



Patrick W Caveney

September 5, 1981 - April 9, 2021

Patrick Wayne Caveney, 39, of Charlotte, a big-hearted father, son, brother, and grandson, died unexpectedly on Friday, April 9, 2021. Patrick was born September 5, 1981 in Muskegon, the son of Wayne Lawrence and Deborah Sue (Jensen) Caveney. In first grade, his family moved to Charlotte, where he graduated in 2000 before earning his degree from Ferris State University. Soon after his education, he went right to work as a career IT specialist with the State of Michigan, recently earning his IT-15 distinction. Patrick was a passionate University of Michigan fan, and enjoyed listening to the oldies. He loved animals, especially his dog Choco and his two cats, Cara and Musky. Above all, he cherished his family and friends, and adored his 12-year-old daughter, Caydence.

Patrick is survived by his daughter, Caydence; parents, Wayne and Deb Caveney; sister, Emily Caveney; brother, Rick (Melissa) Caveney; nieces, Taylor Conley, Sophia Caveney and Sara Caveney; nephew, Benjamin Caveney; grandmother, Eva Jean Jensen; several aunts, uncles, and cousins; and his pets, Choco, Cara and Musky. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Edward and Irene (Campbell) Caveney and Elgie Jensen.

Friends are encouraged to support Patrick's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation will be from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 in the Pray Funeral

Home Gardens. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2021, with visitation one hour prior, starting at noon, also in the Pray Funeral Home Gardens with Celebrant Laura Cooper officiating. Mask, group capacity, and distancing guidelines will be practiced. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Patrick's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton County Humane Society. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **14.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home Gardens
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

APR **15.** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home Gardens
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Funeral Ceremony

APR **15.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Patrick W Caveney*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 14, 2021 at 07:01 PM

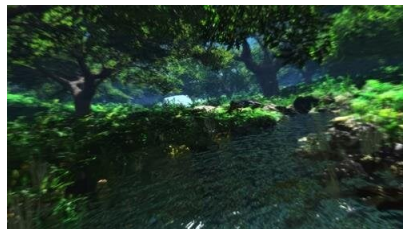
BJ

Thank you for sharing the celebration of Patrick's life. He was a wonderful friend and will be missed.

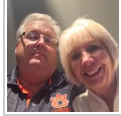
Beth Jurkovic - April 15, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Patrick W Caveney*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 13, 2021 at 03:34 PM



Condolences to Patrick's family. What a terrible tragedy.

Patrick provided support to my team who supported the Office of Retirement Services. Patrick and I often had spirited discussions. I respected his knowledge and passion.

Before I retired a year ago, I asked him if he would escort me around the Operations Center so that I could thank all of those who were so key to my team's success.

After wandering the building saying goodbyes, I had a chance to sit with Patrick in his office for a few minutes and chat. I'm thankful to have had that opportunity.

Again, I am so, so sorry for your loss.

Steve Jenkins

Steve Jenkins Sr. - April 14, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Taylor Conley - April 17, 2021 at 07:01 PM

CB

“ I'll always have fond memories of growing up with Patrick. We met at the bus stop at South Ridge and were basically inseparable through all our years of school. It feels like I spent just as much time at the Caveney household as I did my own house. So many days riding bikes around Charlotte, hitting up the comic book store, going to the arcade. Nights spent drinking Barq's root beer, listening to music, and playing video games. He was like a brother to me, and I feel we built each other up and we were stronger together. Hard to believe Patrick isn't with us anymore, but he will forever be a huge part of the person I am today.

Cameron Bullock - April 17, 2021 at 03:39 PM

DT

“ Patrick was wonderful to work with. I was so glad when he was recently promoted and was looking at strengthening our professional bond. These remarks however, are not about our jobs, they're dedicated to him and how gregarious and generous he was with all who came in contact with him. I wish there was more I could do to express my gratitude around what he gave me from a personal perspective and what he taught all of us in how to deal with and listen to others.

David Tremblay

DAVID TREMBLAY - April 16, 2021 at 02:42 PM

JW

“ My condolences to all of Patrick's family.

Patrick was always a joy to work with and someone I looked up to. He may not have realized it but he we was a mentor in my eyes from the first day I met him. He was always willing to take the time to teach you something new or help out. Even after switching departments/teams multiple times, he was always willing to work together to make things better. We spent a lot of lunches together during my time at Technical Services, talking about sports, work, family, etc. and those are memories I will never forget.

