



James Dougherty

August 12, 1945 - May 21, 2016

James. F Dougherty, 70, Murrells Inlet, SC

Jim Dougherty passed away suddenly Saturday, May 21, 2016. He was born August 12, 1945 in Wilmington, Delaware, the son of James and Mary Dougherty.

He was a graduate of Carson-Newman College with a degree in Political Science. He started his career as a history teacher and basketball coach at both Holy Cross High School and Caesar Rodney High School in Dover, Delaware.

He then went on to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation working in the Newark, Trenton, Atlantic City, and Red Bank offices. He retired in 2001 after 22 years of service.

He ended his career in healthcare working for Americhoice and United Health Care, retiring officially in 2011.

Jim was an avid golfer and spent his last moments on earth doing what he loved.

He loved his family more than anything. He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Connie Dougherty, his two children, Brendan Dougherty (Jonna) of Myrtle Beach, SC, Meaghan Anderson (Mark) of Maynard, MA, 4 grandchildren, Cruz Dougherty and Knox Dougherty of Myrtle Beach, SC and Harper Anderson and Paige Anderson of Maynard, MA. He is also survived by his sister Mary Ann Murch (Charlie) of Myrtle Beach, SC and his best friend of

over 60 years Harry Alexander (Mary) of Wilmington, Delaware.

The Delaware funeral services will be held at 11 am Saturday, July 23, 2016 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, 809 S Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19805.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association

In http://act.alz.org/site/TR?pg=personal&px=8329091&fr_id=9034

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Michael Catholic Church
542 Cypress Ave
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
(843) 651-3737

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Connie, Brendan, and Meaghan,
Jim was in my New Agent's Class at the FBI in Quantico, Virginia in
early 1971. He was always friendly, helpful, and a joy to be around. I
only wish I could have served with him later on in our Bureau
careers. That would have been an honor.
We all will miss you Jim.
Brockman C. Self 1971 - 1999*

Brockman C. Self - June 06, 2016 at 05:40 PM

BP

“ *Mrs. Dougherty, Brendan, and Meaghan,
My thoughts are with you all. Although Mr. Dougherty is no longer
with us, I clearly remember his impact during our baseball years as
if it were yesterday. He assigned me my first nickname, bewildered
me by catching my fastball with his bare hands, and always had a
jovial attitude. I'll never forget the many nights our families gathered
after games where the parents enjoyed themselves just as much as
the kids, and then went on to build lasting relationships.*

We'll miss you!

Bryan Partyka

Bryan Partyka - May 31, 2016 at 02:45 PM

DW

“*Connie, Brendan, and Meaghan,
You have my deepest sympathy concerning Jim's passing. His loss comes as a shock to all of us who knew and worked with him for so many years in the FBI. Jim was among the greatest story tellers of all time, and he would have all of us laughing at his inexhaustible collection of stories about basketball, the antics of not-so-bright bank robbers, and life in general. In summary, Jim made life fun and made long days pass quickly. He was a good man, and I will miss him greatly.*

Dave Williams

Dave Williams - May 26, 2016 at 07:28 PM

MI

Is this the James was so kind and caring in the rescue of Cheryl Kramer? She was one of the victims listed back when missing kids were advertised on milk cartons. She was kidnapped for 2 yrs? If so, my condolences. She spoke well of him and they caught the perpetrator.

That is the FBI I know. -wife of retired Agent

Michelle - February 23, 2021 at 08:00 PM

BD

Yes that was my dad. I was young then and he did not talk about his job much but he did talk about her. He worked extremely hard to make sure she came home. I remember how happy he was when they called our house and said they found her. Thank you!! You just made my Father's Day

Brendan Dougherty - June 20, 2021 at 11:01 PM

BD

Yes that was my dad! I was young when that was going on but I remember how happy he was when they called and said they found her and caught him!! Thank you!! That just made my Father's Day!!

Brendan Dougherty - June 20, 2021 at 11:03 PM

EA

“ *Connie, Brenden, Meaghan*

We were shocked to hear to hear of your loss of Jim. Having your family as a neighbor in New Jersey for many years was like family. Watching the children grow up are memories to have and cherish for you at this time. Again, Janet and I offer our condolences. RIP Jim.

