



Dr. Charles Patrick McAtee

August 5, 1955 - August 16, 2022

Charles Patrick “Pat” McAtee, PhD of Cedar Park, TX passed away on August 16th, 2022, after a long battle with cancer. Pat was born in Mt. Vernon, Illinois on August 5, 1955, to the late William Nelson McAtee and Clara Nadine McAtee nee Roth. He was surrounded by his loving wife of 36 years, Jennifer Anne (Jenny) nee Durham, and two daughters, Dr. Erin Elizabeth of Lexington, KY and Shannon Nicole of Cedar Park, TX.

Pat loved music, both playing and listening. He was first introduced to the trumpet as a child, after both his father and grandfather passed down the instrument. He was a member of the University of Illinois Orchestra, Illinois Summer Youth Music and Phi Mu Alpha, a music honorarium. He was also involved in Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity where he would play his trumpet at nursing homes and participated in a multitude of other service projects.

Pat demonstrated an early interest in science and medicine which carried through his entire life. Pat graduated from The University of Illinois with a degree in microbiology in 1978. Upon completion of his senior thesis, he was elected to Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Honor Society for scientists and engineers. In 1985, Pat completed his master’s degree in Chemistry at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. While he was earning his degree, he met Jenny and they have been together ever since.

After graduating, Jenny and Pat moved to Chicago where Pat completed a doctorate at The University of Chicago in Chemistry and Molecular Biology with a focus on immunology. He then went on to have a prolific and esteemed career in biotechnology and research medicine. While working at Bristol Myers Squibb in 2003, he presented his research regarding a new proteomics approach to cancer research at The Institute Pasteur in Paris. From this presentation, Pat was asked to write a chapter in a book that was published called Microbial Proteomics. His chapter was called “New Approaches for Therapeutic Vaccines & Drug Discovery”. He considered this to be a career highlight. Pat eventually retired from Baylor College of Medicine in February 2019.

For the duration of his cancer treatment, Pat recognized many of the medications he was prescribed, as he was involved in the research and development of these drugs. He would often discuss his course of treatment with the many doctors he interacted with during his illness. One medication in particular, a tyrosine kinase inhibitor, tied back to his thesis published 30 years prior during his doctoral studies. He was also involved in developing the technology for tumor marker isolation.

Pat was the epitome of a lifelong learner and developed a particular interest in nutrition and metabolism. He completed post-doctoral classes at Harvard and MIT focusing on these topics. He brought the information home and took over the cooking duties while living in New Jersey. Combining his creativity and scientific background, he began to make unique Sunday dinners and carried on this tradition through the next many years. Regardless of busy schedules and a plethora of activities with his family, Sunday night family dinners were a ritual, a fun occasion, and a treasured culinary adventure for our family. Pat and Jenny eventually created a “supper club” with their friends in Austin, his dishes often taking center stage.

Pat's greatest accomplishment was being a devoted parent to his daughters. As a father, he had a huge influence on both of his children. He coached multiple basketball teams for each daughter. He continued to influence them with his love for music, with Erin and Shannon both involved in band and following their father's footsteps. His intellectual curiosity informed his daughters' decisions to pursue careers in science and medicine.

Pat grew up with many pets, including turtles and beagles. Per his request, any donations in his memory should be directed to Houston Beagle & Hound Rescue, Austin Pet's Alive or any local humane society.

A service celebrating his life will be held on Saturday, October 22nd at Blair Cottage in Wimberly, Texas.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear about Patrick. We were in the same lab at SIU. He always challenged me and help guide me in the right directions.

Thomas Seng - December 16, 2025 at 07:09 PM



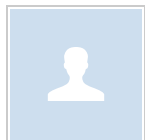
“ Dr. Charles Patrick McAtee

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Dr. Charles Patrick McAtee

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Dr. Charles Patrick McAtee

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ I am so saddened to just learn about Patrick's passing. He was such a fighter. I knew him since his days at University of Illinois and Alpha Phi omega, service fraternity. His sense of humor will never be forgotten!!! My condolences to his beautiful family.
Marla Levie

Marla Levie Craven - December 23, 2022 at 04:15 PM

RB

“ There are NO words! I just found out about Pat’s passing after my text message indicated it was not delivered!
Although we did not have frequent contact, Pat was one of my closest friends. He was larger than life! I am totally blown away right now!
Pat, there will never be another YOU!

Rene Barbier - November 14, 2022 at 12:30 PM

CL

“ I’m deeply saddened to hear of Pat’s passing. I know he was extremely grateful for the first rate medical care he received that gave him extra time with us. Alas, not enough time. Goodbye old friend.

Charlie Little - October 30, 2022 at 07:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Patrick McAtee.



October 09, 2022 at 09:14 PM

MM

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Pat’s passing and send heartfelt condolences to Jenny, Erin and Shannon. Pat and I spent many hours coaching and cheering for our daughters in AAU basketball and his sense of humor and brilliant mind were always a source of inspiration! Rest in Peace Pat.

Mike Moreman - August 26, 2022 at 04:26 PM

OD

“ Pat was an extraordinary man with an extraordinary life. He was humble to boot. Unusual about him was that he had the gift to be both left brained and right brained simultaneously. He was someone who appreciated both the arts and the sciences. We were all so blessed to have known him, always for too short a time. Jenny, Erin and Shannon, my heart is with you. Olga Dytyniak

Olga Dytyniak - August 25, 2022 at 01:55 PM

JC

“ Jenny, we have such fond memories of being your neighbors in Pennington and watching your girls and ours play together. We are so sad to hear the news. We will keep Pat and your family in our prayers.

Jeanne Colucci - August 23, 2022 at 07:38 AM

JA

“ Patrick was always kind to me. I'm so sorry to hear of his death. He will be missed.



Jane - August 21, 2022 at 12:41 PM

MB

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Pat was a crucial member of our team at the National School of Tropical Medicine and our vaccine development center at Baylor. We will miss him tremendously. May he Rest In Peace. On behalf of the entire NSTM family.

Maria Elena Bottazzi - August 20, 2022 at 09:57 PM

OD

“ Pat was a wonderful, involved parent during his daughters' school years, loving husband and a giant intellect. I loved chatting with him when he dropped off science supplies before school. Olga



Olga Dytyniak - August 20, 2022 at 09:18 PM

AS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Arian Smith - August 20, 2022 at 10:43 AM

AR

“ 1 file added to the album Lexicon



Arian - August 20, 2022 at 10:32 AM



“ Sad to hear about this and my sincere condolences to Pat's family and friends. Pat was a brilliant scientist, very creative and energetic. He had a great sense of humor and fun to be around. Hope you rest in peace my friend, you will be sorely missed but not never forgotten.

Brian Hamman - August 20, 2022 at 07:55 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Patrick McAtee.



August 20, 2022 at 01:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Patrick McAtee.



August 19, 2022 at 10:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Dr. Charles Patrick McAtee.



August 19, 2022 at 08:25 PM



“ *Juanita Casseday lit a candle in memory of Dr. Charles Patrick McAtee*



Juanita Casseday - August 19, 2022 at 07:43 PM