



Patrick T Gairns

April 11, 1937 - April 11, 2025

Patrick T. Gairns (known by many friends and family as Tommy) passed away on his birthday on April 11, 2025. He was 88 years old.

Patrick was born in Carneys Point, NJ on April 11, 1937. He attended St. James School in Penns Grove, NJ, where he was very active in sports. After high school, he served in the Marines on the historic aircraft carrier, the Ticonderoga, where he held the high honor of being the Captain's Aide. After serving three years, Patrick attended LaSalle University in Philadelphia, receiving a degree in Chemical Engineering. His first job after graduating was with Sloan Kettering in NYC, doing cancer research. He then moved to the cosmetic industry, holding the position of VP of Sales with several European based fragrance companies. (He was chosen as the "face" of an original men's cologne, called "Patrick".)

Patrick was known for his passion for sailing, captained his own sailboats, and was part of a yachting crew that participated in the Newport Bermuda Race. He loved tennis, travel, photography, and his two Yorkies, George and Eric. An avid and voracious reader, Patrick never tired of learning new things. Very proud of his Irish heritage, he was particularly fond of an occasional pint of Guinness!

He is survived by his partner, Karen Huffstodt, and his two sisters, Jacquelyn Starn and Mary Lou Motoyoshi (Richard) and many nieces and nephews.

Patrick (Tommy) was predeceased by his parents John and Ann Gairns, his sisters, Ann Rowe, Sally McKendrick, Phyllis Owen, and brother, Duncan Gairns.

Services will be held at St Gabriel the Arch Angel Catholic Church at 369 Georgetown Road, Carneys Point, NJ 08069, on Thursday, April 24. Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00 a.m., immediately followed by Mass at 11:00.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish- Corpus Christi RC Church
369 Georgetown Rd.
Carneys Point, NJ 08069
(856) 299-3833

Memorial Mass

APR **24.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Patrick T Gairns.

April 23, 2025 at 03:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Patrick T Gairns.



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“ Dabid Jones and Mark Proctor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick T Gairns.

Dabid Jones and Mark Proctor - April 23, 2025 at 07:03 AM



“ Dabid Jones and Mark Proctor purchased the *Ful I Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Patrick T Gairns.



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“ Cathy Toy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Patrick T Gairns.

Cathy Toy - April 21, 2025 at 09:18 AM

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“ Cathy Toy purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Patrick T Gairns.



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“ The Gairns family is a memory from the time I started school with Jackie. The family was a warm friendly bunch of kids who were kind & friendly. I am sorry to hear another son has passed & send my sympathy to those remaining.

Donna Filippone - April 20, 2025 at 02:28 PM