



## Patrick C. Gunnell, Sr.

August 14, 1926 - August 20, 2011

Patrick C. Gunnell, Sr., 85 of Tinley Park. Survived by wife of 62 yrs., Rose Marie nee Sebesta, Children: Patrick, Jr., Rtd. Capt. CPD (Nancy), late Linda, Thomas Comm., USN Rtd. (Sue), Jeanne Marie (Dale) Weaver, late Diane; Grandchildren: Christopher CPD (Sharon) Brian CPD(Amanda), Jacob (Jackie), Michael, Laura, Elizabeth and Rebecca; Great-granddaughter: Erin; Brothers: late Benjamin (Ann), Donald (Barbara), Sister-in-law, Catherine Montgomery. WWII Air Force Veteran, DePaul graduate of Science and Commerce, 43 yrs. CNA Insurance, and member of American Legion and CWPT. Memorial visitation, Sat., Aug., 27th 2011, 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Heartland Memorial Center, 7151 183rd St. Tinley Park, IL. Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. George Church Tinley Park. Private interment , Queen of Heaven Cemetery. For info or to sign guestbook [heartlandmemorial.com](http://heartlandmemorial.com) or (708)444-2266.

# Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Gunnell,  
I work with Tom in Katy ISD. Tom has kept us informed over the past months during Cabinet meetings about his Dad. It is so apparent how much Tom loved and admired his Father. I know that you all are grieving at this time. Please know that many in Texas share your grief and will keep all of the Gunnells in our prayers. Your husband would be proud of the man of integrity Tom has become. He is highly regarded in the school district and shows a compassion for those he works with and for. He is a true asset to the students in KISD. God be with you during this most difficult time.  
Patti Paetow##imported-begin##Patricia Paetow##imported-end##

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August 31, 2011 at 01:42 PM



“ Tom and the entire Gunnell family:  
This summer has been an emotional roller-coaster. But be comforted by knowing that as your father's quality of life faded, Heaven responded and brought him home.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Robert & Susie Carpenter##imported-end##

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August 26, 2011 at 03:59 PM



“ Mrs. Gunnell, we are neighbors & dear friends of your wonderful son Tom & his wife Sue.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and family during this difficult time.  
Sincerely, Don & Janie##imported-begin##Janie & Don Elster##imported-end##

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August 25, 2011 at 08:53 PM



“ Mrs. Gunnell, Pat, Nancy, Brian, Amanda, Chris, Sharon, Erin and the rest of the family, we extend our thoughts and prayers to you all at this time, and know Grandpa will be missed greatly; memories are a wonderful thing and may you all find peace and comfort from them in the days ahead.

Our deepest sympathy;  
Pam & Fred Robison##imported-begin##Pam Robison##imported-end##

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August 25, 2011 at 02:48 PM



“ Mrs. Gunnell,  
I work for Tom down in Katy ISD. I wanted to let you know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of all of his co-workers. Also wanted to let you know, you and your husband raised a son who makes a difference in the lives of thousands of families every day. When I look at Tom, I see a man who was taught about values, commitment, and responsibility. I believe those admirable qualities are generally developed by parents who are quality role models. The way your husband lived his life has been instilled into Tom. For that reason, I believe your husband will continue to impact the lives of many.##imported-begin##Charlie Stevens##imported-end##

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August 25, 2011 at 09:35 AM



“ Pat, Chris and Brian!  
My deepest sympathy for your loss.  
Bill Calabrese  
CPD Golf League##imported-begin##Bill Calabrese##imported-end##

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August 24, 2011 at 10:18 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Gunnell and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. May the Lord hold you up on Eagles wings and comfort you in the days to come.  
Peggy###imported-begin###Peggy Caruso###imported-end###

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August 24, 2011 at 07:53 PM



“ For family and friends who are reading this: Dad/ Grampa turned 85 one week before he died and I wanted him to know - and all of you, how proud I am to have been his daughter-in -law for almost 38 years. It was an honor.

