



Emmanuel C Patel

December 30, 1939 - October 31, 2021

Emmanuel Chhaganlal Patel, Emu, went home to be with Our Lord on October 31, 2021 at age 81.

Emmanuel was born to Chhaganlal and Naomi Patel on December 30, 1939 in Khergam, Gujarat in India as the seventh of eight children.

He valued education and earned several degrees, including a Master's in Economics and Law degree. He taught in several settings, including in college, while in India.

Emmanuel met and married his wife, Lois, in India. After moving to the US, they settled in Central Pennsylvania. Emmanuel and Lois raised three children, Ravi, Anjali, and Jay. He was a dedicated and loving father; Emmanuel enjoyed the outdoors and sports of various kinds. He loved watching his older grandchildren Alexis, Alyssa, Simeon, Noah, and Micah continuing the family tradition of participating in sports. He enjoyed playing and spending time with his younger grandchildren, Addie and Bodie.

He loved to fish and hunt with his youngest son, Jay, and friends. He got great satisfaction while doing these activities. He and Jay had many special times, and he made life-long connections with friends who loved to do the same. He followed the Philadelphia sports teams, especially the Phillies. He made trips to watch them with family and friends. He loved to travel and did so across the US and internationally.

Emmanuel worked for the State of Pennsylvania; he was a cherished colleague who took on whatever responsibilities were necessary to help the organization. He developed strong relationships with those that he worked for and with and was well respected for his diligence and hard work.

As he grew older, Emmanuel continued his friendships from his youth and young adulthood, many that have lasted for almost seventy years, cultivated those he had developed as he transitioned to the US, and developed new ones with those around him. The genuine nature of his character and warmth will sustain us in these difficult moments. Even in his final days, he embodied the fruits of The Spirit, showing kindness and mercy to those around him.

Throughout his entire life, he held an unwavering faith in God, which he shared with those who surrounded him in both word and deed.

Emmanuel joins his parents, his brothers and sisters, Sarvati, Manu, Indu, Sharda, Kanu,

and Sheila, and other relatives in Christ to be with Him. He is survived by his wife, Lois, his children, Ravi (Deanna), Anjali (Adam), and Jay (Sheena) along with seven grandchildren, his brother Simon and family, as well as many other relatives.

The family is grateful to the doctors and nurses that kept him well, even after several serious cardiac events. The kindness and compassion shown in his recent illness made this challenging time one of healing for many.

The family asks that donations to honor the memory of Emmanuel go to Landisburg EMS. A celebration of Emmanuel's life will be held in the spring of 2022.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ Dear Lois and Family,

I'm so sad to hear that Manny has passed away. We met when I worked with him at the PA Department of Health. He was a very supportive supervisor and later became a very good friend. Manny had a wonderful sense of humor which helped us get through many work challenges. He was well respected for his skills and knowledge. More importantly, he was better known for his kindness and integrity. I will never forget his beautiful smile especially when he talked about his family. I'm so grateful that I could call Manny my friend. He was truly a good soul.

Keeping the family in my prayers

Lenora Best

Lenora Best - November 15, 2021 at 12:37 PM

JT

“ Dear Lois and Family,

I was saddened to hear of Emanuel's death. Though there can be no doubt among us believers that he is with God now. I worked with your husband at PCCD and he was my right hand in all things regarding our finances. He was trustworthy, honest, diligent and helped me manage a complex but very important agency. His Christian faith was readily apparent in all that he did. The last time I saw him he was with you at the WS Farmer's market. That contagious smile was there as was his sincere interest in me and my family. Emmanuel was more than a co-worker but a friend indeed. I know he must be deeply missed and for that I offer my heart felt sympathy.

James Thomas

James Thomas - November 14, 2021 at 08:23 PM

JC

“ Dear Lois and Family,
John and I are so sorry for your loss of Emu.
The last I talked to Carol she thought Emu was going home within a day or so. I didn't know he was not at home or not doing well. I should have called you or Carol to see how he was doing. John had a great time fishing with him. God bless you and your family at this most difficult time. Our prayers are with you always.
Love and Prayers,
John and Dottie Conrad

't hear any more so I just thought he went home and was find. I'm so sorry I did not call one of you to find out how Emu was doing.

John and Dottie Conrad - November 08, 2021 at 07:23 PM

CO

“ Rest in peace Manny....
To his family, I worked for Manny at PCCD years ago. He was a gentleman and genuinely a good person who loved his family. We worked hard while sharing may laughs and stories. I enjoyed working with him. He also made the best chai I've ever had!
I wish you comfort and many, many happy memories of him.
Sincerely, Colleen Conches

Colleen - November 08, 2021 at 01:26 PM

DA

“ Manny always had a smile for those he worked with and made me smile in return. He will certainly be missed.

Deborah Almoney - November 08, 2021 at 06:56 AM

GS

“ Manny, as I knew him, was à great person. I remember when he helped to coach the Landisburg Little League Baseball Team. He always had a smile on his face and was always such à friendly person. His three children can be very proud of à great Dad.

Gov Seager

Gov Seager - November 08, 2021 at 04:41 AM

SR

“ Dear Lois and family,

I will continue to uphold all of you in prayer. I am always here for you. It was a pleasure and an honor to meet Emu.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Scott

Scott A. Ryan - November 06, 2021 at 01:13 PM

JC

*Dear Lois and Family,
John and I will miss Emu very much. Although we didn't see much of each other we still thought about you and your family. John enjoyed the times he and Emu went fishing. We all have our memories of good times. God bless you and your family at this time of loss.*

Love and Prayers.

John and Dottie

Conrad

John and Dottie Conrad - November 08, 2021 at 04:56 PM

PK

“ *My condolences. I did not know him but I knew his wife, children and grandchildren from teaching at Carroll Elementary. Prayers.*

peg kingsborough - November 06, 2021 at 10:08 AM

WC

“ *One of my first memories of Emu was coming to dinner with my Grandma Brandt-Burd shortly after Lois and Emu moved into a mobile home where they later built their home. That was a long time ago! His life story was intriguing, but we shared a bond through Christ. He meant a lot to my grandma and I am sure she was in the welcoming committee in Heaven. I also have fond memories from Mt Olivet. Emu was a loyal customer of ours at our store. He will be remembered as a gentle and humble man always lending a smile and a listening ear. God bless his family...sending love and prayers for comfort.*

Wendy and Randy Campbell - November 06, 2021 at 06:32 AM

BT

“ *extending prayers and condolences. May God grant you all peace, comfort, and reassuring hope.*

Memory Eternal. (Brent Thornton and family. Saint George: Altoona)

Brent Thornton - November 05, 2021 at 11:18 AM