



## Patrick Wayne Brune

October 4, 1936 - February 3, 2019

Patrick Wayne Brune, age 82, passed away peacefully in Houston, Texas, on Sunday, February 3, 2019. He was born in San Antonio, Texas, on October 4, 1936, the son of Lawrence G. and Viola V. Brune. Pat is preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife, Barbara. Pat is survived by his son, Wayne, and his wife, Barbara; and daughter Shannon, and her husband Jason Finger; grandchildren, Cody Finger, Alyssa Finger and Sarah Brune, along with extended family.

Pat attended Brackenridge High School in San Antonio, Texas, where he met the love of his life, Barbara. They married on February 1, 1957, in San Antonio, Texas, when he was 20 and she, 18. They spent their early years of marriage in College Station while Pat completed his courses to obtain a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University. While at Texas A&M, Pat was a member of A Ordinance in the Corp of Cadets. After completion of his degree, Pat served in the Army Reserves for six months in Aberdeen, Maryland.

Pat was employed by H.B. Zachry Company in various locations in the early 1960's. In 1964, he moved the family to Houston to begin working for Armco Steel Corporation. Pat worked as the Rolling Mill Manager for their Wide Flange Beam Mill until 1984. In 1986, Pat was recruited by Nucor Steel to advise, build, and help run the first wide flange beam mill located in

Blytheville, AR and the first of its kind built in the USA since 1976. In 1995, Pat transferred to the Nucor facility in Jewett, Texas, to be closer to his family. While at Nucor/Jewett, he served as Manager of Rolling Technology and as a consultant on various Nucor projects until his retirement in 2009.

Pat enjoyed sports his entire life! In his younger days, it was football and baseball, but tennis was probably his favorite! In his middle age years, he played in weekly tennis matches with friends as well as coaching his son and daughter in their Little League activities. You could always count on Pat for carpooling, building and mowing the fields, and even umpiring a couple of times! Pat was also active with Southwest United Methodist Church and served on various committees throughout his time in Houston. The one activity that Pat loved as much as anything was rooting for his Texas A&M Aggies, and it didn't matter which sport, he rooted for ALL of them!

In his spare time, Pat always had a passion for working on cars. He was always very handy and claimed on more than one occasion that you could count on one hand the number of times "we" had to call a repairman to the house to fix something! Pat loved his family and friends dearly and enjoyed the time he spent with everyone. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 8, 2019, at 2:00 pm at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas, 77079. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at 11:00 am at the Aggie Field of Honor, 3800 Raymond Stotzer Parkway, College Station, Texas, 77845.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association by calling 877-892-4222 or their website, <https://corpsofca.dets.org>



# Cemetery Details

## Aggie Field Of Honor

3800 Raymond Stotze Parkway  
College Station, TX 77845

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church  
12955 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX  
<http://www.mdumc.org>

## Graveside Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Aggie Field Of Honor  
3800 Raymond Stotze Parkway  
College Station, TX 77845

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patrick Wayne Brune*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Patrick Wayne Brune*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Patrick Wayne Brune*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Patrick Wayne Brune*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Somewhere around 1980, his daughter Shannon and I attended summer school together. We were both pretty green drivers, Shannon was much better than I was, and I ran into the back of her car leaving the school parking lot. It was NOT pretty at my house when my parents found out! Dad and I went over to the Brune's house to settle the damage. Guess who was extremely nice and sweet about the wreck? Mr. Brune! I will never forget that. I have enjoyed a long friendship with Shannon and I will always remember the grace of both Mr and Mrs Brune, who made such a lovely family. RIP Mr Brune.*

**Krista Snuggs** - February 08, 2019 at 10:51 AM



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**Dettling Funeral Home** - February 07, 2019 at 01:47 PM

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*what a wonderful man ! My husband, Warren, and Pat were very close friends for many years. They played football together in high school. Warren always told me that no one tried harder than Pat. He knew what he wanted to do as a career in high school and went for it and succeeded. It took Warren a few more years to decide what he wanted to do. He always admired Pat for that and in many other ways. Warren and I also went to high school with his precious wife, Barbara Nell. What a wonderful couple they were. Warren left this world a few weeks before Pat. I know they are all having a wonderful time together laughing and remembering “the good old days” but most of all being with our Father in heaven.*

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**marilyn herrmann** - February 16, 2019 at 03:41 PM

DO

“ Worked with Pat for a number of years at NYS. I was one of his RM Supervisors. Loved working for him. Pat was a wealth of knowledge and I learned a lot from him. Pat was one of the real key players in the successful start up of NYS. He and Barbara were great people. My deepest condolences to Pat’s family. He will be missed. I will always consider it an honor to have known him.

Sincerely,

Doug Adams.

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**Doug** - February 06, 2019 at 07:48 PM

AA

“ Wayne and Shannon I am saddened at your loss.

My hope is your dad was able to enjoy many of the things he so looked forward to doing in retirement.

Andy Anderson

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**Andy Anderson** - February 06, 2019 at 01:44 PM

MP

“ I worked with Pat at Nucor for many years. i always found him to be a great man of character- generally soft spoken- and a true gentlemen.He was very good with engineering and solving problems as it related to the rolling mill issues at Nucor. He was one of the best we had at Nucor. My prayers and thoughts are with his family at this time.



Sincerely,  
Mike Parrish

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**Mike Parrish** - February 05, 2019 at 10:20 AM