



## Patrick Maurice Gallagher

October 20, 1950 - March 16, 2020

Patrick Maurice Gallagher, 69, of Charleston passed away peacefully on March 16, 2020 at Hubbard Hospice House. Born at McMillian Hospital, Oct. 20, 1950, he was the son of the late Ralph and Ruth Gallagher.

Pat is survived by his loving wife of 22 years Sue Ann Gallagher of Charleston, WV. His children and grandchildren provided him with abundant happiness, including his daughter Lynsey Ryann Gallagher of Washington, DC and his son Matthew Patrick Gallagher, wife Meera Patel Gallagher and grandchildren Max and Reina of Davidson, NC. Pat's stepsons and their families, David and Sarah Ewing and grandchildren Parker and Hallie Jane of Charleston, WV; and Matthew and Katherine Ewing of Charleston, WV, loved sharing their lives with Pat. His only sibling Mary Jane Gallagher of McLean, VA, husband Gary Falle and his two nieces Jenna Searby of Sterling, VA and Jillian Conto of Bowie, MD will also miss his love and laughter.

Pat was a 1968 graduate of Charleston Catholic High School and then in 1972 graduated from WVU with a BSJ in Journalism. He was President of Pi Kappa Alpha men's fraternity. Pat loved Mountaineer sports. He was a proud football season ticket holder for more than 25 years and enjoyed going to games with Sue, his kids and grandkids.

Pat's life was full of service in government, private and religious communities. But he started his career at WCHS-TV, most notably covering the Silver Bridge collapse and former Governor Arch Moore.

Pat worked for WV Senate President Bill Brotherton, where he established the Legislative Public Information Office, and in the Rockefeller Administrations at the Departments of Transportation and Economic Development.

In the private sector, Pat spent decades in public relations assisting state and worldwide corporations with crisis and legal communication challenges. He was President and CEO of Charles Ryan Associates, Managing Partner of Gallagher Goodwin-Gregg and Senior Vice President of RMS Strategies. Pat also directed the WV Manufacturers Association

and assisted the WV Chamber of Commerce.

Most recently, Pat served as Church Administrator at St. Mark's United Methodist Church where his commitment to the church's daily operation and its mission to help the homeless enriched his life.

Due to COVID-19, a small, private ceremony will be taking place on Friday, March 20th.

A celebration of Pat's life will be planned at a later date for family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name can be made to St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 900 Washington St E, Charleston, WV 25301/[www.stmarkswv.org](http://www.stmarkswv.org).

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, is honored to serve the Gallagher family.

# Comments

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“ So sorry. My brother Dave sent me the obituary. I grew up with Pat. We went to St. Francis together. I have one memory that will never leave me - I was with Pat on the farm in Hurricane when Kennedy was shot. I can still remember his mom (Ruth) running out of the house in tears and telling us about the shooting.

My condolences.

Rick Marra

**Rick Marra** - April 03, 2020 at 11:21 AM

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“ I participated in 4-H Club activities with Pat in the 1960's. Also, went door to door with Pat for support of Midway Airport vote with Ken Heckler. It was clear even then that he had a bright future and would be making his mark in the state. My condolences to Mary Jane and his family.

**Becky Boggess Simmons** - March 23, 2020 at 10:16 AM

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“ In early on a morning in 1980, I was dispatched to Bluefield, West Virginia to pick up a special high school student and return him to the Governor's Office and Pat Gallagher. In dealing with Pat, as most of you know, he is one of the finest men that ever served in our WV Government -- A Pride of West Virginia.

**Moses Zegeer** - March 20, 2020 at 08:14 PM

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“ I just heard, so it is too late to send flowers. Instead, I am sending love and light to his entire family. I went to school with Pat from second grade through Charleston Catholic High School and he always looked so large in our school kid days! He was so politically aware and so solid. We were class officers together a couple of times in high school and, again, a rock for me, and an example of true involvement in the community and the world. Rest In Peace, Pat. Love doesn't end because you have gone ahead.



**peg dillon** - March 20, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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“ Such a great friend and colleague. RIP

**lowell connor** - March 20, 2020 at 01:43 PM

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“ Pat was my neighbor and we played football in their front yard. He loved JFK; in fact the President visited their home once. To Mary Jane and the rest of his family my condolences.

**Joe Shade** - March 20, 2020 at 11:30 AM

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“ We grew up together in the 50's and 60's sharing rides together to St. Francis Grade School and CCHS. I still remember his mom, Ruth, driving that big Oldsmobile as we floated along those country roads. May the Lord welcome Pat to happiness and light this world cannot give. Msgr. Fred Annie

**Msgr. Frederick P Annie** - March 20, 2020 at 10:29 AM

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“ Our condolences on your family's loss. Pat had such a rich communications career and was such a loyal Mountaineer--his presence will be missed. Sincerely, WVU Reed College of Media



**Diana Martinelli** - March 20, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ Remember when he grew up on art 60 Hurricane was a relative and friend of the family.my thoughts are with the family.

**charolette Henson** - March 19, 2020 at 02:06 PM