

## **Remembrance of Brother Patrick McMahon, SM**

Cupertino Marianist Community

Born 1935

First Profession 1954

Died at El Camino Hospital, Mountain View, Nov. 1, 2014

Brother Patrick, a native San Franciscan, met the Marianists at St. Joseph School, the pioneer community in the city dating from 1886. He is the last link with that historic foundation. He matriculated to the new Archbishop Riordan High School in 1949. Pat served in the two high schools in Hawai'i and four in California. However, his longest tenure was service at Archbishop Riordan which awarded him its highest honor, the Chaminade Medal, in 2005. As a mathematics teacher, he was very understanding and thorough, bringing out the best from his students. Between 1963 - 1970, he served at St. Joseph International School in Yokohama where he grew to love things Japanese, especially its cuisine.

I want to begin our sharing this afternoon with this message from Brother Steve Glodek. He wrote to me because the anniversary of his mother's death and mine occurs on Nov. 2.

Steve writes: "We here in Philadelphia (Jack Ventura, Pat Tonry, Ed Violett and myself) send our deep condolences to you and the community at Pat's death. We were recalling last evening his immense warmth and kindness to each of us at different points in our life. He was for us in the East, "Mr. San Francisco!" Always taking care that visitors from the far East got to see and know his beloved city, always inquiring how we were doing, always interested in the news from the East, and of course, offering an opinion or two! Even in his illness which has stretched for so long, he graciously was receiving visitors and asking them to pray for him. He will be deeply missed among us."

I now invite you to add other reflections.

Several spoke of Pat's gift of personal interest in others and the support he gave to the community. He was always present and involved. He made guests feel at home. Famous for his buying sprees after careful research. Common sense and good judgment

characterized his life. Above all, a “people person” connecting easily with others. Faithful to praying the rosary.

We have prayed for Brother Pat; we have celebrated the Eucharist in thanksgiving for his life. We have been supported by prayers of family and friends and fellow-Brothers far and near.

Brother Pat had an impact on many over the years by his kindness and generosity. Pat knew how to bring out the best in the students entrusted to his guidance. For me his personal ministry is captured well by the picture displayed here this afternoon.

Let us now sing the Canticle of Mary in thanksgiving for Pat’s life with us.

**Stephen Tutas, SM**

Tuesday, Nov. 04, 2014