



## Patrick E. Babbitt

August 31, 1949 - August 21, 2012

Patrick E. Babbitt, 62, of Lone Rock died Tuesday, August 21, 2012 following a brief illness. Pat was born August 31, 1949 in Milwaukee, WI the son of Dr. Donald & Elizabeth (Gerhard) Babbitt. Pat grew up in Shorewood, WI. He graduated from Dartmouth College in New Hampshire where he spent his summers as a camp counselor on Cape Cod. He then taught in Vermont before returning to Wisconsin with his wife, Janet.

He was an avid outdoorsman and writer. He co-authored a book about hunting in Wisconsin and had hundreds of articles published in regional and national outdoors magazines. Recently he worked as a soil tester and designer of private septic systems.

He is survived by his wife Janet Babbitt of Lone Rock; sister Ann (Deb Smith) of Portland, Maine; brother James (Barbara) Babbitt of Chetek and a step-mother Kay Babbitt of Hartford; a niece & three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at Noon at the Clary Memorial Funeral Home in Richland Center with Pastor Craig Peach officiating. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 9:00 AM until the time of services. An informal graveside service will be held at the Brown Church Cemetery after the service & luncheon. The family asks that in lieu of flowers,

donations be made to the Richland Hospital Foundation. On line condolences can be made at [www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *To the Babbitt family,*

*I was stunned to see Pat's name in the most recent issue of the Dartmouth alumni magazine. I don't usually read the list of alumni passings, for some reason I saw it this month and noticed Pat's name.*

*I roomed with Pat and two other guys (4 of us in a triple, to save money) during our junior year at Dartmouth, and certainly he was a good friend all four of our years there. Always happy and fun, sometimes serious, Pat was a great friend who loved the outdoors and his WI roots -- and a good time.*

*I was so sorry to read of his passing, and know he is missed. My (belated) sympathies and best wishes.*

*Mike Salisbury*

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**Michael Salisbury - Baltimore, MD - College friend - January 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

LW

“ *Jade and I are sorry to hear of Pat's passing. We enjoyed getting to know him those Saturday's in the Avoca Reading Room. He was going to read all the biographies from start to finish and was working his way thru the A-Z mystery writer. He was a very interesting man and we were lucky to meet him. God Bless Lauri and Adam Lins, Jadanna, Dakota, Montana*

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**Lauri Lins - Avoca, WI - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

DF

“ Janet,

*Both Lynn and I are so sorry for your loss of a partner and good friend in this life.*

*What great photos of memories you both had together and Pat had with great friends.*

*Please be assured, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Dan & Lynn Hanzel - Wisconsin Dells, WI - Friend** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ janet

*janet and pat, pat and janet, the two names will always go together in my mind.*

*i can hear pat's voice clearly. his witty, hearty voice oft times full of irony.*

*there was that time when we were all part of a very special clan.*

*i won't forget it ever.*

*and you will see him again.*

*love and kisses,  
suzee and steve*

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**suzee (henderson) branch - MT - friend** - August 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Janet,

*Sorry to hear of Pat's passing. I enjoyed talking to him down at the cottage. My condolences to you. Bob Nechkash*

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**Bob Nechkash - Avoca, WI - Friend** - August 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Janet,

*I am so sorry to learn of your loss. There are no magic words to take away the pain of your loss. I wish for you the comfort of many wonderful memories created together with Pat.*

*Sincerely,*

*Denece Udelhoven and Lacy Hammell*

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**Denece Udelhoven - Mount Hope, WI** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Farewell Pat from Capt. Mike:

*You are a special friend. I look at your life's photos and see myself : Country living, holding up fish, deer hunts, dogs, beautiful soul mate Janet. and lots of mottly friends.*

*Your life was full of adventure.*

*I am happy our trails came together.*

*Your friend,*

*Mike Norton*

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**Capt. Mike Norton - WI** - August 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ JANET,

*OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THIS TIME. SO SORRY TO HEAR OF PAT'S DEATH. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND GIVE YOU STRENGTH IN THE DAYS AHEAD.*

*JOHN AND CONNIE TURGASEN*

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**Connie Turgasen - Richland Center , WI - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

JC

“ *Dear Babbitt Family Members,*

*Pat and I were classmates in high school. Everyone liked Pat. I never heard him say a mean thing to anyone. I send my condolences and prayers.*

*Best wishes!*

*Janet Heller*

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**Janet Heller - Portage, MI - high school classmate - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

AF

“ *I remember Pat fondly from our time together at Shorewood High and Dartmouth. My condolences to his family at this sad time.*

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**Andy Urban - Boston, MA - Classmate and friend - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MW

“ Dear Janet,  
This is such a sad and difficult time for you. You are in my prayers. It is not easy losing a loved one, but memories of the good times will always be there for you whenever you need them. Please accept our condolences, may God be with you through these moments of sadness.  
Monica & Jim Deaver and family

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Monica Deaver - Richland Center, WI - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Janet sorry for your loss, know I am thinking of you during this difficult time.  
  
Darci

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Darci K Trumm - Fennimore, WI - Friend - August 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Janet-so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.

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Joann DeYager - richland center, WI - co-worker - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Janet: I was shocked and saddened to hear about Pat. He and Larry went through so many illnesses and even cardiac rehab together and now for them to pass so close together is not believable. Take care of yourself. You will need to stay strong to get through these next few months. Talk with you later. K

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Kay Wyman - Richland Center, WI - friend - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Long ago and far away Pat and I were friends. We played football and hunted together. When I was in service, while stationed at Ft. Devens MA. I visited him at Dartmouth and we hunted and fished in the Dartmouth Grant.