He was a major asset to the state and everyone around him. Just a great guy all around. You will be heavily missed Patrick. Until we meet again...

Jim Wilbur

Jim Wilbur - April 15, 2021 at 01:06 PM

GL

“ *I worked with Patrick while supporting Joint Operations Center for DTMB, the last few years before I retired. Patrick worked with Server Team 5 at that time. Many times I contacted Patrick with questions/ideas and he often showed the error of my ways (lol), but always fixed or helped me fix my problem. When I would have meetings at the Operations Center, I would stop by tell him hello, and he would share with me pictures of Caydence. He loved her so much and was so proud of her. I haven't seen him since I retired 5 years ago, but have so many fond memories of him. My condolences to his family and many friends. Glenda Lyon*

Glenda Lyon - April 15, 2021 at 01:00 PM

KA

“ *Condolences to Patrick's family!
Patrick was a wonderful person and father, and will be dearly missed.
With Love,
Kacey and Savannah*

Kacey - April 15, 2021 at 12:36 PM

KP

“ *Patrick was a kind soul. He thought of others and how his actions would improve the world around him. It has been my privilege to be on the same team as Patrick for the past 7+ years. As his second level supervisor, I relied on his knowledge and technical expertise on many an occasion. He was known as the 'go to' guy, because if he didn't know, it wouldn't be long before he had an answer. In fact, I was very much looking forward to how Patrick would continue to make our organization that much better as the ITS15 and my direct report. Patrick was an avid Michigan fan and he wasn't shy about kibitzing (or giving me grief) when his Wolverines beat my Spartans. I always enjoyed our conversations about life, Caydence, my kiddo...It didn't matter the subject, he was truly interested. I will miss him as many others will, but I will never forget who Patrick was and that he always brought his 'A' game. May his mom and dad, his brother and sister, nieces and nephews, his daughter Caydence, and any extended family experience God's peace that passes all understanding and know that he will always be with you on the rest of your journey in life. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you.*

Blessings Always,

Tina

KRISTINA PERSON - April 15, 2021 at 11:13 AM



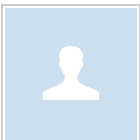
“ I met Patrick in 2014 when I joined Server Team 5/8. Patrick's intelligence, quick wit, and kind heart made him an exceptional colleague and friend. I could talk to him about anything from server administration to parenting. We shared a passion for puzzles and games and had a standing Friday afternoon Mensa puzzle showdown to determine who would own the genius of the week title. We loved low key heckling each other. The last time I was with Patrick in person, we conquered the hardest escape room at Spare Time. He coordinated it and we had the best time, completing just before the clock ran out and high-fiving each other over our epic first run at an escape room. We'd planned to go bigger, go out to Vegas post-pandemic and find the hardest one out there. It seems impossible that he is gone. I am heartbroken over the loss of my exceptional, irreplaceable friend. My condolences to his entire family and many friends.

Cicely Vawter - April 15, 2021 at 08:30 AM



“ Patrick and I worked together for many years. He started out in our server team over ten years ago and got to know him. He's been key to assisting in many projects I've been involved in. He's told me, many times, I told you so, as I've tried to solve things on my own, then he's saved the day... Meanwhile, always a conversation about Cayence, and how he was proud at any moment we chatted.

Chantal Zarka Erhardt - April 14, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick W Caveney.



April 14, 2021 at 07:41 PM

CG

“ My condolences and prayers go to Patrick’s family and dear friends. I worked with Patrick for several years before retiring. What I will always remember about Patrick is how much he loved his little girl. I know how proud he was of her. Secondary was his passion for work. He rarely took time off from work. He was definitely a team member. Lastly, I will remember his wit. I think he enjoyed stirring things up just for the fun of it. Gone to soon and missed by many.

Chris Gross - April 14, 2021 at 01:50 PM

KC

“ We worked together for many years and he always made me laugh. Anytime I needed help with something, he would immediately assist (after cracking a joke or two first). He was a great man and will be missed dearly.

Kevin Charbonneau

Kevin Charbonneau - April 14, 2021 at 11:01 AM

TZ

“ In the last year and 1/2 I have gotten to work with Patrick closely on many projects and while his technical contributions were second to none, I appreciated most his willingness to help and his wit. He had a knack for knowing what to say and when you needed a good laugh. I will miss our inside jokes during Teams calls and the barriers we were going to conquer at work. I pray for your family and for your daughter and know you will always be with her and watching over her. RIP Patrick, we are really going to miss you!

