



## Patrick Evans

May 21, 1948 - August 31, 2020

Patrick "Pat" Frissell Evans, 72, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, peacefully passed away at his home Elmwood on Monday, August 31, 2020.

Pat was born in Cape Girardeau at the old St. Francis Hospital May 21, 1948. He is preceded in death by his parents Robert Childs and Mary Evans along with his brother Robert Childs Evans Jr of Cape Girardeau.

Pat is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Cheryl Evans of Cape Girardeau and their three sons, Patrick F. Evans ( Amy) and children Alexandra, Nathaniel, and Patrick Rue of Lake Ozark, MO, Matthew Evans of Cape Girardeau and children Ethan and Gwen, Charles Evans (Allison) and child Cecelia of Cape Girardeau. In addition to his brothers William G Evans (Karen) of Bonne Terre, MO, Louis Houck Evans (Mary) of Scott City, and his sister Mary Elizabeth Auer of Cape Girardeau as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pat was the direct descendent of the iconic Southeast Missouri Giboney/Houck families, and he resided in the over 200 year old family estate, Elmwood, for the majority of his life. He was a Marine Corp Veteran of the Vietnam War, an avid reader of Old West and War novels, he was involved in many community clubs specifically the Elks Lodge #639 Chapter, as well as a 44 year member of the Cape Girardeau Noon Lions Club; where he was an

integral part of the Annual Pancake Day and served a stint as the 'Tail-Twister'.

Pat, known by his friends as 'Gator', will be remembered for his unforgettable fun-loving humor and fearless courage to remain unapologetically himself. He was extremely generous to those he loved and cared for and always looked forward to spending time with his friends; whether it was with his 'Tuesday card game crew' or the many annual golf trips.

Just like the Cowboys he loved reading about he had a gruff and steadfast exterior but to those that knew him well they saw his heart of gold and his undying love for his wife, sons/ daughter-in-laws, and especially his grandchildren.

There will be no visitation. A private family ceremony will be held.

Memorial Contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Pat 'Gator' Evans.

Arrangements by Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau.

There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. Yet that will be the beginning. Louis L'Amour

# Cemetery Details

## **Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery**

2315 Highway 61 North  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701  
(573) 334-1909  
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Cheryl and family, we're so sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of Elmwood, the lake...anytime we ran into Pat, we knew we were in for some fun!

*Keeping you in our thoughts and sending all our love,  
Katie Britt and Jean Wilson*

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**Katie Wilson Britt** - September 13, 2020 at 01:24 AM

CL

“ Cheryl, P2, Matthew and Charles,  
So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Gary and Cindy (Propst) Lynn

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**Cindy Lynn** - September 04, 2020 at 03:08 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss, you were great neighbors as well as friends.  
We have many good memories of you, Pat & the boys! Prayers &  
sympathy

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**mary schwepker-klipfel** - September 04, 2020 at 09:36 AM

RW

“ Cheryl so sorry for our loss of Pat. I have nothing but fond memories of Pat, you and P2 when worked as a teenager at Elmwood in the middle to late 70's. Karen and Amanda both have good memories as well and we all offer our condolences to you and the family. Pat was "one of great kind of person" that's hard to find, rest in peace Pat you influenced my life.

*Richard (Rick) Webb*

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**Richard (Rick) Webb** - September 04, 2020 at 09:06 AM



Nicole Fratto

“ Charles and Allyson, Mrs Cheryl, P2, Matt, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories at Elmwood. Most notable involving vehicle inspections, and subsequent disappointment, from Pat on how ‘the beast’ was running in my old 63 Mercury Comet in high school. Back then, When I’d stop by on hot summer days, he’d always look over my old car, and make she could make the trek back home - though he always verbalized his doubts she could make it yet another trip. Lol. I have always admired, appreciated, and respected his honesty, candor, and demeanor; what a presence your dad was. He meant to keep you on your toes! I am deeply sorry for your family’s loss; I know for you all it leaves a huge hole - fill it with memories of the good times. Lots of love. ❤️ Nicole

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**Nicole Fratto** - September 03, 2020 at 06:32 PM



AE

Thank you so much Nicole ... I'll make sure the family reads your post ... Thank you for sharing the great memory ❤️

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**Allison Evans** - September 04, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ You have the deepest sympathy from all of us at Campus Auto & Tire. It hasn't been the same without Pat and Jim Eakin playing cards and reading their books. Im sure they are having a grand reunion.