He had other friends of the era of High School. Bob Panthofer, Jack Raymond and Todd Martin. Bob and Jack were fellow football players who remember the famous quote by coach Geske (deceased) " Babbitt you have legs like rubber bands" Pat was our center and the core of our line. I played on his left and Bob on his right. Bob, Todd and I also hunted with Pat and we all went in together on a MEC JR. reloader for shotgun shells. Wonder where that ended up, but I digress. I knew Pat as a sensitive, intelligent and very happy funny friend who on the night before he left for Dartmouth, we spent all night walking the Village of Shorewood and talking about our futures. I hope his life was all he wanted it to be. I think the pictures confirm that.

I know his other friends, Bob, Todd and Jack have great memories as well and share in this effort at condolence. I know he was much too young, but a good life lived, even young, is worthwhile. I know Pat didn't do things half way so he left behind a legacy that will keep him alive in memory forever. It is ironic that I was just thinking about him recently. Life has a funny way of tapping us on the shoulder sometimes.

If you ever want more information about his high school adventures please feel free to contact me.

I remember our pledge to stay friends forever. Good Bye Pat, till we meet again.

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**Charles Edward Young - Iron Ridge, WI - High School friend - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

CW

“ Janet, I am very sorry for your loss. Sometimes we don't realize what an impact someone has had on another's life until they are gone. I will always remember the fun times I had as a kid with you and Pat; including the first tree I ever planted, the first time I ever had a morel mushroom, first time ice fishing and the first time fishing from a boat just to name a few. I am the person I am today partly because of the time I was able to spend with Pat. Again, my deepest sympathies.

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**Clint Biodrowski - Cross Plains, WI** - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Blessing for peace and strength through this difficult time!

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**Michelle Luxton - richlandcenter, WI - friend** - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Janet and family, sorry to hear about the passing of Pat. May he rest in peace.

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**Hope Larsen - Chetek, WI** - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Janet,  
We were sorry to hear of your loss..we didn't know your husband but you have our deepest sympathy. Mike and Judy Lull

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**Judy Lull - Presque Isle , WI - Knew Janet from client years ago** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Janet, Im so sorry to hear about your husbands passing. I will never forget you bringing him in to the clinic when I was working my weekends in admissions.

*Though I dont work at the hospital anymore I will always remember this.*

*sandy*

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**sandy schultz - muscoda, WI - friend - co worker** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Janet I am so sorry to hear of your wonderful husband Pat's passing. Thinking of you. Hugs.

*Marilyn*

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**Marilyn Creasey - Richland Center, WI** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Janet,

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband, Pat. I only met him a few times, but each time I was impressed by how kind, intelligent, and gentlemanly he was. A fine man!*

*Please know that my thoughts are with you during this time....a friend always, Lindy*

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**Lindy Cooke - Madison, WI - friend** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ Dear Janet, Ann and Jimmy, We were very saddened to learn of Patrick's death. You have our deepest sympathy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love, Uncle Pete and family

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**Lon Babbitt - Carlsbad, NM - Uncle** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Janet ~ So sorry to hear of your loss. Thinking of you.....hugs.

Cindy Olson - Richland Center, WI - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My deepest sympathy to you, Janet. I am sending a big HUG right now...can you feel it?!

Marn Kepler - Richland Center, WI - Co-worker - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Janet,

*I am so sorry to hear about Pat. If there is anything I can do for you at all, please call. Thinking of you... HUGS*

Tanya Neumaier - Spring Green, WI - friend - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Janet,

*I was so sorry to learn of Pat's sudden death. He was one of my favorite classmates as we always had a lot to talk about--books and traveling, especially. His sense of humor really made the class fun. He is sadly missed by all of us who knew him.*

*Confident that Pat is in the care of his creator...Cathy Van Landuyt*

Cathy Van Landuyt - Richland Center, WI - Cardia Rehab Classmate - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Janet,

*So sorry to find out about the death of your husband. We are thinking of you during this sad time.*

*Blessings,*

*Cal and Eleanor Wise*

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**Eleanor Wise** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VV

“ Janet~

*I am so saddened to hear the news of Pat's passing. I am deeply sorry! I will always remember his visits to Bear Valley whether it was at Vittles and Fixins or M & N's...he always had a comment or story for me. I loved running into you guys after I moved out of Bear Valley. He was a wonderful person and I won't forget him. My heart goes out to you!*

*Blessings!*

*Vicki (Schmitz) Hying*

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**Vicki (Schmitz) Hying - Dodgeville, WI - Friend from the Valley** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Janet, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
JoAnn.

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**JoAnn Ferrel - Seward, AK - friend** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Janet,  
*So sorry for your loss as I feel a personal loss also.*

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**Dale Dobbs - Lone Rock, WI - Friend** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Awww Janet,

*I was so sorry to hear about Pat. I know your heart is breaking right now. It was so clear that you two were soul-mates. If you ever need an ear or a shoulder don't hesitate to call on me.*

*Cheryl*

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**Cheryl Allbaugh - Lone Rock, WY** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Janet,  
*I am so sorry to hear of your husband's death and am thinking of you.  
Please take care.  
Jane*

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**Jane Kintz - Richland Center, WI - Friend** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Janet:

*I am very sorry to hear of your loss.*

*Glo Harper*

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**Gloria Harper - old neighbor** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Janet I'm so sorry to hear of Pat's passing - Our thoughts and prayers have been with you during this difficult time. I know Pat and our Dad are already sharing great fishing and hunting stories already.

*With all our love,  
Dave, Kris, Jenn, and Andrew Dominick*

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**Kris Dominick - Watertown, WI - Family friend** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Janet so sorry to hear the news of Pat's passing. We will always remember the great fishing trips we enjoyed with both of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
God Bless, Linda Peterson

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**Linda Peterson - Richland Center, WI - friend** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM