



Patrick John Bréa

June 4, 2021

Patrick J. Bréa 1955-2021

With great sadness we announce the loss of our beloved, Patrick J. Bréa. Patrick passed away suddenly on Friday, June 4 in Nassau County. Born in Brooklyn, NY, to Roland and Camille Bréa, Patrick was the eldest of four children. He attended Holy Cross High School in Flushing, NY, completed his B.A. at Iona College, and graduated with a J.D. from Hofstra University. Patrick met his wife, Elaine, in 1978; they wed in 1982, enjoying 38 years of marriage.

Mr. Bréa had a distinguished career practicing law in the Brooklyn District Attorney's office, as a clerk in the Criminal Court, and as a trial attorney for 35 years. He founded and was the president of Bréa Yankowitz PC in 1995. An active member of his community, Patrick served on the board of the Cross Island YMCA in the mid-1990s, served as an active officer of the Catholic Lawyer's Guild and was a former lecturing member of the Medical Malpractice Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. A loving husband and father, when not at a swim meet watching his daughter's compete, he was an avid golfer, an ever-hopeful N.Y. Mets fan, and wine collector. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, attending outdoor concerts and cooking a great meal while telling stories with friends. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, daughters, Kyrsten and Sheryl, son-in-law, Simon and granddaughters, Emmaline and Madeleine.

Visitation will take place Wednesday June 9th 4:00PM - 8:00PM at Roslyn Heights Funeral Home. On Thursday family will meet 9:30AM at Funeral Home & leave 10:30AM for burial at Nassau Knolls Cemetery.

In accordance with CDC Covid 19 Guidelines we respectfully require that masks be worn in the Funeral Home at all times for the health and safety of our staff as well as the families we serve

In Lieu of Flowers family wished donations to be made in Patrick's name to:
American Heart Association www.Heart.org

Cemetery Details

Nassau Knolls Cemetery

500 Port Washington Blvd
Port Washington, NY 11050-4295
(516) 944-8530

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Roslyn Heights Funeral Home
75 Mineola Ave
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
(516) 621-4545
roslynheightsfh@gmail.com
<https://RoslynHeightsFH.com>

Meet & Leave

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Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick John Bréa*

November 16, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *Dear Elaine, Kyrsten, Sheryl and family, Patrick sought me out and introduced himself to me on my first day at Bower & Gardner. We met the rest of the family soon thereafter. In addition to being a devoted husband and father, Patrick served as a mentor to many lawyers in the profession. When civility in the profession was disappearing, Patrick was always willing to use his knowledge and connections to assist his colleagues and redirect the arguments back to the legal issues and away from the egos and personalities of the opposing lawyers and sometimes the judge. Patrick was always looking out for his friends and colleagues and introduced me to one of his clients at an insurance carrier, who was looking for a managing trial attorney for there NYC office. It turned out to be the perfect career move for me and my family. When the Defense Association of NY was looking to restart its Medical Malpractice Committee, I personally recommended Patrick and do not think that I ever made a better recommendation or addition to our Board of Directors than Patrick. He loved to "work the room", teach and mentor his younger colleagues. And if you ever met another lawyer, especially in Queens County, if Patrick's name came up, you were both drafted into his extensive professional family. Patrick was also the consummate family man, and never forgot the names, educational paths or directions of the children and family members of his friends and colleagues. I will miss my friend, who brought smarts, class and civility to our profession. May he rest in peace and God bless him and his family! I will miss my brother in the profession. Lawton W. Squires, Esq., Janette Payne Squires, Esq., Jared Squires, MD and Lindsay Squires.*

Lawton W. Squires - June 12, 2021 at 01:40 PM

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“ Tina S. purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Patrick John Bréa.



Tina S. - June 09, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Patrick John Bréa.



June 09, 2021 at 09:07 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick John Bréa.



June 09, 2021 at 08:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick John Bréa.



June 08, 2021 at 10:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick John Bréa.*



June 08, 2021 at 10:24 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Patrick John Bréa.*



June 08, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *The Defense Association of New York purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Patrick John Bréa.*



The Defense Association of New York - June 08, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Patrick was a great friend. We met in HS and remained life long friends. He definitely made this world a better place and he will be greatly missed. While losing him is a tremendous loss I have great memories of the good times that we spent together and he will always be in my heart. My condolences to Elaine, Kyrsten, Sheryl, Simon, grandchildren and extended family.*

John Saladino - June 07, 2021 at 09:44 PM

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Thank you John. All the Best to your whole family and your sister's.

Karen Bréa Breslin

Karen M Breslin - June 16, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Patrick John Bréa.*



June 07, 2021 at 05:23 PM

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“ *Elaine & girls*
We were so sorry to hear this sad news. Patrick was such a great person. We had so much fun during all those YMCA swim events. We are so sad for your loss.
Deepest sympathies,
Caccavallo Family

Irene Caccavallo - June 07, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patrick John Bréa.*



June 06, 2021 at 05:53 PM