

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

Patrick Kenneth Budge, 83, of Grand Forks, ND, passed away peacefully surrounded by family, Wednesday January 28, 2026, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, ND.

Pat was born March 7, 1942, in Grand Forks, ND, the son of Kenneth and Dimpy (Johnson) Budge, and was one of 3 children. Pat was a lifelong resident of Grand Forks, having graduated from Grand Forks Central High School in 1960, where he was a member of the Cam Rousers. He met and fell in love with his future wife Gayle Grube.

Pat and Gayle were united in marriage on August 3, 1963, in Grand Forks. They welcomed 3 children: Bryan, Janelle and Jeananne. Sadly, Jeananne passed away soon after her birth. Pat and Gayle enjoyed many years of traveling. Their adventures took them to China, Greece, Aruba, Jamaica and Florida to name a few. Pat was a cornerstone of the Grand Forks community, having spent most of his working years at Greenberg Roofing Co., where he would serve as the company's Vice President. Pat also enjoyed his many years of membership for both the Grand Forks Builders & Traders Exchange and Kem Shriners.

Pat spent many of his days at their family lake home on Lake Bemidji, where you could find him working on his never ending projects. He was also an avid antique collector having a story for each treasure he found. Pat was known for his green thumb and could often be found tending to his many plants and flower beds. He was also the official mascot for Papa's Pizza and Wine Club in Bemidji, MN.

Being a lifelong golf enthusiast, he spent much time on the courses with his buddies through the years, perhaps betting on a hole or two. Time spent at the GF Senior Center was dear to him as well; this is where he visited with friends, old and new. He later found special friendship in Diane Helgeson. Together, they shared many adventures through these past years with close family and friends.

Pat held many titles throughout his life, however, the titles he was most proud of was Papa to his grandchildren and Papa Pat to his great-grandchildren. He delighted in spending as much time as he could with them.

Pat is survived by brother, Bruce (Cindy) Budge; sister-n-law, Patty Budge; children, Bryan (DeeDee) Budge; Janelle (Jeff) Hill. Grandchildren, Bryanna (Logan) Reese; Patrick (Taylor) Budge; Lexy Flanagan, Tommy Flanagan, Matthew Flanagan, Zachariah (Bryden) Carlson-Giving; Holly Ann (Sam) Noland; Maison (Bri) Carlson; Zachary Hill and Nathan Hill.

Great-grandchildren Charlie and Marlee Noland; River, Wilder and Lizzy Reese; Ashtyn and Daniella Budge; Maverick Carlson. Special friend Diane Helgeson and her family. Numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in passing by his parents Kenny and Dimpy; daughter Jeananne; wife Gayle; and brother Bill Budge.



IN LOVING MEMORY



*If this were my last day
I'm almost sure
I'd spend it working
in my garden.
I would dig about my
little plants, and try
To make them happy, so
they would endure
Long after me. Then
I would hide secure
Where my green arbor*

*shades me from the sky,
And watch how bird and bee and butterfly
Came hovering to every flowery lure.
Then, as I rested, perhaps a friend or two,
Lovers of flowers would come,
and we would walk
About my little garden paths and
talk peaceful times when all
the world seemed true.*

*This may be my last day, for all I know;
What a temptation just to spend it so!*

▪ Anne Higginson Spicer ▪

The family wishes to express their appreciation for your thoughts and prayers. Please join them for refreshments following the service.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

PATRICK KENNETH BUDGE

March 7, 1942 - January 28, 2026

DATE & TIME OF SERVICE

Thursday ▪ February 5, 2026 ▪ 11:00am

First Presbyterian Church
Grand Forks, North Dakota

OFFICIATING

Rev. Dr. Spencer S. Homan

READERS

Angie Pesch ▪ Karen Warner

MUSIC

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Zachariah Carlson-Giving (Soloist)

“He Leadeth Me” ▪ “Amazing Grace”

“On Eagle’s Wings” ▪ “How Great Thou Art”

Ruth Ann Tusetth (Organist)

PALLBEARERS

Patrick Budge ▪ Tommy Flanagan

Matthew Flanagan ▪ Maison Carlson

John Danker ▪ Mark Slominski

INTERMENT

Memorial Park Cemetery
Grand Forks, North Dakota



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