Tammy Zbojniewicz - April 14, 2021 at 09:27 AM

DJ

“ Prayers to his family during the time of loss. Dan Jozwiak - FS SOM

Daniel Jozwiak - April 14, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ Sorry to hear of this immeasurable loss. Patrick was very kind and loved to laugh. Thoughts and prayers for those grieving the sudden loss of a friend and member of the family.

Rose Billington - April 14, 2021 at 07:43 AM

TJ

“ 1 file added to the album Mom and Son



Terry Jensen - April 13, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Patrick W Caveney.



April 13, 2021 at 07:37 PM

JW

“ Patrick called me his "work Mom". He would request a breakfast casserole, and I'd bring one in to share with the team. When I'd make meatballs, I would always bring a few for him. He always treated me with great respect. I enjoyed it when he would bring Caydence into the office and we got to spend time together. I used to wrap her birthday and Christmas presents for him, as he was all thumbs on that account. He's one of the kindest and thoughtful people I know. Deb & Wayne, you did a wonderful job of raising this fellow into the humble man he was. He was also quite the smart*** sometimes, and that was fun too.

Judy Wallace - April 13, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ 58 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 13, 2021 at 03:27 PM

JC

“ Juan & Sue Chapa purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Patrick W Caveney.



Juan & Sue Chapa - April 13, 2021 at 08:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patrick W Caveney.*



April 13, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ *I worked with Patrick for 4 years at Tech Services and remained friends after I left. It pains me that I could not attend his viewing in person. He was a proud father that cared deeply about his daughter, a stand up individual, a caring friend with a dedication, commitment, and work ethic that is second to none. Patrick loved being at work and we loved being at work with Patrick*

I am gonna miss him.. I 'll see you when I get there my friend

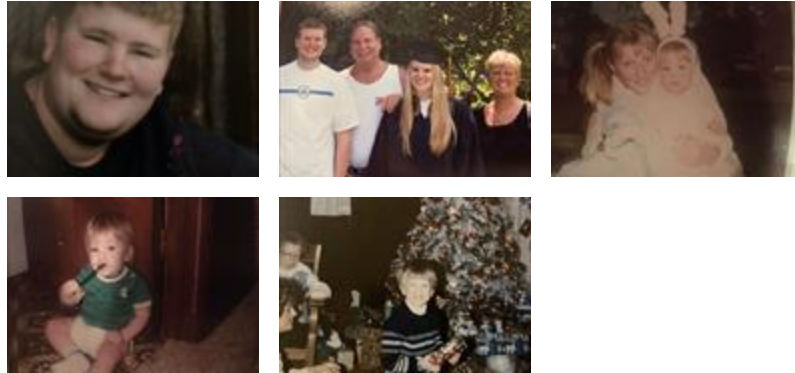
My thoughts are with his family friends

Tarek Sasy

Tarek Sasy - April 12, 2021 at 10:14 PM

SN

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Staci Nieboer - April 12, 2021 at 10:07 PM

CC

“ Patrick Caveney was brave, strong, and unique had the purest heart. i know he will always be missed but remeber he is in your heart!

Caydence C - April 12, 2021 at 03:59 PM

WC

Your Daddy would be so PROUD of his Cadybug , we ALL KNOW you were his WHOLE WORLD!! LOVE NEVER DIES!!

Wayne Caveney Caveney - April 12, 2021 at 07:14 PM

AD

“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing away of Patrick. He was such a good person and worked with our team regularly. He was so knowledgeable, upbeat, had a very pleasant personality and always had time for his colleagues. I pray that God brings calm and peace on his family and that Patrick's soul rests in peace.



Ajay Singh, DTMB - April 12, 2021 at 01:09 PM

NB

“ *Nathan Brown purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Patrick W Caveney.*



Nathan Brown - April 12, 2021 at 12:51 PM

SF

“ *Server Team five. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Patrick W Caveney.*



Server Team five. - April 12, 2021 at 10:43 AM

PI

“ *Patrick and I started working at the State of Michigan around the same time. One of my first projects was to implement an application that required Server Team support. He and others on his team were instrumental in getting the application up and running after much trial and tribulation, while also working with the vendor. Many years later when Patrick was no longer one of the support people I contacted for assistance, as he was on to bigger and better things, he would always be the go-to person that remembered what the fix was on the server side in getting an issue resolved for this application. The SOM lost an incredibly resourceful person who was always willing to help.*

My thoughts and prayers go out to Patrick's family, and especially to his daughter Caydence. May Patrick rest in peace.

