



**Paul Lynch Pratt**, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, died peacefully at his home in Georgetown, Texas on July 2, 2024, due to heart failure at the age of eighty-five.

Born on September 4, 1938, in Burlington, Vermont, Paul was the son of Paul S. Pratt and Alice M. Pratt. Paul had three siblings, the late Joyce Pratt Dowd, his brother James Lee Pratt and sister Carolyn Pratt Yarnell. Paul's early years were spent working in the family dairy business where he learned the value of hard work. Paul told his children his first vehicle was a milk truck, and he learned to drive by making deliveries of bottled milk to customers of his father's dairy in the 1950's, back when milkmen delivered fresh milk in glass bottles to the home.

Paul graduated from Cathedral High School in 1956 and from Saint Michael's College in 1960 both in Burlington, Vermont. After graduation from college, Paul enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served on the Admiral's staff aboard the U.S.S. Boston, a guided missile cruiser and flagship, taking part in exercises off the coasts of Northern Europe, the Caribbean and the eastern United States.

After being honorably discharged from the navy, Paul met his wife, Irene J. Pratt, in March 1964, and they married on January 23, 1965. In 1965, Paul began a thirty-year career with the IBM corporation as a human resources specialist who, over the course of his career, worked in recruiting, employee benefits, and management. Paul's career with IBM brought him to Austin, Texas in 1975.

Paul's greatest joy in life was his family. Paul is survived by his wife of 59 years, Irene, their children David Lee (Christine) Pratt of Dallas, Texas, and Suzanne Pratt (Jeff) Farrell of Austin, Texas, and his four grandchildren Sarah Jane Farrell, Jack Austin Farrell, David Bradley Pratt, and William Bennett Pratt.