



Patrick Joseph McGuire

March 26, 1952 - May 31, 2025

On May 31, 2025, Patrick J. (Pat/Peco) McGuire, 73, passed away peacefully at his home in Crestone, Colorado, from an aggressive form of metastatic melanoma.

Pat was born on March 26, 1952 in Darlington, Wisconsin to Donald and Ruth (Hale) McGuire. He was the oldest of 4 children. Pat graduated from Darlington High School in 1970. He earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work from University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse in 1974. He married Sara on Lookout Mountain, Colorado on July 25, 1986, and together they raised their daughter, Amanda, as well as several foster children, in Wisconsin, Colorado and Micronesia.

Pat enjoyed life immensely. He maintained a high level of physical fitness throughout his life. Beginning in high school, Pat competed in long-distance running events. Pat qualified for the Olympic marathon trials in 1980, and he ultimately competed in over 50 marathons, ultra-marathons and mountain burro races. Whenever possible, Pat spent time outdoors, enjoying, camping, fishing, and bicycling with friends and family.

Throughout his life, Pat sought new challenges, moving with his family to areas throughout the U.S. and overseas. With each move, Pat discovered fresh opportunities and met more friends.

During his life-long career in human services, Pat served and advocated on behalf of developmentally disabled adults, the aging and elderly, adults struggling with addictions, children and youth in the foster care system, and unhoused families and individuals. In 2005, Pat was inspired to relocate with his family to the island of Pohnpei, Micronesia, where he worked at an international Christian school and where he became a beloved mathematics and life sciences teacher to middle and high school Micronesian and Filipino students for three years.

Pat was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and a Seventh-day Adventist Christian.

Patrick is survived by his wife, Sara, daughter, Amanda (Gary) Beckett, Brother Denny McGuire of Darlington, WI. Sister, Teresa Shertz (Tim) of New Holland, PA, as well as grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Pat is preceded in death by his parents Donald and Ruth McGuire, brother Tim McGuire, and sisters-in-law, Karen (Hess) McGuire and Cheryl (Donar) McGuire.