*Ed, Janet Auletta & Family
Trenton, NJ*

Edward Auletta - May 26, 2016 at 08:56 AM

EP

“ *Jim had an infectious enthusiasm for baseball and coaching little league. I will never forget the summer he led my son's Nottingham Little League All-Star team to a State Championship. He taught the boys more than just baseball skills, he instilled life skills. Thank you for the wonderful memories..*

*You were one of a kind and will be greatly missed.
Eileen Schnall-Porada*

Eileen Porada - May 26, 2016 at 07:45 AM

JM

“ *I worked with Jim at AmeriChoice until 2009. Jim always talked about moving to Myrtle Beach and his love of golf. As fate would have it, my husband and I moved to Myrtle Beach in 2013 and don't you know he wound up in the same Saturday golf league as Jim. RIP Jim, Joyce Manning*

Joyce Manning - May 25, 2016 at 07:26 PM



“ *We miss you so much, Uncle Jimmy! We always laughed when you were around. Life of the party! It comforts us to know you are where you belong, up in heaven. Dance with Mommom for us!*

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:26

Julie House - May 25, 2016 at 10:13 AM

JN

“ *You will meet people in your life's journey that may never know how they impacted your life. Coach was one of those individuals that had a profound influence on me. From overcoming the challenges on the court that translated to overcoming life's challenges. Many lessons learned that I use in my daily life. What is comforting to know is there are others like me who have had the same experience and that they will be playing these lessons forward to thier families and friends. In doing so his spirt and passion will be living on and on. Thank you Coach. I am very grateful to have known you.*

John Normoyle

John Normoyle - May 25, 2016 at 10:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Dougherty.*



May 25, 2016 at 09:57 AM

CW

“ Besides high school, I remember him from cedar and broom streets, playing stickball in the schoolyard. Willie Matarese, johnny pietuszka, and jimmy spent summers there, and playing cards in the shade of the school on intermissions. All gone now but I bet playing again up there. Hope they all rest in peace. He always commented on our Alumnis passings, so nice of him. Rip, jimmy.

cecilia tyrrell watkins - May 25, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ Nick and I always looked forward to seeing you at mass every week at 4 pm mass. You always had a smile on your face. My sistet Patty and husband Frank thought highly of you. May you test in peace. Deep sympathy to Connie and family

Juliet Madeo Turano - May 25, 2016 at 04:54 AM

JM

“ Jim and I attended St Paul School in Wilmington and again at St Elizabeth High School. In 1964 Jim and I went to NYC. We saw "Golden Boy" with Sammy Davis. Jim was a pretty good actor too...He played opposite my cousin Virginia Boyer in St E's "Stardust". He later played Nels in "I Remember Mama".
RIP Jim

Joe Morris

Joe Morris - May 24, 2016 at 07:28 PM

SJ

“ *To the Dougherty Family:*

I owe a great deal to Coach Dougherty, he had a great influence on me as a gentlemen, a player, and as an individual. He always told me working hard will always pay off. I will always cherish his guidance and encouragement he gave me growing up and will continue to do so. Rest in peace Coach, from all us on a job well done!

Stephen N. Skabla Jr.

Stephen N. Skabla Jr. - May 24, 2016 at 06:07 PM

JP

“ *Mrs. Dougherty, Brendan, Meg & all Extended Family-*

I truly have no words to express the sadness I feel over the passing of your Dad. Your Dad was present for so many milestones in my life both in my childhood and adult life. I fondly remember sharing soccer games, Nottingham Little League baseball games, weekend Masses, funny jokes/stories, delicious family meals at your parents house in NJ with your Dad and so much more. Your Dad may not have known it but through all of this he was always teaching Meg & I what it meant to be a good person and family man. As Meg & I got older your Dad shared in the celebration of my marriage and the birth of my children. I can picture him now coming out on the dance floor at my wedding to have fun and dance. His smile and laugh was contagious. His love for your Mother was beautiful and unconditional. Mr. Dougherty will always hold a very special place in my heart. I am honored to have known him for the majority of my life and to have called him my friend. Heaven has gained another Angel, that is for sure. God Bless you all.

Jaclyn Pein

Jaclyn Pein - May 24, 2016 at 05:51 PM

SS

“ Many knew Jim as a brave FBI man in the Garden State! However, my memories of Jim stem more from his coaching acumen on the baseball diamond. He had a natural ability to combine consistent correct fundamental teaching with positive life lesson training which made him a difference-maker with youngster's.
My deepest sympathy to Jim's family!

steve schnall - May 24, 2016 at 02:55 PM

BD

“ Wishing your family peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in their hearts. Jim you inspired everyone that met you. It was an honor to know and work with you!

Bob Downey

Bob Downey - May 24, 2016 at 11:21 AM

MM

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of Jim's family . He will always be remembered for that huge personality ! So glad we were able to visit with him a couple of years ago with Mary Ann and Charley. He loved you with all he had .

