



## Dr. Patrick LaVoy Tombeau

September 2, 1938 - February 15, 2024

Patrick LaVoy Tombeau, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist, died on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at the age of 85. He was born September 2, 1938 in Dearborn, Michigan, the son of Leo Thomas Tambeau and Lucille Mary Cecelia Dusseau. Dr. Tombeau grew up in Dearborn and he lived in Livonia for 32 years before coming to Saline after his marriage on May 18, 2002, at Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, to Janet Rose Tranchida Kolleth.

He is survived by his widow, his brother, Jerry (Grace) Tambeau of Detroit, and his sister, Lucy (Robert, deceased) McMurtrie of Madison Heights, Michigan; his children, Meg Bakewell of Ypsilanti, Michigan; Katherine (Geoffrey) Cost of Toronto, Ontario, and Chuck Tombeau of Ypsilanti, Michigan; four grandchildren: Ray Arin, Benjamin Alexander, and Samantha Rose Bakewell, and Iona Jane Cost; and 10 nephews and nieces. His father, mother, and sister Anne (Malcolm) Travis preceded him in death.

Dr. Tombeau was the Director of Psychology at Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital in Westland, Michigan, from 1991 until his retirement in 2002. His career included work with the mentally ill, the developmentally disabled, and at risk youth. He was in private practice, and he taught psychology at several local colleges for many years. He successfully pioneered in the state of Michigan a technique to treat non-violent sex offenders for which he received wide recognition in the professional community.

Dr. Tombeau received an A.B. in philosophy and literature from Georgetown University, a B.S. in the physical sciences from Wayne State, an M.A. in psychology from the University of Detroit, and his Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Michigan. He was licensed as a clinical psychologist, school psychologist, and social worker.

Dr. Tombeau's interests beyond his profession were varied. He had lifelong interests in genealogy and classical music and collected a large library of scholarly books, reflecting a wide range of topics. He was in frequent attendance at concerts and theatrical performances. He traveled extensively throughout the world with his wife, Janet, on an annual basis, including six of the seven continents. He was a devoted family man, noted for his sense of humor.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, February 21, from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church on Austin Drive in Saline. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 A.M. A luncheon will be held at the Church following the Mass. Burial will take place in Saline's Oakwood Cemetery. His resting place is marked by a monument of his own design, a black obelisk with an inscription in English and Latin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. To leave a memory you have of Dr. Tombeau, to sign his guestbook or for directions, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

FEB 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Luncheon

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
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Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Graveside Service

FEB 21. 12:20 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
227 West Michigan Ave  
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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ I would just like to say that I honored that my mother worked Margaret Mangan who was nurse there died in 08/18/2019 .She was happy there my condolences for loss on behalf of my family

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**Sarah Stewart** - February 23, 2024 at 12:23 PM

WN

“ There is too much to say about Patrick; he was a true friend in the classical sense of friendship; he would like that, for it means our friendship was not a casual and occasional acquaintanceship; rather it was based on agreement about foundational matters, "first things." From such a ground we could disagree with tact and love. We have been friends for 68 years, and I grieve that my own health limitations keep me from being with you for the funeral. We first met in our first term at Georgetown in 1956; Patrick was in my wedding party and is godfather for our younger son. He visited us at Notre Dame often and loved the rich Catholic culture and learning manifest here. Finally, my warm greetings to Jan, such a wonderful companion, in the years they shared. My special greetings on this occasion to Meg, Katherine and Charles, my godson. I miss very much not being able to be with you now and being able to share memories of your remarkable father.

*Walter Nicgorski  
Georgetown, 1956-60.*

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**Walter J Nicgorski** - February 20, 2024 at 08:39 PM

JJ

“ Sorry to hear of Patrick's passing. If. It wasn't for him and all his research, we would not of met him and a lot of other relatives. Thank you again for all your hard work.  
*Butch and Joann Jarvis*

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**Joann jarvis** - February 19, 2024 at 10:24 PM

YF

“ Your St. Andrew Bell Choir Family purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Dr. Patrick LaVoy Tombeau.



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**Your St. Andrew Bell Choir Family** - February 19, 2024 at 07:57 PM

JB

“ Patrick was not only extremely intelligent, but kind and thoughtful. His witty humor enabled him to converse with people on many levels. He is with his Lord and Saviour and will be missed by all who knew him. *The Buse Family*

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**Jacqueline Buse** - February 19, 2024 at 05:07 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Patrick. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of his life. Please be assured of my prayers for the entire Tombeau family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Patrick.

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**Br Nick Blattner OFM Capuchin** - February 19, 2024 at 12:32 PM

J'

“ With many pleasant high school memories of Pat -- especially in our Latin & Greek classes.

*Jim Gualdoni  
U of D High, '56  
Novi MI*

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**Jim Gualdoni, U of D High, '56** - February 18, 2024 at 03:09 PM

NF

“ I always, always enjoyed Patrick's company, his wit, and knowledgeable facts. He will be missed.

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**Nancy Fuller** - February 17, 2024 at 04:19 PM

JD

“ Jim and Kathie Donovan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Dr. Patrick LaVoy Tombeau.



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**Jim and Kathie Donovan** - February 17, 2024 at 02:46 PM

CG

“ I loved Patrick very much! He was a wonderful brother-in-law. He will be truly missed!  
With deepest sympathies to all that loved him,  
Carol Glasier

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**Carol Glasier** - February 17, 2024 at 11:16 AM

DF

“ *I have pleasant memories of my conversations with Patrick. He could could converse most intelligently on any subject. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Dick Fuller** - February 17, 2024 at 10:58 AM