



## Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy

September 3, 1975 - June 16, 2018

Patrick Gavin Duffy, beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend, passed away unexpectedly on June 16. He was 42. Formerly of Cortland, NY, Patrick lived in Basking Ridge, NJ, with his wife Dawn (Kennedy) and sons Justin and Matthew. He was a Managing Director of Network Building & Consulting, a wireless telecommunications company. Patrick worked for NB&C for 13 years.

Patrick was born September 3, 1975, to Barbara Macner Duffy and the late Gerald M. Duffy. He attended St. Mary's Elementary School and graduated from Cortland High School in 1993. Patrick was an exceptional student and athlete. He attended the US Military Academy at West Point and was part of their lacrosse program, graduating in 1998. He entered the US Army after graduation as a 2nd Lieutenant and was stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He ended his active military career with the rank of 1st Lieutenant at Fort Drum in Jefferson, NY.

Together since 2003, he married Dawn Kennedy on September 7, 2012, at the West Point Cadet Chapel. He was the most loving, caring and selfless husband and father. He enjoyed traveling with his family, Banff in Canada was his favorite vacation destination, watching the NY Rangers & Yankees, talking long walks with Dawn every day and cheering for Justin and Matthew as they played hockey and baseball. Patrick was known for his good nature, sense of

humor, kind spirit, generosity, gregariousness, success in whatever he set his mind to and hip swaying Elvis Presley impersonations.

At work, NB&C colleagues were inspired by his focus and determination, work ethic and performance. Patrick was a top performer at NB&C during his entire tenure at the company, culminating in his recent promotion to Managing Director.

In addition to his mother, Patrick leaves behind his wife; Dawn, children; Justin and Mathew, sisters; Shelley (Scott) Steve and Tricia (Patrick) Ball, brother; Steve (Anne Marie) Duffy; nieces; Kerry Steve, Annie Steve, Molly Steve, Lindsay Ball, Abbey Ball and Kayley Duffy; nephews; Sean Steve, Daniel Steve, Brendan Ball and Connor Duffy; and numerous cousins and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, June 22, at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 48 N. Main St., Cortland, N.Y. with Rev. Joseph Zareski serving as celebrant. Visitors please assemble at the church. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. There will be a reception to celebrate Patrick's life and spirit following the service at the Center for the Arts at 72 S Main St, Homer, NY.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to American Cancer Society in Patrick's name. Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y. 13045 Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery**

4101 West Rd  
Cortland, NY 13045

# Tribute Wall

VL

“ I am sorry to hear of Pat's passing. We started out in Company E4 at West Point and while I was clearly overwhelmed by both the environment and singled out for not being like the others, Pat's generosity of spirit and good cheer kept me going. I dare say without Pat I wouldn't have achieved what I have to date. I won't forget him, and the world could use a little more Pat Duffy.

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**Viet Le** - May 31, 2021 at 09:57 AM

GR

“ I was heart broken to hear of Duffy's passing. I met Patrick in college, at Cortland. I worked at Greek Peak - we had some fun times at the condo. We lost touch after he enlisted and I graduated. I always felt he was an old soul: kind, respectful and always good for lots of laughter. He carried around his hunk of burning love vibe at C-state where ever he went, a little pun for Pat. My roommates and I always got a kick out of his impersonations. Those who had a chance to know you, truly miss him. He was a dedicated athlete and I vividly remember saying this to him. No, I'm not going running with you at 6 am, I'm in college and hung over by then. Run fast, fly high & dance with Elvis, Duffy. Sending love, light and healing hearts to your family. Always in our hearts ~ Gretchen Meier Dietrich & family

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**Gretchen** - October 12, 2018 at 09:56 PM

TH

“ Our prayers and condolences to the Duffy family.

*In your hands, O Lord,  
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.  
In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them  
now from every evil  
and bid them eternal rest.*

*The old order has passed away:  
welcome them into paradise,  
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of  
peace and joy  
with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
forever and ever.*

*"...Well done, Be thou at peace."*

*Therese Obidinski USMA '98*

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**Therese** - July 05, 2018 at 03:46 PM

PW

“ Mine and my family's deepest sympathy on this unexpected event.

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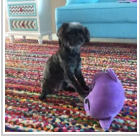
**Philippe Warda** - July 02, 2018 at 03:19 PM

ME

“ Deepest sympathy to all of you at this very difficult time along with my thoughts and prayers so God will give you strength and show His love to comfort you. Cousin Maxine 🙏

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**Maxine Einzig** - June 25, 2018 at 08:32 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Pats passing. As former neighbors on Morningside Drive we fondly recall seeing Pat jogging through the neighborhood to stay in shape. He was a polite young man from an outstanding family. We missed his dad when he passed and will think fondly of Patrick as well.

