

Dr. James "Jim" Kaufman

05/31/1923 - 05/17/2020



Obituary for Dr. James "Jim" Kaufman

Kaufman, Dr. Jim, C.D., M.D., F.R.C.P.(C) NO ORDINARY MAN May 31,

Dr. Jim passed away peacefully at his home on May 17, 2020, 2 weeks before his 97th birthday. He was a devoted husband to his wife Sharon and family. The son of John Kaufman and Murie Kaufman, he was preceded in death by his brother Kurt Roy. Also preceded by his sister and brother in law Harold Crigger, grandsons Sean Almond and Taylor Kaufman and son in law Bernie (Gord Almond), Cheryl, Mike, Ange (Brett Cunningham), and Courtney. Grandchildren James, Bobby, Spencer, Colton Kaufman, Brittany Cosquer, Ja Keegan Burgess. Also survived by mother in law Dorothy Crigger, as well as nephews. Jim was a very special Uncle to Maggie Messer and MaryJo Wolf and many nieces.

Dedication to a life of service started with humble beginnings as he carried a reasonable fee of a nickel, which paid his admission to a duster film at the Cactus. He then moved on to riding the rails. His love of trains was born.

Jim then traded in his time riding the rails and joined the Air Force at the age of 18. A positive tuberculosis test sent him to a Sanatorium for two years. His love of travel would have many cross-Canada trips in their little Cessna.

Jim was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School, as well as the Universities of Toronto and Western Ontario. His professional career included Medical Director, St. Thomas Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Officer, Elgin Regiment; Private Practice Psychiatry, St. Thomas; C.D. Board. An unrelenting passion and work ethic drove Jim to excel at changing the world.

In parallel to his professional career, Jim enjoyed membership and camaraderie with his friends (who we are told always looked forward to Jim's "coloured" stories), Canadian Club, long parishioner of Holy Angels' Church, dating back to his days as an altar boy.

Jim spent most of his time in his two favourite places, his Shack and The Sha

backyard oasis. Here Jim spent countless hours covered in saw dust and paint feeders, and many other treasures. The Shack refers to his cottage, where he s overlooking Lake Erie. Jim also loved garaging with his son-in-law accompli cent drill, another piece of pinwheel crystal for his sweetie, or an animal stuff those treasures past the watchful eye at home.

Jim's wish would be for us all to see the beauty of nature and marvel, as he d life and always said there was not enough time for him to learn all he wanted all the blessings of life was truly contagious to all those who knew him.

On Jim's behalf, Sharon, Mark, and Courtney wish to thank Dr. Rick Goodhe care, and friendship. We would also like to thank the staff at STEGH and VO Sister Mary Boere for her many visits to Jim during his "little bumps in the r

Donations in memory of Jim may be made to the charity of choice.

Due to the present circumstances, a private family service will be held on Fri Williams Funeral Home, 45 Elgin St., St. Thomas in charge or arrangements.

GUEST BOOK

Dear Cheryl, I have fond memories of your Father as Medical Director at St f everyone he saw whether it was in the hospital or attending mass on Sunday's time he would spend on the Forensic unit reviewing collaboratively with the steps prior to annual review boards. He was a remarkable role model. Treasur

My deepest sympathy to Jim's family on the loss of a fine gentleman , whose colleagues to manage the edicts that emanated from Queens Park. As a fellow for his colleagues. Dr. Ben Goldberg

I first met Jim when I was a Resident in Psychiatry at STPH in 1965. At that and his practical approach to Psychiatry. We occasionally met over the follow at STPH as his successor. I quickly learned of the high esteem all staff felt to Administrator. Their creative planning and reorganization saved STPH from STPH, Jim dropped in one sunny morning, and said we needed to inspect the ride in his plane over the hospital and down over Port Stanley. I was extremel admin assistants (secretaries) and my only grievance with Jim was that he sto family at this time.

Dear Sharon, Courtney and family, Bob and I send our deepest condolences as we could never look at him without smiling. He seemed to wear a constant smile and will be greatly missed. Treasure the memories. Much love to you all.

At 16 years old I worked at the OH part time in the kitchen. Dr Kaufman seen as a classmate of Mikes from St Gabriels. He went out of his way to strike up a conversation about hockey. It was a brief conversation but the brevity was unimportant. He talked to me and made me feel significant at a time in my life it probably mattered. My sincere condolences to Mike and the entire family.

My condolences to Sharon and his family. I have lots of fond memories of Jim through the Golden K meetings. He was a remarkable man. He also had an uncle Ken Bocking