Pam Ishimoto

Pam Ishimoto - April 12, 2021 at 09:40 AM

DH

“ I worked with Patrick when I first started at the State of Michigan. He gave me insight into what it takes to be diligent, provide good customer service, and how we should always be thinking about how to improve our standards. Even after leaving Server Team 5, I would reach out to Patrick when I had questions because I knew that if he didn't have the answer (which was rare), that he would get the answer. One of the bright spots of moving back to the Operations Center was that I was able to see and talk to him in person once again. You will be missed, Patrick.

Dodge Howell - April 12, 2021 at 09:23 AM

JT

“ Me and Patrick were hired on the same date and same team 15+ years ago. I always joked with him about how I had seniority on him even if he had a higher level job because he had to wait two weeks longer before he actually started. We some how were always seated in the cubes next to each other no matter where in the building or what building we were stuck at. He was a good friend and great coworker. I am going to miss our arguments over sports and life in general. RIP brother.

Joseph Thielen - April 12, 2021 at 09:22 AM

WD

“ Walt, Morgan, Shawna, Jessi, Deon, Holli & Daphni purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Patrick W Caveney.



Walt, Morgan, Shawna, Jessi, Deon, Holli & Daphni - April 12, 2021 at 08:42 AM

LT

“ *What a fine man and sad loss. As a contractor colleague I both observed and benefited from his commitment to raising the quality of work (and life) of those around him.*
- Lou Troise, Westchester, NY

Lou Troise - April 12, 2021 at 08:31 AM

SB

“ *Patrick was a very giving person. I was touched when I was getting ready for open heart surgery and even though we did not work directly together in Technical Services he donated 40 hours of his Annual Leave to support me while I recovered. I remember him as very professional with a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed to say the least. Prayers for his family to find some peace in all of this.*

Samuel Beavers - April 12, 2021 at 08:22 AM

RB

“ *From my humble perspective as a State of Michigan contractor, Patrick left a legacy as a more-than-willing team player and mentor to me every time I needed help in the learning curve of my work. I could never be as effective at what I do without Patrick's cumulative advice. "No" was never in his vocabulary when help was needed. He will leave a significant gap in my circle of intelligent, reliable, and available colleagues at State of Michigan. God bless this family with the peace that passes all understanding. --Randy Bassin, Lowell, MI*

Randy Bassin - April 12, 2021 at 08:19 AM

AH

“ Patrick (Don't call me Pat) Caveney, we worked together on Server Team five for 5 years. When I first became the new manager on a team that Patrick had been it's "acting" manager for quite a while, it was challenging to say the least, I knew right away if you were to 2nd guess or question him you better knew what you were talking about or you would be blown out of the water! On the outside Patrick could be tough but as I got to know him he was a very caring and giving person, we was always the first to reach out to anyone on the team that was going through a rough time and needed someone to talk too.

I will leave you with one short story, for the first few years as manager Patrick was very good at having my back, anytime we were in a meeting and he could see I was struggling to come up with an answer, he would jump in and bail me out, he always said "we are a team I have your back" This past year as Patrick was moving into his new job in Technical Services we didn't attend the same meeting as much, I happen to be in a meeting with upper management and it is safe to say it wasn't going very well for me. As my frustration began to grow my voice began to raise, out of the blue I get this text message from Patrick, all it said was "calm down" I am not sure how he found out about what was happening in the meeting or that my Irish temper was starting to flare up but as always he had me back.

I will miss our talks about the Red Wings and the Tigers!

Andrew W Hagerty - April 12, 2021 at 07:58 AM

AK

“ I worked with Patrick at DTMB for the last 2 years. When I first joined the team, I remember a "guys" conversation "over the wall" that ended with the other staff member saying something like "well, if they didn't want that attention, why do they dress like that?".. Patrick responded right away with "omg dude, it's not for YOU!"... followed by laughter.
I appreciated his attitude and ability to "move the needle" in the workplace without ruffling feathers. He always treated me with respect and friendliness, and his technical knowledge was second to none. I will miss him.

Amanda Kitson - April 12, 2021 at 07:56 AM

LF

“ Love, Aunt Lois Caveney and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Patrick W Caveney.



