



## Brother Patrick Harris

July 17, 1943 - March 1, 2021

Bro. Patrick Harris, 77, died Monday evening, March 1, 2021. Recent health issues made it difficult for him to enjoy his daily walks.

Bro. Patrick was born Dallas Dale Harris in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 17, 1943 to Dr. Dale and Jeane (Sprow) Harris. Following the family's move to Iowa, Bro. Patrick attended Rogers Elementary School in Marshalltown and graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1961. Bro. Patrick earned his BA from Drake University in 1965. From 1967 to 1969, Bro. Patrick actively served in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Vietnam, Bro. Patrick helped write letters to parents who lost sons or daughters in the war. Following his military service he studied at the University of Madrid, becoming fluent in Spanish and teaching English in Spain. Bro. Patrick returned to the United States in 1976, settling in Minneapolis where he worked for the Billy Graham evangelical crusade. He briefly studied for the Lutheran ministry with coursework at Princeton Theological Seminary and Luther Seminary before converting to Catholicism in 1993. Bro. Patrick entered Saint Benedict Monastery in Oxford, MI before transferring to Des Moines in 1996. He made his first profession of vows in 2001, taking for his monastic name Patrick. His final vows as a monk were made in 2004. The Society of Saint John community at the Basilica in Des Moines eventually became Saint Gabriel Priory under the auspices of Mount Michael Abbey. When the Priory closed, Bro. Patrick transferred to the Mount Michael community. As he had done in Des Moines, Bro. Patrick was active in Hispanic ministry in Omaha.

Bro. Patrick is survived by the community of Mount Michael Benedictine Abbey as well as his mother Jeane Knapp, his brother-in-law Dennis Kruger, and extended family. Preceding him in death was his father Dr. Dale Harris, brother Nick Harris, and sister Holly Kruger. Mass of Christian Burial will be held in the David "D.J." Sokol Memorial Chapel on the Mount Michael campus with interment in Mount Michael Abbey Cemetery following the service.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brother Patrick Harris*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Brother Patrick has been a part of our Wednesday "Mastering" Bible study, at Lifegate Church, for many years. Patrick was a true gentleman, a man who loved God's Word, and a great encouragement to all who knew him. He will be greatly missed; however, we are so excited that Patrick is with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who he has loved and served all these years! Our deepest condolences to Patrick's family and associates! Sincerely, Pastor Dave Collins*

**Dave Collins** - March 05, 2021 at 12:02 PM



“ *It is sad to hear of Brother Patrick's death. Prayers for him and all of the Mount Michael Monks and Brothers. May his soul rest in eternal peace. Joan O'Keefe 🍀🙏*

**Joan O'Keefe** - March 04, 2021 at 11:21 AM



*We are sorry to know of Bro Patrick's death. Our sympathy and prayers for his grieving family and the Mount Michael community. May he have eternal rest. Lou & Jackie Sojka*

**Lou and Jackie Sojka** - March 04, 2021 at 08:42 PM

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*I've been friends with Bro.Patrick since 1961 and lived with him in Iowa City and Des Moines during out college years.While his life has had an abnormal share of pain and drama, I've only known Patrick to be a kind, loving gentleman doing his very best to serve the Lord and fellow man. May God bless his soul and his fellow monks at his home at Mount Saint Michael's. Rest in peace my dear friend.*

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**Dennis Waller** - March 06, 2021 at 11:52 AM

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*Friend and Spanish speaking partner in DM..kind, generous soul.*

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**Dave Adkins** - June 18, 2024 at 03:23 PM