



Patrick Charles Kopnicky

January 2, 1942 - January 31, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Patrick Charles Kopnicky beloved husband, father, and grandfather, who left us on January 31, 2025, at the age of 83. Patrick was a man of integrity, kindness, and humor, whose love for his family was unmatched.

He was a soulmate to wife Mardelle Sacco Kopnicky for 58 years of marriage creating a life filled with love, laughter, and unwavering support. His dedication to his family was evident in every aspect of his life from the quiet moments at the home he designed and built for them to the to the unforgettable memories made on many vacations that included travels to all seven continents and 52 states. The family vacations of the three generations were a time of very special bonding.

He was tireless volunteer at Harrison Hills Park where he was instrumental in creating the environmental learning center, outdoor classroom, and 14 miles of walking trails.

He was also co-chair with his wife Mardelle of the successful 3-million-dollar campaign for Penn State New Ken Campus.

Patrick received his Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1966 from Penn State University an alma mater he shared with his wife and daughter. He worked as Principal Architect for Kvaerner Davy where he designed for a wide variety of industrial structures around the world.

He was the proud father of Dr. Aimee Kopnicky Marmol whom he raised with patience and wisdom, always guiding her with a steady hand and an open

heart. She resides in Venetia, PA, with her husband Gregory.

As a grandfather, Patrick was a constant source of joy and inspiration to Zachary (23) and Austin (21) Marmol. His playful spirit and endless love will be forever cherished by them.

Patrick will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and devotion that will continue to guide his family for generations to come.

A Catholic Mass will be held on February 17, 2025, at 10AM, at St Irenaeus Church in Oakmont.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Patrick and Mardelle Sacco Kopnicky Trustee Scholarship Fund. Here is the giving link for your scholarship: <https://raise.psu.edu/KopnickyTrusteeScholarship>

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am a fraternity brother of Pat. We spent many a day studying together in his altered room- as an architect he had a knack for creating places to be. He was quite a friend. When visiting he and Mardell at their home, he had to show his environment and what they have been able to do. I will miss you Pat.
Rest in peace, Brother

Dave Baker - February 06, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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“ Your NRG Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick Charles Kopnicky.

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“ Your NRG Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Patrick Charles Kopnicky.



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“ Pat and I were fraternity brothers at Penn State, and in contact with each other the past 30 years. The picture in the tribute is how I shall always remember Brother Kopnick - a twinkle in his eye, a smile on his face and always positive and engaged with life. He had so many interests and was just a fun person to be around. We have so many great memories of visits with Pat and Mardelle - visiting their home, wine festivals, trips to Harrison Hills Park to see the latest progress in his stewardship to the park, listening to birds in the NC mountains, visits to PSU, tailgating and Football, the arboretum, exploring the campus, sailing on our boat on Lake Erie, visits to Trader Joes, The Heinz Museum, Primanti's, performances in Pittsburgh, the list goes on. We were heartbroken to hear of his passing, and shall miss hearing his ever positive voice and his zest for life, but we have the powerful memories of him noted above. Rest in peace, Brother Kopnicki. We send our Love to Mardelle, Aimee and the family.
/s/ Barbara and Al Breininger

Al Breininger - February 04, 2025 at 06:24 AM