I also thank(ed) Dad/Grampa for being such a wonderful Grandfather to Pat Jr and my 2 sons. My own dad passed away when the boys were toddlers and Grampa Gunnell was their only Grampa as they grew up. He was the best and the boys learned their love of golf from Grampa and their Dad. Nancy###imported-begin###Nancy Gunnell###imported-end###

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August 23, 2011 at 03:51 PM



“ Dear Tom, Sue and Family

We were deeply saddened to hear about your dad. From what you have shared your dad was a wonderful father, friend and mentor. Please accept our deepest sympathy and express this to your mother. Tom, please know that we are thinking of you and that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

With caring hearts .... Peter and Darlene McElwain###imported-begin###Peter and Darlene McElwain###imported-end###

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August 23, 2011 at 02:55 PM



“ Mrs. Gunnell, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the memory of Patrick's smile warm you like the sun and his laughter echo in your heart. May the light of your best memories together enrich all of your days and bring a smile to your face. With deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Tom Mills##imported-end##

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August 23, 2011 at 12:15 PM



“ My thoughts -

*Grandpa,*

*I stand in awe of you.*

*I hope and pray that my wife and I will look upon one another, sixty plus years from now, and see each other as I have witnessed you and Grandma look upon one another - even in your final days.*

*I hope and pray that I can raise my daughter (and say hi to your future great grand child while you are up there in heaven) to be as an exceptional of a person and parent as the one you raised and bestowed upon me in your son and my father, Patrick.*

*I hope and pray that one day, far into the future, that I can be a confidant, trusted advisor, and most importantly, friend, to my grandchild as you have been for me.*

*I am glad that I had the opportunity to share these thoughts with you in your final days here.*

*And, although I miss you Grandpa, I am sure that I will miss the friend I had in you the most.*

*Until we meet again -*

*Love you Gramps!###imported-begin##Chris Gunnell###imported-end##*

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August 23, 2011 at 11:55 AM



“ We love and miss our Grandpa / Great Grandpa!##imported-begin##Chris, Sharon, and Erin Gunnell##imported-end##

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August 23, 2011 at 11:05 AM



“ Tom,  
You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Your final statement in the biography "he passed into life everlasting" is indicative of your dad being in a better place and you will see him again.  
In God we Trust...Chris##imported-begin##Chris Cardiff##imported-end##

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August 23, 2011 at 09:19 AM



“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. He sounded like a wonderful father.##imported-begin##Lydia and Steve Bontempo##imported-end##

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August 23, 2011 at 09:11 AM



“ Mrs. Gunnell,  
My heart and prayers go out to you and your family in the loss of your husband. What a wonderful blessing to have a loving husband and father of your children for all of those years. You were truly blessed. I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to be Tom Gunnell's assistant while he worked at Cincinnati Public Schools. He became a very dear friend and always spoke about his love for his family, travel, and life in general. He shared many wonderful stories and it's quite apparent he gained his wisdom and zest for life from his parents. You should be very proud of your loving family. May God comfort you and your family during this very difficult time. Patty Young :-))##imported-begin##Patty Young ##imported-end##

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August 23, 2011 at 09:06 AM



“ Mrs. Gunnell,  
Although we have never met, I have the great fortune of working for your son, Tom. He is a fine man; passionate in his beliefs and protective of those in his charge. After hearing him speak of you and his Dad, it is apparent those qualities were learned and developed at home. I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. My heart and my prayers go out to you and your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Kathy McDonald##imported-end##

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August 23, 2011 at 05:33 AM



“ I love you Grandpa. I'll miss you for now but see you sooner than I think.##imported-begin##Elizabeth##imported-end##

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August 22, 2011 at 10:40 PM



“ Mrs. Gunnell,

*Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. We are proud to work alongside Tom every day in Katy. He is a great friend who speaks so fondly of you and Mr. Gunnell. Your family is in our prayers.*

*-Ben & Caitlin Rolens##imported-begin##Ben Rolens##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2011 at 09:50 PM



“ Tom,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie Decker##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2011 at 06:02 PM



“ *I know that this is a very trying time for you and your family, but know that many thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Keep all the wonderful memories in your heart and share with each other. Saying goodbye is the hardest thing to do.##imported-begin##Carol Moore RN,BSN##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2011 at 05:45 PM



