



## Mr. John B. Pate A.K.A. "Mickey"

October 10, 1944 - April 8, 2020

JOHN B. PATE was a wonderful man, who was an amazing father, son, brother and friend. John was affectionately known by his family and friends as "Mickey." He has truly left a great legacy for everyone to remember. John's journey started on October 10, 1944 to the late Roena and Roosevelt Garrett. He was born in Arkansas, however the family moved to Memphis, Tennessee for a short period of time. The family resided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where John spent most of his childhood till his passing. He was the oldest of seven children, two sisters and four brothers. As the oldest sibling, he naturally acquired the role as the family's protector.

In the early years, John attended 8th Street Elementary School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he enjoyed listening to music and spending time with his friends. He later attended North Division High School, where he graduated with the class of 1964. John took an early liking in sports and joined the football and baseball team at North Division. As a youth, John and his brother, Julius, spent a significant amount of time with their Uncle Charlie.

John accredited learning much of his morals and values from his uncle which John took into his adulthood.

From North Division High School, John attended college at Milwaukee Area Technical College where he excelled on the basketball team. After graduating, John became gainfully employed in the Milwaukee area at A.O. Smith,

Continental Cans, and Miller Brewery for many years John's greatest blessing was the birth of his two sons Brian Keith-Gray and D'Angelo Tony- Watts.

In 1975 John, Bert Rakow, and Jarvis Jones formed a partnership to open Bert's Worldwide Fabrics & Fashion Design Center. It was located on the corner of Fond Du Lac Avenue and Capital Drive. The mission was to search for the world for exquisite and unique fabrics and included a Custom Design Center for upscale clients seeking couture. John was responsible for creating and executing a marketing plan that would hit Milwaukee with a Bang! He produced European type Fashion Shows featuring Designs by Jarvis showcasing Bert's Worldwide Fabrics. Pictures of the Fabric Store is remembered as part of Milwaukee's Business History at the Milwaukee Public Library.

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

6401 N. 43rd St.  
Milwaukee, WI

# Previous Events

## Visitation Only

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel  
6630 W. Hampton Ave  
Milwaukee, WI

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ *John Pate was my father. A father I have learned has passed away. If anyone can connect me to my brothers or my extended family - please do. I have searched for my father for a long time - to know he has left this life is painful.*

Kathi Moses - September 08, 2020 at 08:26 PM

AP

*Hello am . micky first cousin I do know how to get in touch This Andrea pate my cell is 404 789-8726 I will be glad to give u there number*

Andrea pate - June 17, 2025 at 10:57 AM

AP

*And they would love to here from u*

Andrea pate - June 17, 2025 at 10:58 AM

KW

“ *We send our condolences and prayers to the family.  
Much love  
The O. C. White Family*

Kathy White - April 22, 2020 at 04:49 PM

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billy - April 18, 2020 at 02:29 AM

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billy - April 18, 2020 at 01:57 AM

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“ Mickie was a large presence in our lives and in our home. He was Bo's best friend and best man at our wedding. They laughed together and of course, argued together. Sometimes it was as if they were joined at the hip. This loss for Bo is hurting him immensely. There is, and will always be, a large hole in his heart for quite some time. Mickey was part of the "family." We send our condolences to his loved ones. -- Bo (James) Wilson & Marilyn Schultz (posted by P. Beck).

Pauline Beck - April 17, 2020 at 12:56 PM

CG

“ You will be miss brother in-law

clarence grace - April 15, 2020 at 04:54 PM

TG

“ My condolences to Mickey's family. Although I have not seen Mickey in quite a while, he has a special place in my heart. .

Tina Grace

Tina Grace - April 13, 2020 at 01:31 PM

PB

“ *Mickey, we'll miss your humor, sense of fun, and interest in others!  
My condolences to the family, and his many friends! - Pauline Fig*

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**Pauline Beck** - April 12, 2020 at 02:33 PM

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**Pauline Beck** - April 12, 2020 at 02:27 PM