*You are all in our thoughts and prayers,*

*Barb and Bill Murray*

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**Bill Murray** - June 23, 2018 at 05:01 PM

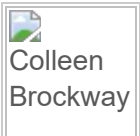


“ We will always remember that handsome Pat as the mature (beyond years) stand-out gentleman among the "rowdies" at West Point. Loved all the guys, but Pat had a special quality that couldn't escape notice. We fondly remember Pat's mom as such a dear lady. Genetics were apparent in the in the two. We were so sad to learn the news of his passing. The world needs more like Pat. Our condolences to the entire family. Our hearts go out to you at this difficult time.

*LuAnn O'Connell & Dolores Parker  
(John O'Connell's mother and grandmother)*

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**LuAnn O'Connell** - June 23, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ So sorry to hear this unexpected news. I remember Patrick as such a nice little kid, I'm so sorry for your loss. We will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this very difficult time.

*Love,  
Colleen, Rob and Bobby Brockway*

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**Colleen Brockway** - June 23, 2018 at 04:16 PM

AM

“ Dear Duffy Family,

*My prayers and hugs surround you all, during this very difficult time in your life. Faith is your confidence in God when you do not understand.*

*Talk about Patrick all the time, it really helps. The memories and pictures will last forever, they tell your story.*

*Blessing to you Dawn, Justin and Mathew. Be strong for each other.*

*Prayers and Blessings to you all.*

*Some friends walk into your life and stay in your heart forever.  
The Duffy Family  
God Bless*

*Ann Muench  
Syracuse, New York*

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**Ann S Muench** - June 23, 2018 at 03:26 PM

HM

“ We are very sorry to hear of the loss of Patrick. Our condolences to all family. We are thinking and praying for you.

*Love,  
Halina Macner and my family.*

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**Halina Macner** - June 22, 2018 at 09:20 AM

CS

“ We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of Patrick. Please accept our sincerest condolences and know that you are in our thoughts. Love, the Witt family.

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**camilla stevens** - June 21, 2018 at 01:06 PM

WN

“ Walter, Lillie, and Franklin Lueke (TX & NE) purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy.



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**Walter, Lillie, and Franklin Lueke (TX & NE)** - June 21, 2018 at 12:14 PM

WL

“ Walter L. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy.



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**Walter L.** - June 21, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy.



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June 21, 2018 at 11:45 AM

GR

“ Greg and Bernadette Ruggiero purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy.



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**Greg and Bernadette Ruggiero** - June 21, 2018 at 11:27 AM

WL

“ Dawn, Justin, Mathew, and Family. From Walt, Lillie, and Franklin Lueke. So sad and shocked to hear of Patrick's passing. Such a loss! All prayers for you now. Aunt Marylu loved Patrick and we all know what a great Husband and Father Patrick was. Praying for you to be strong as you miss him. Sorry we cannot attend the Funeral. Lillie, Franklin and I are thinking and praying for you now.

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**Walt Lueke** - June 21, 2018 at 10:54 AM

 Teresa Jucewicz Wodack

“ Teresa Jucewicz Wodack lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy



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**Teresa Jucewicz Wodack** - June 21, 2018 at 09:30 AM

RS

“ My heart breaks for your loss. I had the honor of knowing Patrick for many years, as work colleagues. He ALWAYS had a kind word and a smile, and was a delight to be around. Sending prayers and angels to his family and friends during this very difficult time....so, so sorry.

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**Rebecca Smith** - June 20, 2018 at 05:19 PM

TF

“ *The Bang Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy.*



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**The Bang Family** - June 20, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy.*



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June 20, 2018 at 02:44 PM

CA

“ *Thoughts and prayers from the Casciani's to the entire Duffy family. We are so very sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Pat in his youth playing backyard baseball, chase, and just hanging out in the neighborhood. Remember the fun times.*

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**Chris, Carrie, Samantha and Ashley** - June 20, 2018 at 01:40 PM

JW

“ *Deepest condolences to all of Pat's family and friends. Love and prayers from the Wards.*

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**Joe Ward** - June 20, 2018 at 09:03 AM

RT

“ *The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,  
he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths  
for his name’s sake.  
Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.*

*God bless you Pat. You are in a better place. Deepest Condolences  
to the Duffy Family.*

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**Rajiv Thacker** - June 19, 2018 at 10:13 PM

VR

“ *So sorry to hear about Patrick Duffy’s passing  
he was a great guy I have great memories of  
Patrick My prayers go out to the family he’ll  
be truly missed*



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**Victoria Riccardi** - June 19, 2018 at 09:49 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy.*



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June 19, 2018 at 08:02 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Patrick's passing. May all of your memories comfort you at this time. Our prayers go out to the entire family. Kathy, David, Dan, and Ken Updike*

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**Kathleen Updike** - June 19, 2018 at 04:51 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Condolences, thoughts and prayers to the family during this tough time.*

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**Melissa Natale Delegato** - June 19, 2018 at 04:20 PM



Jennifer Mccall

“ *So sorry to hear of Pat's passing. Sending thoughts and prayers to you all.*

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**Jennifer Mccall** - June 19, 2018 at 03:50 PM



“ *My regret is that I didn't stay in touch. Patrick was my manager at NB+C in 2003 when he came on board. He was up to the challenge and being a hockey player/fan he could take a hit. I love you Duffy....you will be missed*

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**Barbara S Pivec** - June 19, 2018 at 03:09 PM

AB

“ Once a Golden Eagle always a Golden Eagle. Not sure if you inspired me to attend West Point but if you did not, your exemplary character and accepting easy going style certainly fostered my own personal way to a career of service. It’s clear how much you meant to so many. I’m glad I had the honor of being your teammate and more importantly your friend. You leave behind a legacy in your family and friends that will leave you never forgotten. As Soldiers always do “Never Leave a fallen comrade behind”. You have left greatness to your sons and family. Be thou at peace.

