

REMEMBERING GEORGE ROBERT PATRICK

AGE: 73 * HOCKESSIN

George Robert Patrick passed away peacefully on October 22, 2014. George was born in 1941, in Windber, Pennsylvania, to Martha Strapple Patrick and George Henry Patrick. George lived his life with passion and purpose, and was known by all as a man of deep integrity.

As a high school student, George excelled both academically and as an athlete, earning a Grant and Aid to Juniata College where he became a star football player and also set records in track and field. George majored in organic chemistry at Juniata College earning a Bachelor of Science degree and then attended the University of Pittsburgh where he received his PH.D. in chemistry in 1967.

George's professional career began at the DuPont Company, where he held positions in research, marketing, technical sales and management as a part of the mineral sands and titanium dioxide businesses. When a portion of the colored pigments business was sold by DuPont to Ciba-Geigy Corporation, George's expertise was sought. George joined Ciba-Geigy and went on to play a vital role in facilitating the successful transfer of the quinacridone pigments business, a business that formulated chemical components for use in automotive paints and plastics. As a part of the sales management team, George was instrumental in developing strong partnerships that helped to cement Ciba-Geigy's leading position in the industry. George's knowledge and skills also helped to integrate the quinacridone pigments business and U. S. market needs into a global portfolio.

George's corporate career often required extensive travel, enabling him to travel throughout the United States and abroad, which George thoroughly enjoyed. A desire to explore other countries and cultures resulted in personal travels with family and friends worldwide.

After retiring from the corporate world in December of 2000, George joined his wife and business partner, Jan Patrick, as Business Manager in their family real estate business at Patterson-Schwartz.

Perhaps because of his background in chemistry, George developed interests in cooking and fine wines. George was always an integral part of the planning and preparation required to host wonderful gatherings for family and friends.

One of George's greatest passions was golf. He was fortunate to have the opportunity to play with colleagues, friends and family at championship courses throughout the United States as well as around the world.

George will be remembered for his strength of character, the depth of his integrity, the graciousness he extended to friends and strangers alike, and his abiding love for his family. He is survived by his wife Jan Peters Patrick, to whom he was married for 50 years; his children Susan Patrick-Musi and her husband Ken Musi of Greenville, DE, and his son, Scott Patrick of Hockessin, DE; and by four grandchildren, Alexandra and Nicholas Musi and Scott and Sean Patrick. He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy and husband, John Stefanick and sister Kathleen and her husband, Jim Strongosky. A memorial service will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1502 West 13th Street, Wilmington, DE, 19806, on Saturday, November 1st, at 12:00 Noon. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial contributions to Westminster Presbyterian Church to support efforts for world peace, Delaware Hospice, Christiana Care, or the Helen Graham Center.

