. Last month he told me about making things with gemstones. He sure tried many things! I'll miss talking and messaging Patrick!*

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**Tom Reif** - November 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM

RS

“*Regan Mc Shane here from the north of Ireland now living in northwest indiana, Pat was a good friend of mine and a great Irish Republican who loved an auld rebel song and a pint of Guinness or two, we attended a few Irish nights and Pat was a strong believer in Irish freedom and will be solely missed, slan abhaile mo chara Tiocfaidh ar la*

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**regan mc shane** - November 14, 2023 at 07:21 PM