



## Patrick H. Laha

January 1, 1953 - May 20, 2008

Patrick H. Laha, Jr. 54, of Topeka, passed away Fri., May 16, after a brief illness. He was born Dec. 3, 1953 in Hiawatha the son of Patrick and June Kuck Laha. He graduated from Centralia High School in 1971. On Aug. 24, 1974 Pat and JoAnn (Koch) Laha were married at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Seneca, KS. She survives. Pat worked as an Engineering Specialist for KDOT for 28 years. He is a member of Mater Dei Holy Name Catholic Church. Pat is a member of Boy Scouts of America, having earned his Eagle Award. He was a long-time volunteer for Boy Scouts and Hayden High School. He is survived by a son, Jared P. Laha, and his wife Megan, of Olathe; daughters, Randee L Hopeck, and her husband Nathan, of Topeka; and Sarah A Laha of Topeka; one granddaughter, Avery and a grandson on the way; his mother, June Laha, Wakefield, KS; four brothers, Jeff, Clearwater, David, Overland Park, Chris, Park City, and Jon Laha, Wichita; one godchild, Molly Laha, Wichita. Pat will lie in state Tues, May 20, from 3-8 p.m and family will greet friends from 6-8pm, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka, KS 66614, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 7pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11a.m., Wed. at Mater Dei Holy Name Church. Burial will follow at Prairie Home Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent in care of the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick H. Laha*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *JoAnn, My deepest sympathy are with you and your family. It was like yesterday when I saw the two of you at the Hayden football game. Know that God is with you now and always.  
"Time will heal your sorrow. Friends will ease your pain. Warm thoughts and memories will give you strength to maintain."*

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**Richard Flowers** - May 23, 2008 at 06:30 PM



“ *My heart goes out to each of you in the passing of such a kind man. Although I only knew him briefly as the nice man that worked at Wilson's Florist next door to my house when I was about 5 years old, I've never forgotten him. Whenever I would come into the shop, he would give me a carnation or daisy that may have been cut too short to be used in an arrangement. One day I came in with what I thought was a lot of money to buy my mom some flowers. Apparently it was only a handful of change, but somehow Mr. Pat helped me find a couple of flowers in my "price range" so I could still do something nice for my mom. I just wanted to share with you this kindness shown to a little girl that even 30 years later, was never forgotten! You are all in my prayers during this sad time. Most Sincerely, Carol Maguire*

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**Carol M. Maguire** - May 23, 2008 at 03:04 PM

DY

“ I didn't know Patrick, but I was Jeff's student and Jon's classmate way back when at Wakefield Junior High. My sincere sympathy to your family for your loss.

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**Daryl Yarrow** - May 23, 2008 at 10:14 AM

DC

“ Chris, I just learned of your brother's passing from Debby Walrod Morgan. I'm so sorry for you and your family's loss. He was called at too young an age, but I hope that all he touched will cherish the memories they had with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Deb Casey-Rivard*

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**Deb Casey-Rivard** - May 23, 2008 at 08:06 AM

DE

“ Chris, I am so sorry about your brother, my prayers are with you. I did not know about this till my mom had read this in the paper, so I wanted to send my sympathy to you and your family. Your old classmate from CHS Deb Walrod Morgan.

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**Debby** - May 23, 2008 at 12:27 AM

KS

“ Your family has always brought a feeling of contentment, happiness and most of what a family should be. Carly has memories of funny things Pat would say to Sarah, Collin remembers Pat teasing him, Scott remembers seeing Pat and Jared at KU games as well as many conversations. I remember his laugh- and heard it again when Jared spoke at the funeral. They share the same chuckle!! I know you will miss him greatly but I hope you find peace in the memories you share.

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**Karen Strobel** - May 21, 2008 at 04:26 PM

TS

“ JoAnn, Sarah, & family: We are so sorry. This happened too fast. Pat touched all of our lives. His smile was one of the best ever. He wore it often. We enjoyed sitting together and sharing stories & jokes at many club volleyball games. Sarah - you know he loved the game, but most of all, he loved watching you play. I know how proud he is of you for continuing on and playing for Baker. You know he'll still be watching. Also, whenever I see you smile, I'll always think of him - because you got his great smile too. With love from all of us. Todd, Beth, Ashley, Arica, & Justin.

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**The Shepard's** - May 20, 2008 at 10:36 PM

MW

“ May you cherish the memories of your son, husband, dad, brother, and grandpa. He was a fun and caring classmate at Centralia High. There's no doubt you have been blessed with Pat being an important part of all of your lives. May God guide you through this difficult time.

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**Marsha Bloom Walters** - May 20, 2008 at 08:07 PM

MB

“ JoAnn, my deepest sympathy to and your family. I know you through your dear friend Susan Salyer. I hope God grants you the strength to carry on in life. Maybe Pat and my husband will get acquainted up there at the hands of God.

