



James Michael Dougan

May 17, 1933 - September 16, 2020

James Michael (“Jim”) Dougan, aged 87, died peacefully on September 16 at the SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Healthcare.

Jim was born May 17, 1933 in Milngavie, Scotland, the son of James Butler Dougan and Annie Hegarty Dougan. He moved to the United States in 1957 and in 1962, he married the love of his life, Kathleen P. Dougan, after meeting her at an Irish dance in New York City. Together they raised two children, Mary Elizabeth Adamik of Apex, NC, and James Paul Dougan, of Washington, DC, and have been blessed with two grandchildren, Elizabeth Adamik Gallagher of Danbury, CT and Rebecca Adamik of Cary, NC.

Jim worked for IBM in East Fishkill, NY for over 25 years until his retirement in 1992. His true loves were music and art, which he passed on to his children. Jim played the guitar, piano, and clarinet, and sang in a beautiful tenor voice. Jim was an accomplished draftsman and often drew for fun or for the amusement of his family. He had a warm, wonderful sense of humor, and always had a joke or funny story ready, often punctuated with different voices and accents to make them all more entertaining. He was also an avid golfer, which was the source of many of his jokes and funny stories. Many golfing partners said that he had one of the sweetest natural golf swings they had ever seen.

Jim was active in his churches at St. Joseph's, Millbrook, NY and St. Francis, Raleigh, NC. At St. Joseph's, he was a longtime member of the folk group, and sang and played guitar at Mass nearly every Sunday for decades. He was also a composer, writing music to accompany the "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" which is now copyrighted with a music publisher. His version of "Our Father" was the staple of Sunday Masses at St. Joseph's for nearly his entire time at the parish. He was also active at St. Francis, and was a devoted volunteer at Catholic Parish Outreach, Raleigh. Family, friends, and neighbors all remember Jim as an incredibly kind, generous man.

Jim is survived by his brother, John Dougan of Willow Street, PA, his daughter and son, his son-in-law Rev. George Adamik of Apex, NC, his daughter-in-law Rachel Dougan of Washington, DC, his two grandchildren, and many beloved friends and extended family members.

There will be a small private memorial service held at St. Francis Church, Raleigh, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent in his name to causes dear to his heart: (1) Catholic Parish Outreach, 2015 North Raleigh Boulevard, Raleigh, NC 27604, also reachable at 919-873-0245 or www.cporaleigh.org; or (2) the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate).

The Dougan family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at the SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan Hospice Home for their attentiveness, kindness, and care for Jim over the course of his last few days, and to the staff at Spring Arbor Cary for their kindness and care over the last few months.

Previous Events

Private Graveside

SEP **19** (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
11401 Leesville Rd
Raleigh, NC 27613

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Mary & Jimmy,*

Your parents taught me everything about kindness, open~mindedness, and huge influence in my life. Thank you for sharing them with me over the years I know your Dad is with your Mom, I can't see them anyplace but together.. I love you & miss you both.

Monica

MONICA BROWN - September 22, 2020 at 06:52 PM

MB

“ *Jim and Kathleen were an adorable couple. Jim missed Kathleen very much. He was always a bright light at our senior meetings. Rest in peace gentle man.*

Maria Becallo - September 20, 2020 at 07:58 PM

VV

“ *Jim was a funny guy. I always enjoyed his little quips and sense of humor. He always kept us laughing. RIP Jim.*

Vincent Vitale - September 19, 2020 at 05:30 PM

CB

“ *One of the finest men I have ever known.*

Chuck Bowen - September 19, 2020 at 02:20 PM

DH

“ We always enjoyed taking the 2 fast roads and one slow road to go visit Uncle Jim, Aunt Kathleen, Mary, and Jimmy. Uncle Jim (and Aunt Kathleen) always made us feel so loved and welcomed. I feel blessed that I was able to spend a week with him in Scotland to celebrate the life of his sister. He was so funny and easy to talk to. Love to you all ❤️

Dana Hollar - September 19, 2020 at 08:54 AM

NG

“ Heartfelt condolences Mary and Jimmy. Your dad was kindness and fun. He was so loved. He made journey to Scotland to see his sister and her family when she needed him. He was so good to us. May he rest safely with Jesus. Love to your families
Nancy Green, Kinross, Scotland

nancy Green - September 19, 2020 at 03:00 AM

JG

Remembering Uncle Jim with love as he celebrates his first year with Our Lord. He was always kind and welcoming. I will always remember how he was truly interested in each of our lives and spent time in conversation with each of us.

Jeannie Orso Grey - September 10, 2021 at 04:37 AM

PB

“ Dear Mary and Jimmy,
My heart, my thoughts and my prayers are with you both during this very sad and difficult time. Your Dad (and your Mom) were two of the kindest and most generous and most loving friends I ever had. I have so many wonderful memories of times we shared together from the time they moved in across the street from my family on Horseshoe Road. Singing with your Dad at St. Joseph's Church in Millbrook was a lovely time in my life. I also loved just walking across the street any time or any day and being able to sit and chat with both of your living oarents while having a cup of tea and a biscuit. Did you know that your parents were the Godparents of our second son Kevin and I know he too will be very sad to hear about Jim. Unfortunately the last time we saw Jim was on our trip to the East Coast in the summer of 2014. Jim will be missed by our whole Greene/ Bowen family. With deepest sympathy, Pat Greene Bowen

Patricia Greene Bowen - September 19, 2020 at 12:31 AM

GY

“ Mary and Jim, The Yellen family sends our condolences and prayers that your memories of your father and all the gifts he shared bring you great comfort. My earliest awareness of politics came from the McGovern sticker on your parents' car and the discussions it brought to our dinner table! I also remember with great joy the group guitar lessons around your living room in Fishkill. Your family now has two powerful intercessors in heaven. With love, Gail Yellen-Shiring

gail Yellen - September 19, 2020 at 12:14 AM