



Patrick Shields

November 27, 1932 - April 10, 2009

Cedar Falls ~ PATRICK O'CONNOR SHIELDS, 76, died at his home Friday, April 10, 2009.

He was born November 27, 1932, in Dunlap, IA., the son of Patrick J. and Mary B. (O'Connor) Shields. Mr. Shields was united in marriage to Patricia A. Troy on April 12, 1958, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls, IA.

He was employed by John Deere Waterloo Tractor Works as a Divisional Superintendant retiring after 35 years. He had served in the United States Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict, was Past Grand Knight of The Knights of Columbus in Cedar Falls, and was an active volunteer over the years in the community.

He is survived by his wife of Cedar Falls; three daughters, Teresa L. (Joel) Gersema of Cedar Falls, Leah E. (Steve) Madsen of Marshalltown, IA, and Sara E. (Phillip) Ruhlmann of Cedar Rapids, IA; one son, Patrick J. (Lisa) Shields of Cedar Falls; seven grandchildren, Troy Gersema, Beth Gersema, Jacob Madsen, Benjamin Madsen, Luke Madsen, Madison Ruhlmann, and Ella Shields; two sisters, Margaret Grady of Woodbine, IA., and Lois Rannells of Cedar Falls, IA. Mr. Shields was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Millicent Johnston, and a nephew, Tom Grady.

Mass of Christian burial will be held 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Burial will be in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens with Full Military Honors by Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49. Friends may call at the Richardson Funeral Home on Tuesday, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will

be a Vigil Service at 6:30 p.m. with a Knights of Columbus Rosary following.
Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice or the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pat and family.I am saddened to hear of Patrick's passing.He aand Mal were such good friends. I will cherish the memories of our travels together.
My prayers are with you. Elsie*

April 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Pat.. PJ,Natalie,Drake Foutch*

April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Patrick-so sorry to hear about your dad! We are thinking about all of you and wishing you well. Much Love!*

April 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were saddened to read of Pat's passing. He was a great boss and fellow employee at JDFW. He selected me to go from supervision into tooling and methods; an assignment I enjoyed for many years. We are in Florida for the winter and delayed returning home because of bad weather in the Southeast and will not be home in time for his service. Sincerely, Mike Lowe*

April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Pat's passing, our prayers are with all of you.

I had the privilege of being Pat's friend through John Deere and the morning tennis group. In fact he taught me some unique tennis terms which I have carried with me to my tennis friends in Florida. I will always have a warm spot in my heart for him and remember his warm personality..

Gary O'Connor

April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Pat and Family,

We were sadden to heard about Pat at Easter Mass yesterday. Our sympathy to you and the family.

April 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM