



Patrick M. Chianetta

June 12, 1942 - March 4, 2022

Patrick M. Chianetta was born on June 12, 1942 in Detroit to Matteo and Anna. Patrick passed away on March 4, 2022. Patrick attended St. Juliana Grade School in Detroit, Michigan and served as an altar boy. He went on to Servite High school and graduated in 1960. He played basketball for Servite and had the name "Bananas" for his speed on the court. He also played football and was responsible for the winning touchdown at the Good Fellows football game where the top Catholic school played the top public school. He gave the winning football to his cousin, Mario, who considered Patrick his hero. He earned his bachelor's degree from Detroit Institute of Technology, master's degree from University of Michigan, and educational specialist degree from Wayne State University. His teaching career was spent at Utica High School where he taught vocational and business classes where he was responsible for providing jobs for his students to start them on their career path. He loved horses and worked at both the DRC and Hazel Park racetracks while still teaching at Utica High School. His life was centered around helping others and has made an impact in so many people's lives. Family gatherings and celebrations were the highlights of his life.

Loving father of Dina (John) Panos, Cindy Chianetta, and Patrick Chianetta II. Former husband of Janet. Dear grandfather of Chris and Andre. Loving brother of Rose Pikor and Trina Cole.

Visitation will be Wednesday 3-8 PM at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Road), Shelby Twp. Instate at church Thursday at 9:30 AM until a 10 AM funeral mass at St. Therese of Lisieux, 48115 Schoenherr Rd, Shelby Township.

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate at Church

MAR 10. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux
48115 Schoenherr Rd
Shelby Twp, MI 48315
(586) 254-4433
frontdesk@stthereseeparish.ws
<http://www.stthereseeparish.ws>

Funeral Mass

MAR 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TO

“ I was cleaning up and found my old cue stick. It made me think of Mr. Chianetta so I did a search and unfortunately found his obituary. I spent most of my High School afternoons at the Chianetta home playing pool. I didn't realize at the time but Mr Chianetta had such a positive impact on my life. Some of the best times that I ever had were playing pool with Mr Chianetta. He introduced me to the world of billiards and taught me how to be a great pool player. I can picture him chewing on a cigar and getting ready to make an amazing shot. Something that I never knew before meeting him but he inspired me to be. He told me there are 2 types of people in the world, Italians and people that wished they were Italian. I was not Italian. During High School, I needed a role model and was blessed to have spent time with him. He taught me how to be witty, taught me how to become a great pool player, how to stick up for myself, and how to find unique ways of fixing things. I didn't realize this until much later in life but some of my fondest memories were spending time with him and his family. I can still hear the creaking of his hinged garage entry door when it opens and closes. News of his passing makes me really sad. It's interesting how you connect with people during your lifetime but don't realize their impact until much later. I truly cherish the time that I got to share with him and only wish I would've have reconnected sooner to share how inspiring he was to me. I'm blessed and grateful to have crossed paths with this amazing man and appreciate his impact on my life.

Tom - September 17, 2024 at 08:50 PM

GG

“ Pat & I were the best of friends during grade school. We were always in competition with each other. Pat was my end, when I played quarterback, at St. Juliana's. We were the best of friends during grade school. We only seen each other occasionally after that, since I moved to Algonac.
I did run into Pat, at the tracks, which I frequented in the 70's. He placed bets for me, occasionally.
Pat was a true friend, which I was thankful for knowing! I sure was sorry to hear of his passing! Prayers go out to his entire family, which I know will miss him, forever.

Gerry Goltz

Gerry Goltz - March 12, 2022 at 03:06 PM

VZ

“ Pat and I taught together at Utica High School for 27 years, he as a Business Education teacher and Co Op Coordinator for office student. As a rookie teacher, Patrick showed me many methods that I used throughout my career. He was a motivator for his kids at school and they all loved and respected him. He was also very athletic in basketball and would tan my hide in racketball. A great sense of humor and a true gentleman.

Vic Zammit

Victor Zammit - March 11, 2022 at 11:44 AM

PA

“ Fond memories of working with Pat at UHS. A great man. RIP.
Peggy Allman

Peggy Allman - March 10, 2022 at 12:15 PM

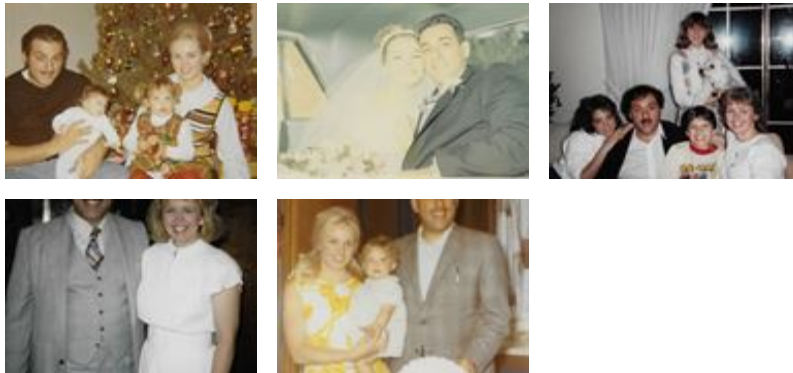
GV

“ Patrick Chianetta was a great teacher and cousin. I remember the time in my freshman year at Utica High School, my autoshop teacher was fed up with my shannagans. Mr Swoles didn't bring me to the principals office, & he didn't take me to a counselor. He brought me to my cousins office. I was kinda glad at first - thinking I was somewhat off the hook. Well, I was kinda wrong. Alot wrong. Mr Chianetta was chewing on a cigar & sat me down. We had a long chat that day. He made it crystal clear that he expected great grades and great behavior. I thought I was going to be in trouble with my parents and /or the principal, but I never heard from either of them. Pat knew he got through to me. I kept my nose clean from there on. Mr. Chianetta was passionate about being an educator and was an inspiration. I always looked forward to family events where we could b.s. about Utica High. My sincerest condolences to the family and friends.

