



Patrick J. Sharkitt

December 29, 2024

Patrick J. Sharkitt was born in Richmond, Indiana March 19, 1927, he was the son of James Edward and Regina (Drudy) Sharkitt, and husband for 67 years to Nellie (Dimsey) Sharkitt, who passed away in March 2020.

Pat grew up during the Depression. He was always a hard worker. As a young boy, he delivered newspapers, helped his uncle on his produce truck, and during high school, worked part-time at a foundry. He served in the U.S. Navy straight out of high school and was honorably discharged in 1946.

He then worked his way through college, graduating from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked for IBM for 13 years, first in Chicago then in upstate New York, where he met his future wife. He then built his own company and ran it for 38 years.

Pat and Nellie enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Ireland, Nova Scotia, and Alaska.

He is survived by his daughter, Kathleen Cooley (Nevin); his son, Patrick Sharkitt; his daughter, Elaine Richard (Roger); four grandchildren: Jason, Andrew, Matthew, and Allison; along with four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by siblings: James, Margaret, Edna, Regina, Robert, and Dorothy.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Mr Sharkitt as a caregiver and every time I was there for a shift it never felt like work to me. He was so kind and friendly and interested in life. He was great to talk to and it was a privilege for me to hear about his life and his family! What an interesting man who had a love for learning every day! I admired his work ethic, his emphasis on fitness both mentally and physically and how he loved his family! I was so impressed with the thought he put into gifts he bought for his great grandchildren and the joy on his face shone when he talked about being with them for special occasions! He was a special person and I pray for God to comfort his family as everyone must miss him very much.

Susan Smith

Susan Smith - January 15, 2025 at 06:08 PM

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“ I had the privilege of serving as Nellie and Patrick's physician years ago and always enjoyed their interaction and his quiet and intense demeanor. I was pleased to read about his Purdue degree insofar as my Grandson is a freshman mechanical engineer there and I hope he will be as successful and nice at the Sharkitts... William D L Hunt MD

William Dallas Hunt - January 13, 2025 at 10:24 AM

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“Pat and Nellie were kind caring friendly neighbors! They are both missed on our street. We often reminisce on the toy train they gave our young daughter and the yummy Halloween treats with a chatty visit we made on trick or treat nights. Pat would take long woods walks. He spent hours working on building and perfecting his waterfall pond. We are blessed to have known them! Love and prayers to the family.

Cynthia - January 12, 2025 at 03:04 PM