



Patrick Lynn Wills

April 23, 1950 - December 27, 2024

Patrick Lynn Wills, 74, of Corvallis, Oregon passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on 27 December 2024. Born on 23 April 1950 in Longview, Washington to John Leslie Wills and Pearl Ellen Forslin.

After a childhood in Washington and Utah, Pat graduated from High School in Phoenix, Arizona. Shortly after graduating he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard (USCG) where he served honorably for twenty years, then retired as a Finance and Supply Chief Warrant Officer. While in the service Pat had his first child, then after a turbulent period, met and married his lifelong love, Michalene Walker, on 18 May 1978. Three more children soon arrived, he completed his BA in Business Management, and then the family retired to Corvallis to permanently settle down on a small farm. After retirement Patrick worked a variety of civilian jobs before realizing he preferred volunteer work where he then spent another twenty plus years serving the USCG in various retiree positions and also ten years with Philomath Fire & Rescue both as a volunteer and on the fire board.

He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for most of his life. One of his great loves was helping people with their family history using the resources provided by the Church and did so until he no longer had the capability to serve. He loved serving those around him and would always do whatever he could to reach out to anyone he saw in need.

He was a cancer survivor, and he never let it slow down his ability to help others.

He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Stevens National Cemetery

Warrenton , OR

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

“ I love you to the moon and back!

Oh, my dear sweet little brother, there are not words to express how much I will miss spending hours on end chatting with you on FaceTime and learning so many of the things you were able to share with me regarding our ancestors and special techniques on how to deal with the computer technology that I admit I am definitely not gifted at I will cherish these special conversations we shared. Plus of course our childhood together. Thank you for your love and guidance throughout our lives. You have helped me in so many ways that I cannot even remotely address here.

I love how you always expressed your love for Michalene by calling her "My Beloved". Such love for your spouse is definitely eternal and of the Celestial mindset. I think you always thought "Celestial" in everything you did. Your work in putting together the Vandervort/Vandervoort Family Historical book was incredible and beautiful. Clearly your heart was in all that you ever did. You had an incredible love and concern for you children and grandchildren that was pure and divine.

I remember you driving me on your motorcycle every morning at Arizona State University, and that I used your body to shield me from the wind as it blew past us as you very carefully drove through the heavy traffic. You have always been a protector of others and sought to help and defend others. Certainly this was displayed as you served with honor you years in the Coast Guard.

I also remember your adventure in Nicaragua when you and your classmates traveled there on an archaeological dig with one of your professors. Then your professor got arrested and you and your classmates had to find your own way home. That was probably a bit disconcerting as none of you had a clue how to proceed. Yet you persevered and arrived home safe and sound. That adventure ended up with your college deferment from the military during the Vietnam war a total wash. You wisely choose the Coast Guard. I believe you always had a wise and discerning mind that served you well through of your life.

Your dedication to God and the gospel of Jesus Christ was incredibly endearing as you served diligently in the Family History

Center and researching our family history. Then taking your information and making sure the ordinance work was done as you served in the Holy Temple. I am sure it was truly very difficult for you emotionally when you could no longer serve because of you failing health. I do know that our Heavenly Father is grateful for all you have accomplished to assist others to bind our family eternally with our Heavenly Father.

I want to specially thank Michalene for her dedicated and loving care for your needs these difficult years during your illness as well as being your loving and devoted wife. I also thank your children and grandchildren for your loving dedication to my beloved little brother.

Personally I thank you for being such a loving and thoughtful little brother whose heart connected with mine in so many ways. You always lifted me up and shared with me unconditional love.

I look forward to the day we will again unite during the millennium in the New Jerusalem and I feel your arms around me as we tearfully embrace.

Love eternally your 'little' older sister, Helen A (Wills) Lehman

Helen (Wills) Lehman - January 11, 2025 at 04:37 PM

RW

“ *You will be missed, Uncle Lynn.*

Rick Wills - January 03, 2025 at 11:12 AM

SK

“ *Grandpa I will miss you so much I love you more than words can ever express. You were so important to me I'm so grateful I had you in my life all the way into my adult years. I am so glad you're not in pain anymore and until we meet again one day, so long and good night grandpa I love you.*

Shaunea King - January 03, 2025 at 02:41 AM

SL

“ I am so sorry for your loss of such a helpful and caring brother and father. I met Patrick only a few times many years ago when he stayed with cousins in Iowa. He helped me recently connect with someone who had posted pictures of my father years ago in the service. His intuitiveness opened up another chapter of my father’s life with his sharing of information he came upon.

Sharon Leuthauser - January 03, 2025 at 12:06 AM

LG

“ Pat offered to help me with a project I was attempting - to write a book about the Coast Guard SPARs - the women who served in WWII. I never did get the book finished - I’m better at ideas than taking it to completion!

Always enjoyed his Coast Guard newsletter he produced, and sharing jokes via email.

My sympathies to his family - I know he will be greatly missed.

Lynn Goldhammer - January 02, 2025 at 09:38 PM

JC

“ My longest and best friend. You will be missed. Love you.

Jim Coates - January 01, 2025 at 08:38 PM

SS

I'm so sorry to see this. My Gerry and Pat served together and were friends for many years. My sympathy and condolences to the family but I'm sure Pat and Gerry will be very happy to see each other again in heaven.

Sandy Sweet - January 02, 2025 at 02:42 PM



Sorry to see you go dear dear FRIEND, but I know that you are in a better place. We have done a lot together and watched each others families grow. Thank you for your service, love, and most of all your friendship. Now who is going to call my wife a "Freshman"? Love you Pat

Michael Lee - January 04, 2025 at 02:19 PM