Anthony Bonarti - June 19, 2018 at 02:49 PM

AW

“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Pat. He was a kind person. I am thinking and praying for your entire family.

Abby Platt Withey - June 19, 2018 at 02:23 PM

VM

“ Vickie (Byron) Mundy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy



Vickie (Byron) Mundy - June 19, 2018 at 02:00 PM

MW

“ I played Babe Ruth Baseball with Pat on the First National Team. I was one of the younger players and he was one of the tenured players. He was always willing to teach and lead by example, a class individual.

M. Wood - June 19, 2018 at 12:51 PM

AC

“ Pat was one of the nicest guys in HS. I was two years younger than him and I remember being at my first semi-formal dance...I was feeling a little self-conscious because my dress was very “flowery” and not quite as “grown up” as some of the other girls. Somehow he found out I was feeling uncomfortable and he walked over to me and told me that I was “breathtaking”. I didn’t know him very well.... but I remember thinking he was such a gentleman❤️. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Angela (Salce) Conway** - June 19, 2018 at 12:04 PM

AG

“ Super condolences. I remember Pat as a student at St. Mary's and Corland HS with my sons. I also remember him as a hockey player on their teams. He was always well respected and very respectful. A young man who was fun to be with and a friend to all. Rest in peace, Pat. Your time was too soon and your are mourned by many.

*Anthony Gallo*

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**Anthony Gallo** - June 19, 2018 at 10:17 AM

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“ I'm so hurt by the loss of my best friend since middle school. We have shared so many memories over the years. Lacrosse, Football, playing pool in the basement, watching comedies (especially *Strange Brew*), listening to countless hours of Elvis, just to name a few. Pat was another brother to me. He has such a beautiful family and my heart goes out to them. It was an absolute honor an pleasure to grow up with Pat (Duff). You will always be remembered and missed.

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**Steve DiSanto (DiPaolo)** - June 19, 2018 at 05:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick Gavin Duffy.*



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June 18, 2018 at 11:43 PM



“ *Words cannot express how deeply saddened I am by Pat’s passing. He was my very best friend at West Point. I went through my share of trials and tribulations during my time at West Point, but he was always there to support, way above and beyond the call of duty. I don’t know that I would have even graduated without his support.*

*I cannot think of my West Point years without thinking of Duff. He had such a great sense of humor. I still laugh about his impersonations of Staff Sergeant Landrum at the Prep School! Every time I hear an Elvis song or watch a John Candy movie, especially ‘Planes, Trains and Automobiles’, I always think of Duff. His sense of humor and tremendously good nature made some trying times so much more bearable.*

*I’ll also never forget my first Thanksgiving away from home. Pat’s family welcomed me with open arms and truly demonstrated amazing New York hospitality to a young Texan far from home. I’ll never forget my introduction to ‘hot’ tea from Pat’s Mom and Pat introducing me to minor league hockey!*

*God used Pat at a pivotal time in my life, and I will forever be grateful for his friendship. I am praying for the comfort for all of his dear family in this tremendously difficult time.*

*I miss my friend.*

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**Kyle Knotts** - June 18, 2018 at 10:26 PM

PD

“ *Hard to believe you made it to heaven already. This is the one competition you didn't want to win. I'll miss the good conversations and all the great laughs. The early A-Bay days were awesome! So many great memories that bring a huge smile and chuckle to me. Give our family there a big hug for me and I'll see you on the other side. RIP Pat, you'll be dearly missed but the countless wonderful memories will live on.*

*Love,  
Pete*

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**Pete Duffy** - June 18, 2018 at 08:34 PM

JT

*We were so saddened to hear of Pats passing. We had the pleasure of knowing Pat as a terrific young man as a student at CHS. I also had the pleasure of being a long time member of the Fantasy Baseball League and enjoyed his humor and enthusiasm. He will be missed*

*John and Kathleen Tavarone*

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**John/Kathy Tavarone** - June 29, 2018 at 01:40 PM

CC

*I'm so sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I played hockey with him from 7-14 in Cortland, and remember him fondly: He was a gentlemen even then. Capability without bravado, fun, and always good natured. Everyone on the team loved him.*

*Our deepest sympathies, from myself, Cari and my mom.*

*CJ Christel*

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**Conrad Christel** - March 21, 2019 at 05:22 PM