Dr. Patrick Hallenbeck

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Beyond what we wish
and what we fear may happen
we have another life,
as clear and free as a mountain stream
- Rumi



I don't often think that I have many auditory memories.

I suppose it takes something to trigger them. Last week we got some ice cream from Patsy's and took it down to Memorial Park which is close to us and has Fountain Creek running along one side of it. We had the two lawn chairs in the car so went down to creek side and found a nice spot under the large cottonwoods growing there. A nice pleasant spot to relax and eat ice cream!

Finishing my ice cream I closed my eyes to better take in the warmth of the sun on my face and to better listen to the creek as it tumbled over rocks on its voyage to the Gulf of Mexico via the Arkansas River and the mighty Mississippi.

There's gonna be more random thoughts I suppose. Memories, pleased with ways I found the world to be wondrous, and then at the end of the day how I just surrendered. In some ways after my diagnosis is the best time of my life and in some ways not of course but personally it's made me appreciate being in the present, being in the present most of the time, and if I go back to the past it's for nice memories and good thoughts.





William Hallenbeck

I always held my "little cousin" in the highest regard. From a cute little guy at Loon Lake to an amazingly accomplished scholar and professor. Like all of the Hallenbeck's, I am saddened by his passing and will always miss him.

David Gellman

Patrick was an older brother to me, he's been a part of my life since I was a little boy.

Randy Noelle

Words fail. Patrick's heroic efforts to spend as much of his time with his family without regard to the challenges he faced speaks to the father and husband he was.

Jessica Hallenbeck

My dad was the sun. An orientation to the world and the universe. We learned from each other and as I go through my own life I continue to more deeply understand the gifts he shared with me in their unfolding.

John and Mary Ann Hallenbeck

He was so smart, a great man and father.

So many memories, I am very grateful for all Pat has done to keep my siblings and I connected with zoom calls (where we talked about a lot of stories from childhood to today). He did a lot of communicating with us thru email; sending out jokes, and many family pictures (especially at each birthday).

Barbara Noelle

Patrick was the best. He fought so hard because he loved you all so much.

Julie Hallenbeck

My brother was an amazing person; something I knew from the very beginning. You of course are his best legacy. But also his teaching, research, mentorship and publications mean that his influence will continue to grow and spread in countless ways. He impacted so many lives; and I was blessed to be one of them.

Benjamin Noelle

Through it all, Uncle Pat never lost his sense of humor and humbleness. I'll always remember how brave he was and feel very lucky he was my Uncle.

Teresa Alper

Patrick was an amazing person - a true inspiration to us all.

Noel and Lynn Burke

Patrick never lost his youthful curiosity and was a great traveller who inspired others to embrace life and all its challenges with a good-natured smile. He will be missed and fondly remembered.

Maddy Killefer

He was so very proud of his children. How amazing that his brief return to energy and health allowed him to be with you honoring your exhibit and work and that we could share his happiness at the beach.

Adrienne Eiser

The parents of your 'formative' friends become a part of your life... if you're lucky. And I was. PH helped shape me, just as much as my own parents.





Campbell Killefer

Patrick was a modern Renaissance man---accomplished scientist, naturalist & explorer, inventive cook, humorist & punster, music lover, mechanical handyman, devoted family man, always welcomed friends with his wry smile, who embraced the plentiful goodness that life offers us.

If I had synthesized his admirable traits in my mind and spoken Italian, I should have called my Renaissance friend Patrizio.

Patricia Seator and Richard Skorman

We met Patrick and Carole shortly after they moved to Colorado Springs and became fast friends. We loved Patrick's gentle and thoughtful nature and always looked forward to our time with him. We quickly realized his brilliance and enjoyed hearing about his incredible scientific work. During COVID, we relied on him for advice for our businesses and our City. When Patrick became ill, no matter how difficult his treatments were, he never complained. What a great example he was. We miss him very much.





Zeynep Yilmazer Hitit, PhD

I am so grateful to him and so lucky to had a chance to work with him. He was shinning, encouraging, inspiring and showing the path to all his students. He always likes sharing all his experience both in science, family and life. Wish I could have more time with him to learn more from him. He is and will be the most memorable person in my life. When I achieve something, first I thank to my dear Prof. for being my Prof. This is an amazing encouragement in my life. Hoping to honour him with my studies and in every aspects. Wishing to be like him. Rest in peace my dear Prof. Dr. Hallenbeck. PS: His unforgettable words, "Why not go a head! Family is the first! See you all one sunny day!"

Alexander Yakunin, PhD

He was a great scientist and nice person with a good sense of humour, supporting all people around him, students, postdocs, and colleagues. I am very grateful for all the support and help he provided to me.



Guillaume Sabourin, PhD

I remember my time in Patrick's lab fondly. The image that comes to mind when thinking of Patrick is him sitting in his office with his wooden pipe and very "seasoned" coffee mug.

Carolina Zampol, PhD

Dr Hallenbeck will be missed worldwide as a great scientist and human being. I'm eternally grateful for his help.

Yuan Liu, PhD

I think his spirit, his positive way towards life, will always be with us. I had many teachers in my studying years, but he is undoubtedly the best, the most knowledgeable one, and will always be my mentor.

Carolina Zampol, PhD

Dr. Hallenbeck changed the course of my life when he offered me an opportunity to work in his lab

Ilham KRID

Dr Hallenbeck gave me a chance and the opportunity to do my Master degree at UDM. He believed on me and I am glad I met him, he has a great heart.

Jacques Thibodeau, PhD

He was highly respected and a role model for us all. He was a good friend and my lab neighbour for more than 15 years. I still miss our discussions in the corridors....he was always showing interest in my stories.

Enfel Khelili-Houas, PhD

He is such this person we need to meet in our life, he brings positive thoughts and is always there to encourage us to move forward; There is a sentence that Pr Hallenbeck told me one day, and I will never forget this; when I was a very small intern, this sentence accompanied me during all my university studies and also in my life: He said in french: "Dans la vie, il y a des personnes qui ne nous aident pas et qui sont là pour dire des choses négatives, il faudra absolument les éviter, je te le conseille"...

Mona Abo-Hashesh, PhD

Prof. Hallenbeck has been an inspiration to me and all people who dealt with him closely. he will be sorely missed

Lamia Ouali

I have fond memories of his generosity, openness and humanity. I will love him forever!