“ I'm sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Mark L. Hopkins, Chief of Police Katy ISD##imported-end##

August 22, 2011 at 05:14 PM



“ What a wonderful blessing to have had him for 85 years. I know you will miss him terribly. Please know that our prayer go out to the family.##imported-begin##Diane Henderson - Katy ISD##imported-end##

August 22, 2011 at 05:03 PM



“ Mrs. Gunnell,  
My heart and prayers go out to you in the loss of your precious husband. We are so fortunate to have your son, Mr. Tom Gunnell on our team here at Katy ISD. I treasure both his gifts as an administrator and his friendship. Through his stories, I know that without a doubt he absolutely loved and cherished his Dad and will miss him greatly. My heart hurts for him too. Asking God to comfort you and your family with his love during this difficult time.  
With heartfelt sympathy,  
B. J. Alvarez##imported-begin##B. J. Alvarez##imported-end##

August 22, 2011 at 04:43 PM



“ Pat  
  
Sorry to hear about your dad. Remember the good times. I am out of town this weekend and will not be able to attend.##imported-begin##William Town##imported-end##

August 22, 2011 at 04:39 PM



“ Mrs. Gunnell,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I work with Tom here at Katy ISD. I think very highly of him and I can see now where he gets his wisdom. My husband, Don is the Mayor of Katy and has the opportunity to work w/Tom as well. We send our most sincere condolences to you and your family. Ida & Don Elder##imported-begin##Ida Faye Elder##imported-end##

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August 22, 2011 at 04:32 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. I work with Tom Gunnell at Katy ISD and find Tom to be a very passionate person in all areas of his life. It stands to reason that Tom received many of his good qualities from his father, Patrick C. Gunnell, Sr.  
Sincerely,  
Kathy Adams##imported-begin##Kathy Adams - Katy ISD##imported-end##

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August 22, 2011 at 04:08 PM



“ Mr. Gunnell, listening to stories about your father melts my heart. I am so for your family's loss. May you find peace in this trying time..

Laurie Mitchell##imported-begin##Laurie Mitchell##imported-end##

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August 22, 2011 at 03:55 PM



“ Please accept our sincere condolence and deepest sympathy on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Art Campbell##imported-end##

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August 22, 2011 at 03:54 PM



“ Mr. Gunnell, I did not know your dad, but from what is already written about him, he seemed to be a great dad! I am sorry for you and your family’s loss. During these hard times I am always reminded of the poem “The Dash”. It sounds like your dad understood what the dash represented- living life to its fullest between the two dates. You and your family are in my prayers.  
Todd Mcvey###imported-begin###Todd mcvey###imported-end##

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August 22, 2011 at 03:51 PM



“ Please accept my sympathy on the passing of your father.###imported-begin###Rusty Dowling###imported-end##

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August 22, 2011 at 03:48 PM



“ Tom

*During this time I know the loss of your mentor, father and friend weighs heavily on you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I hope the prayers give you and your family strength and peace.###imported-begin###Debbie Harris###imported-end##*

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August 22, 2011 at 03:47 PM



“ Mrs. Gunnell,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. I'm so sorry for your loss. Your son, Tom, is a joy to work with here at Katy ISD. May you find peace knowing that families are forever and you will see your beloved spouse in the hereafter.  
Sincerely,  
Karen Gebauer##imported-begin##Karen Gebauer##imported-end##

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August 22, 2011 at 03:45 PM



“ I hope you are at peace. I also hope that you have your own Outback Jack slot machine in heaven.##imported-begin##Dan Sparks##imported-end##

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August 21, 2011 at 12:48 PM



“ Rest in peace Grandpa. Thank you for always picking me up from school when I was sick. I don't think I ever thanked you for that. You'll always be in my heart - love you!##imported-begin##Laura Weaver##imported-end##

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August 21, 2011 at 12:44 PM



“ See you on the ranch grandpa, I hope there are no ditch holes in heaven. Love you Miss you!  
Brian##imported-begin##Brian & Amanda Gunnell##imported-end##

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August 20, 2011 at 10:43 PM