Geno Ventimiglia - March 10, 2022 at 08:02 AM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - March 09, 2022 at 03:14 PM

VW

“ I am terribly sorry to hear of your loss. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Chianetta, but I do know how special he is based on conversations with Cindy. I am sending thoughts and prayers to you, family and friends, so that you may find strength and peace during this difficult time.



With deepest sympathy,
Virginia Willman

Virginia Willman - March 09, 2022 at 01:12 PM

TT

“ He was such a caring, fun and oh. so patient teacher. Me and my bff have the best memories of him. We were A LOT and he was always there for us and had a sense of humor, heart of gold and literally the patience of a saint. Teaching was his calling. I remember him so fondly. I hope you all know what a great impact he had on so many kids.

Teresa Wynns Thompson - March 08, 2022 at 07:04 PM

AJ

“ Mr. Chianetta- You we're one of the greatest teachers ever! You made every day fun and exciting. The spelling words may have drove me crazy back then but they made a difference to this day! You taught us how to put our best foot first and said we needed to make a difference in this world! You made a difference in my world!

Andria (Velez) Jones
Utica High Class of 1998

Andria Jones - March 08, 2022 at 03:34 PM

PT

“ *He was such a kind man. By far one of my favorite teachers. May you Rest in Peace Mr. Chianetta.*

Pauline Harris) Tikkanen

Pauline A Tikkanen - March 08, 2022 at 02:35 PM

AA

“ *Mr C...You were one of the most influential people in my life. You made a difference for so many and you will be missed. My prayers go to your family during this time.*



*Respectfully,
Aaron Muscat
Utica High Class of 1997*

Aaron - March 08, 2022 at 12:57 PM

AH

“ *I was a Utica school grad '91 and he was such a great motivator and mentor to look up too, he provided the best career advice and he truly cared a lot for his hard working students. I wish I could've thanked him for writing a reference for me when I joined the Navy, he'd be so proud as to how my life turned out. RIP Mr. Chianetta you were one of the great ones!! Go in peace.*



Andrea Halbach - March 08, 2022 at 02:21 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Patrick M. Chianetta.*



March 07, 2022 at 05:47 PM



“ *Mr. Chianetta was one of the best teachers ever! He always taught us the reason why it was important to learn. He would always say don't think your pretty looks will get you through life you need to work hard. He was more than a teacher he was a friend, mentor and just a awesome guy! He has left each and everyone one that crossed his path a special meaning in our hearts. May you Rest In Peace*

Stefania Amato Noto - March 07, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *I will always remember Mr. Chianetta for his passion for not just teaching his students, but really ensuring that we learned the meaning behind the lessons, the "why should I care," which really helped it all stick. I fondly remember him requesting that I bring him 3 copies of the admission applications for each college I was going to apply. He sat down with me and we filled out one in pencil, a second in pen, and the third as back-up so that what was submitted to the universities was perfect. He cared a great deal and believed in us. That has stayed with me over the past 20 years since I was in his class at Utica in the late 90s.*

Lauren Orchell - March 07, 2022 at 01:58 PM

JA

“ Great picture, great guy. Just wanted all to know how much Bob Ames thought of Pat. Also, my brother Gerry Goltz was his friend & fellow athlete at St. Juliana's. I too graduated St. Juliana's & Servite 5 years ahead of him. Love & prayers for his family, Jo Ames

Joanne Ames - March 07, 2022 at 11:17 AM

SW

I love you Uncle Pat❤️ R.I.P You will be greatly missed. Thank you for always being so wonderful to me. Love you❤️🙏🙏

Sheila Williamson - March 12, 2022 at 09:33 PM

ME

“ As a former student in the mid-70's, Mr Chianetta made a huge impact in the trajectory of my life. He believed in me when I didn't believe in myself. I'm still in law thanks to him pushing me there thru the UHS co-op program many years ago. I will never forget him. Mary (Moscone) Eddy



mary eddy - March 06, 2022 at 09:17 AM

JH

How wonderful to hear your story about my cousin. Thank you!

jackie himmelfarb - March 06, 2022 at 10:40 AM

RP

I always said that Mr. Chianetta was one of my favorite teachers. I was in one of his business classes in the 70's. I credit him greatly for instilling the business acclimate that enabled me to recently retired from a wonderful corporate career. He was truly an angel and an inspiration to many. May he RIP.

Robin Phillips - March 07, 2022 at 08:13 PM

GS

“ I knew Pat for over 70 years. He wasn't perfect, but I don't know anybody who is. We disagreed on a lot of things. I have stories about him that I am sure would make a best-selling book. One of my biggest regrets is that I didn't make a bigger effort to see him in recent years. The only thing I really know for sure is, I loved the man.

Gary Scully

Gary Scully - March 05, 2022 at 08:16 PM

TR

He was a great teacher, I had the privilege of being in his business class junior and senior year, the later wasn't a requirement, I just liked his class. My cousin was in his class as well, he called us peat and repeat. May he Rest In Peace.

Trisha Kirsch
The late Vicki Hauer (cousin)
Class of 1977

Trisha - March 07, 2022 at 07:17 PM