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**Michelle Hohler** - September 03, 2020 at 02:00 PM

SS

“ Cheryl, I’m so sorry for your loss. I have such delightful memories of you and Pat and Mike and I 50 + years ago. You and the family will be in my prayers. Much love to you

Sue (BAUGHMAN) Showmaker

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**Sue Baughman Showmaker** - September 03, 2020 at 12:29 PM

BS

“ Love you, Cheryl and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Pat was always one of my favorites. Praying for your peace and comfort.

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**Brandi Schumacher** - September 03, 2020 at 10:22 AM

KG

“ Cheryl,  
I am so sorry for you and the boys. Pat was a one of a kind guy. I enjoyed him every time we got to speak. I still laugh thinking about the last time I saw him. You and the boys are in my thoughts and prayers during this time. Hold tight to your memories.  
Kandra Baker-Gregory

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**Kandra Gregory** - September 03, 2020 at 09:13 AM

WG

“ Cheryl, Norma and I are very sorry for your loss! We have a lot of good memories of golf, and parties with Pat.

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**Walter Neil Giles** - September 03, 2020 at 09:04 AM

PS

“ *Totally blown away. Mr Evans was definitely one of a kind. so so sorry. ill keep the memories close and prayers for you guys. let me know if u need anything P2 and family.*

patrick scholl - September 03, 2020 at 05:00 AM

JM

“ *Cheryl and family, you have my deepest sympathy. Pat's Eldon friends have great memories of one of Eldon's most unforgettable characters. Rest In Peace, Pat. 🙏*

janelle McDaniel - September 03, 2020 at 01:02 AM

RO

“ *Uncle Pat and I have had quite the history over the many years. I will miss the battles and discussions whether positive in-depth, or on the more heated side. RIP and thank you for the many good things I know you did for my Dad and actually me. He is a small reason I obtained custody of my son Nothing but love!*

Rob - September 02, 2020 at 10:32 PM

DS

“ *Our deepest condolences in your family's loss, and prayers for peace and strength to all of the family for the coming days. The late Jerry Setser family; Billie, John and Debbie Setser*

Debbie Setser - September 02, 2020 at 09:20 PM

DI

“ *Pat I am so sorry for your and your family's loss. Your dad was one of the great ones and I have good memories of him from our youth. Stay strong and you are in my prayers. Dan Irwin*

Dan Irwin - September 02, 2020 at 09:10 PM

BS

“ I am saddened to hear this horrible news. Pat was a good friend that I'm gracious to have met and get to know over the years..Elmwood wont be the same without his charismatic,witty,self..he was always on the move,but always had time to catch up when I was there..rest in peace friend..

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**Brian Sullivan** - September 02, 2020 at 08:50 PM

PR

“ To Cheryl and all of Pats family know that I am praying for comfort today and days to come. Rest in piece FRIEND!!

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**Patty Ralph** - September 02, 2020 at 08:31 PM

SN

“ Shawn and I are so sorry for your loss. Much love and light to the family. Sue and Shawn Nesler

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**Sue Nesler** - September 02, 2020 at 07:28 PM

FM

“ Deepest sympathies and condolences to the family. We loved him very much, and all of you. So sorry for your loss.

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**Fara Lynn McSpadden** - September 02, 2020 at 07:25 PM

DW

“ Sending prayers from the Ward family Todd, Donna and Lily. We were so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Cheryl please know you are in our prayers and sending all of your family our love.

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**Donna Ward** - September 02, 2020 at 07:18 PM

GK

“ *Rest in Peace, Dear Friend, Pat "Gator" Evans.*

*Glenn Kroenung*

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**Glenn Kroenung** - September 02, 2020 at 06:06 PM

RU

“ *My deepest sympathy. There will never be another "Gator". I'm sure he is teeing up with our Savior right now*

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**Ronn Unterreiner** - September 02, 2020 at 04:36 PM