



## Patrick A. Kress

October 27, 1940 - December 12, 2016

Mattoon, IL – Patrick “Pat” A. Kress, age 76, passed away in his home at approximately 6:00 a.m., Saturday, December 10, 2016.

Pat requested no visitation or funeral services, as he preferred to be remembered by the good times. The family suggests, in lieu of flowers, donations or memorials in his name can be made to Carle Hospice, the American Heart Association, or a wildlife association of the donor’s choice. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Pat was born on October 27, 1940, in Oakland City, Indiana, the second son of Frederick B. and Dora Lucille (Gardner) Kress. His father who was a life-long railroader out of Indianapolis was transferred to Mattoon in the mid-1950’s.

Pat is survived by his loving partner of 18 years, Priscilla Florio; his first wife, Patricia (Edwards) Coventry; daughters, Kelly Kress and Michelle Kress; granddaughters Salena (Brian Alberti) Kress and Ashley (Nathan) Elliott; and nephews Kevin Kress and Darin Kress. His parents, brother Michael Kress, and son James Patrick Kress preceded him in death.

In his youth, Pat was an avid guitarist and singer. He was with the Rebel Rockets who later became the Artistics, and also with Libby’s Combo. He received his barber’s license and practiced at Don’s Barber Shop in Mattoon for several years. He then was hired on at Columbia Machine, Inc. as a draftsman.

Pat owned a succession of well-known small businesses in Mattoon beginning with The Worm Hole Bait Shop at South 30th & Marshall Ave. in the mid-1970’s to early 1980’s, Pat’s Standard (later Pat’s Amoco) gas station on 12th and Charleston Ave. from the early 1980’s, as well as The Radiator Shop, until the mid-1990’s when he retired.

Pat loved the outdoors and became an avid bass fisherman as a young adult. He went on

to win several local and national fishing tournaments, helped start an independent angler's society, and became a freelance outdoors writer with a column called, "The Fishing Line," for the Mattoon Journal-Gazette and Times Courier in the early 1990's. His other hobbies included stock car and micro-midget racing, hunting, and later in life a passion for golfing.

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# Comments

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“ Priscilla lit a candle in memory of Patrick A. Kress



**Priscilla** - December 12, 2016 at 11:40 PM

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“ Pat and I were fishing/hunting buddies. We always had a good time when we were together. We started a Rolin Martin thing years ago by mocking Martin and calling each other "Son" when we were together....We still did it the last time we spoke. My condolences to Priscilla and the rest of the family.

Kim & Donna Niemeyer

**Kim Niemeyer** - December 12, 2016 at 08:32 PM

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“ Pat was a guy who always greeted me with a big smile and a hug. Spending time with Pat and Priscilla it was easy to see they were good partners for each other, and loved one another. As one of my close friends, I will miss Pat. He will always hold a special place in my heart. My condolences to his family and his best friend and special partner Priscilla.

**Sheila Hughes** - December 12, 2016 at 06:38 PM



“ Pat, true love is something that never dies. Even the simplest moments together were filled with happiness. Thank you for filling the last 19 years together with your love.

Priscilla

**Priscilla** - December 12, 2016 at 11:38 PM



“ You are correct, Priscilla, his love will be with you forever. Michelle and I will be forever grateful to you for loving and taking care of him unconditionally. It takes a special person to be able to what you have done over the years, these past few especially. God bless you eternally, you will always be considered a part of our family no matter what. Kelly

**Kelly** - December 13, 2016 at 02:28 PM