



Patrick A. Keenan

September 10, 1945 - August 18, 2024

Patrick Aloysius Keenan was born to Charles and Margaret (Gallivan) Keenan on September 10, 1945, in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He was raised in a busy household with six older brothers (Joseph, Richard, Michael, John, Thomas, and Charles) and one very patient older sister (Mary Margaret). While few stories regarding the Keenans in this era can be corroborated, they are numerous. Upon turning eight, Patrick joined his brothers as a caddy at Town & Country Golf Club. In 1963 Patrick graduated from Cretin high school and began his studies at the University of Minnesota. A generous caddy scholarship funded by the Evans Scholars supported his undergraduate and medical education.

During his training Patrick first spent time in South Africa, where he would ultimately spend 3 years in practice. Later he joined Columbia Park Medical Group in the Twin Cities area. There he practiced Family Medicine for 24 years. During those years he returned to South Africa, India and other countries to contribute his talents to the developing world.

Patrick met the love of his life, Rebecca in 1977 and they wed in 1978. They raised three sons, Joseph, Andrew, and Peter, who kept them busy with sports, school, outdoor fun, and adventures both far afield and close to home.

In 1998 Patrick joined the North Memorial Family Medicine program as faculty,

and found joy in teaching future physicians, caring for the people of North Minneapolis, and leading research on access to HIV outreach and testing.

In retirement Patrick continued his passions in the great outdoors; hunting, fishing, golfing, and traveling with Rebecca. He also delighted in spending time with his daughters-in-law Sara (Peter), Sierra (Andrew), Anne (Joseph), and grandchildren, Conall, Charlie, Rosie, Carys, Paddy, Margaret, Jane, and Andy.

A long struggle with Parkinson's slowed Patrick down, but with Rebecca's patience and care he remained a dynamo until his final days.

A private memorial was held at his favorite place, Bullmoose cabin. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Evans Scholars Foundation (wgaesf.org) or Parkinson Foundation (parkinson.org).

Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry to read that Dr. Keenan has passed. My heartfelt sympathy to his entire family. Dr. Keenan was my first PCP at Fairview when my husband and I moved to MN early 1986. He was always caring, even more so when in 1996, my husband died suddenly and he sought me out during a visit to the BP clinic. I still remember him telling me that it was like being on call 24/7 when he and his wife became parents of twin boys.

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