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**Marlyn Burkhardt** - May 20, 2008 at 07:32 PM

TB

“ Sarah, I send my deepest condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you, and will continue to be.

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**Taylor Bonar** - May 20, 2008 at 06:52 PM

KL

“ JoAnn and Family, June, Jeff, David, Chris and Jon: The measure of a man's life is not in his accomplishments, but in the lives he touched. Pat was truly a great man. Whether it was summers at the pool, the halls of CHS, a high school sporting event, or a Boy Scout function, Pat always was a presence. His legacy lives on in each of you. What an honor and privilege to know such a great man. God Bless.

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**Karen (Nightingale) Lollman** - May 20, 2008 at 08:46 AM

LW

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Pat will be greatly missed in the Scouting community.

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**Larry Westerman** - May 19, 2008 at 09:00 PM

GA

“ JoAnn and family,  
We were saddened to learn of your loss. I hadn't had a chance to see Pat for years, but always felt his friendship over the miles and knew he had a smile on his face. It's clear he was devoted to his family, a friend to all and will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Gary and Judy

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**Gary and Judy Armstrong** - May 19, 2008 at 07:08 PM

CW

“ We were so sorry to hear of the loss of Pat. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

*Cindy & Jill*

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**Cindy Johnson & Jill Wright** - May 19, 2008 at 05:15 PM

FH

“ I was saddened to hear of Pat's recent illness and passing. I got to know Pat about 1988 when we worked together on I-70 in east Topeka. Conversations with Pat over the years certainly revealed the importance of you, his family, and also, his faith, in his life. My heart goes out to you. Frank Heck, Emporia KDOT, retired.

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**Franklin R. Heck** - May 19, 2008 at 04:48 PM

LJ

“ JoAnn,  
I was stunned to read of Pat's passing. I have always considered the Laha's to be the picture of what God intended a family to be. I will remember Pat as such a kind, caring, easy going man with a great sense of humor. Mere words seem so inadequate at times like this, but I pray that knowing so many care might help your spirit. You and your family will be in my prayers and I pray that God will lift you up and embrace you and your family as your hearts grieve. May your many cherished memories keep you until you meet again. God Bless you all, Lisa

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**Lisa Jasko** - May 19, 2008 at 01:42 PM

TP

“ Jared & family,

Jared we are so very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. We want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of sorrow.

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**Tim & Kristi Patch** - May 18, 2008 at 11:09 PM

LW

“ JoAnn and family, We are so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. He was a good friend and faithful scouter and he will be missed greatly. We will always have great memories of him from our adventures with our Boy Scouts. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to JoAnn, Jared, Randee and Sarah. Lin, Marilyn, Larry, Colleen Westerman.

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**Lin & Marilyn Westerman** - May 18, 2008 at 08:25 PM

SH

“ I was so sorry to read of Pat's passing. I babysat for Pat and his brothers when they lived in Centralia. Even though I did not know him as an adult, he was a fine boy, full of fun and laughter. I'm sure you, his family, have wonderful memories to keep him in your hearts.

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**Sandy Hoffman** - May 18, 2008 at 07:22 PM

LY

“ To the family of Pat Laha-sincere heartfelt sympathy to you all. As time passes remember the memories of laughter, sincere words and the fun times you all spent as a family.  
June, this is very hard. Losing a son is so heartbreaking, as you know the shoes I've worn.  
Prayers are with you, Pat's family, his brothers families and friends.  
May God Bless You All and be given strength in faith to walk this walk of sorrow and strength to renew. Love you all. Louise

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**Louise Yarrow** - May 18, 2008 at 06:49 PM

TC

“ Dear Laha Family,

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**The Evans' Les, Terry and Claire** - May 18, 2008 at 06:05 PM

KA

“ JoAnn, Sarah and family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. My heart has been with you since I heard of Pat's illness. He was such a wonderful man, truly a kind and caring person. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.  
Kathy Allen

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**Kathy Allen** - May 18, 2008 at 05:27 PM

TI

“ JoAnn and family,  
We were stunned and so very sorry to hear of Pats passing. Pat was a great husband, father and friend to everyone. We admired his continuous devotion to his family and his Catholic faith. Our most heartfelt sympathy and prayers to you all.  
Gerry, Debbie, Matt, Tara Tinsley

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**Tinsley** - May 18, 2008 at 03:17 PM

SE

“ Randee and Nathan, I am so saddened to hear about the loss of your beloved father. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Susan G. Evans

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**Susan G Evans** - May 18, 2008 at 12:28 PM

CM

“ JoAnn and family, We are so sorry to hear of Pat's death. Please know we are thinking of you and yours during this time and will keep you in our prayers. In sympathy, Connie Macha and family

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**Connie Macha** - May 18, 2008 at 11:58 AM

MA

“ *JoAnn and family, I am very sorry to hear about Pat. My sympathy and prayers are with you all. Love you all. Marlene Kuck*

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**Marlene** - May 18, 2008 at 08:59 AM