Love, Aunt Lois Caveney and family - April 11, 2021 at 11:54 PM



“ I've worked with Patrick for the past 10 years and considered him a friend. I don't think we ever had a conversation without at some point talking about his daughter. She was the center of his world. So sad to be taken so young. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Steve StLaurent - April 11, 2021 at 09:31 PM



“ One of my favorite memories of Patrick happened a few years ago when I mentioned to him that I was going to see how long I could do a water only fast. I told him on day 3 that I felt great and that I was sure I could make it a week. A few hours later the doorbell rings, and it's the Jet's delivery man bringing me an already paid for deep dish pizza and drink. Can't be mad at a man who buys you a whole pizza. And yes, my fast ended immediately.

Your wit and knowledge were second to none, my friend. The workplace just won't be the same anymore. You truly will be missed!

Nick Seibold - April 11, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ I came to know Patrick 6 years ago as my colleague with DTMB-Technical Services. Over the course of working on several projects together, many lunches, and keen sarcasm, we developed a great working friendship! He was by far the most informative, smart and witty resource I knew! I loved hearing him rave about his daughter, oh how he loved his sweet baby girl. I will truly miss you and our Team chats my friend. My sincere prayers and thoughts are with your family.

- LaShawn Waters, SOM Colleague

LaShawn Waters - April 11, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick W Caveney.



April 11, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Patrick W Caveney.*



April 11, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Patrick was a kind and caring person. We were friends and coworkers @SOM. Although he was quick with the "Zingers" at you, you always knew it was in a fun and joking manner. I will miss the comradery and friendship with him. He was always willing to help anyone when in need.*

My thoughts and prayers for Caydence. We all know how much she meant to him. He was a proud and caring dad.

You will be missed my friend !

Brian Pretzel

Brian Pretzel - April 11, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ *i love you so much! you definitely left the word way too soon. I know you are watching over me. I am definitely going to miss the family gatherings and you missing. rest easy Uncle P. 📖🕊️*



Taylor Conely - April 10, 2021 at 10:16 PM

TC

you will truly be missed i love you so much!

Taylor Conely - April 10, 2021 at 10:17 PM

CC

He will be missed greatly. He definitely left too early but the lord called him home.

-caydence

Caydence Caveney - April 12, 2021 at 06:30 PM

TC

love you caydence ❤️

Taylor Conley - April 12, 2021 at 11:40 PM

CC

Love you too ❤️

Caydence Caveney - April 13, 2021 at 10:50 PM

BA

“ *Some of my happiest memories growing up was hanging out with Patrick at the Caveney home. Those were the days my friend. So many memories... helping with his paper route & countless hours playing/outside at south ridge... that dog Sammy (I think)he used to make me laugh so hard making that little dog growl and tell me to pet him while he held him just to laugh so hard as he would nip me ...I am so very sorry for the loss Mr. & Mrs Caveney, Emily, Rick & Caydence. Till we meet again Patrick ...may God bless you & your family during this time. Thank you Patrick for being a good friend growing up, truly is a part of my highlight reel the time I got to spend with you. -Barry*



Barry - April 10, 2021 at 10:07 PM

TS

“ You will be deeply missed Patrick. You went above and beyond to help our agency at work, putting up patiently with us and informing and educating us to ensure the customer, and the public by virtue of it, was delivered top notch service. You awed us with your brilliance and diligence. When we conversed about the betterment of society, you exhibited love and care for the deserving and how to uplift others. You were a beautiful soul that will deeply be missed. Our deepest condolences to your love daughter and entire family.
~Thasin

Thasin Sardar - April 10, 2021 at 08:02 PM

BN

“ Brenda, Scot, Matthew & Nick purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Patrick W Caveney.



Brenda, Scot, Matthew & Nick - April 10, 2021 at 07:11 PM

LR

“ Love, Uncle Terry and Aunt Ruby purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Patrick W Caveney.



Love, Uncle Terry and Aunt Ruby - April 10, 2021 at 06:30 PM

TJ

“ To my sister Debbie and brother in law Wayne, so very sorry for the loss of your son. To Caydence, so very sorry for the loss of your dad. To Emily and Rick, so sorry for the loss of your brother. To all my family and Patrick's extended family, so sorry for your loss. To my nephew Patrick, you will be missed greatly but know you will never be forgotten as you are forever etched in our hearts, thoughts and memories. Rest in peace young man!



Love Uncle Terry and Aunt Ruby.

Terry & Ruby Jensen - April 10, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patrick W Caveney.*



April 10, 2021 at 05:46 PM