Love, Marianne, Joe, Melissa and Trisha Murch

Marianne Murch - May 24, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Dougherty.*



May 24, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ *Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Dougherty.*



May 24, 2016 at 10:32 AM



“ *I worked with Jim in Newark. I will forever remember him with a smile on his face and a joke on the tip of his tongue. Love you Jim. May you rest in eternal peace.*



Rosa - May 24, 2016 at 10:03 AM



“ *Enjoyed playing golf with you on Saturdays. Your laughs and humor will be missed. Prayers and thoughts to the family. God Bless. Phil Manring.*

Phil Manring - May 24, 2016 at 07:51 AM

HA

“ *How lucky we were to have you with us on life's journey. Until we meet again, we miss you.*

Harry & Mary

harry alexander - May 24, 2016 at 06:52 AM

FA

“ *My prayers and condolences to Jim's family. We were classmates and team mates at St. Elizabeth's. The male population at the school in those days was pretty small so we did a lot of things together. I was sorry Jim was unable to attend our 50th reunion but I was able to follow him via his Facebook postings. I wish you all God's strength and peace at this difficult time.*

Fr. Chet Artysiewicz

Fr, Chet Artysiewicz - May 23, 2016 at 09:36 PM



“ *Mr. Dougherty was my Political Science teacher and our Boys Basketball Coach at Holy Cross High School. He expected your best and I know from the boys who played for him, he demanded their best. He was faithful once we reconnected to encourage and be uplifting. I am thankful for his influence and as an adult realize he wanted all his students to excel. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Thank you Mrs. Dougherty for sharing him with us.*

*Debrah Turner Nash
Class of '73, Holy Cross High School*

Debrah Nash - May 23, 2016 at 08:22 PM

LW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers. Thank you Coach!*

Lawrence Weis - May 23, 2016 at 08:18 PM

ET

“ As a classmate of Jim, I am sad to learn about his passing. The class of 1963 was small but great! 60 girls and 6 boys as I remember. I will keep Jim and his family in my prayers. He was a great teenager, and so I know he was a good man.

With prayers,

Eileen Twardowski

Eileen Twardowski - May 23, 2016 at 08:11 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Dougherty.



May 23, 2016 at 07:16 PM

RL

“ Mr. Dougherty was my basketball coach and political science teacher. I will forever remember him and the influence that he had on my life.

Robert Louie - May 23, 2016 at 07:07 PM

NJ

“ Mary Ann and Charlie and the family of Jim, our deepest sympathies to you all. May Jim rest in peace. Remember him as a neighbor and pride of your parents as a kid growing up on Lancaster Ave. We did not know you moved Mary Ann.. Prayers for strength to get you through this difficult time.

Nora and Ray Jubb - May 23, 2016 at 06:24 PM

RM

“ To The Dougerty Family. I'm so sorry for the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. I live in Columbia, but I met Jim playing with the Saturday golf group in MB. The first time we played together, somehow we discovered we both had attended and played b'ball at North Greenville Junior College. He was so excited, as he was most of the time I knew him.. when we got up to the next tee, he was telling the other two guys about the coincidence and turns out one of them had also attended NG. He told that story over and over the years we played together. What a loss I know you all are feeling now. Please know that others share in your loss. May the comfort and peace of warm memories fill the emptiness in your hearts at this time and for years to come.

Reggie Murphy - May 23, 2016 at 05:45 PM

BB

“ Became friends with "Doc" when he coached at Holy Cross and I coached at Friends...It was always fun to see him and we had some great games.....We kept in touch...He was an amazing person..I can see how he touched many lives at Holy Cross and beyond.....I send my thoughts and prayers to his family. RIP "Doc".....I am so sorry for your loss....

Bix Bush - May 23, 2016 at 05:14 PM

GC

To Connie, Brendan, Meaghan and all in the extended Dougherty Family, I cannot express in words my extreme sadness for your loss, our loss. Jim was loved by all in the New Jersey FBI Family. As one of his academy suite mates, and partners in the Newark Division, Jim was an honored and trusted FBI Brother of the highest integrity. Although all we have are fond memories, it will never match Jim's personal and caring spirit, and gift of "story telling" which would always bring a smile to all that knew him and laughter in the toughest of times. My prayers are with all of you. May our Heavenly Father bless and comfort all that loved him...Garey Chin

Garey Chin - May 24, 2016 at 07:13 AM

SJ

*To the Dougherty Family,
Coach was a great personal influence in my life. I owe a tremendous amount to him for forming me as a gentleman, a player, and as an individual. He always gave me the encouragement to try harder, put in the work and it will pay off. His advice and encouragement will for always be with me. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Stephen N. Skabla Jr.*

Stephen Nicholas Skabla Jr. - May 24, 2016 at 11:30 AM

JR

*I met "JD" in 1992 when he took over supervision of the Violent Crime Squad of the FBI's Newark Division. Jim inherited a bunch of young impressionable agents and some very experienced police officers and detectives. Jim's professionalism, caring and most of all humor was a much needed tonic for a very demanding job in a very challenging city. Jim was also there for me during one of the most traumatic experiences of my life. I will never forget his laugh or his story telling ability and there were countless. I will miss you, my Irish friend. My prayers are with your family. Rest in Peace.
Joe Riley*

Joe Riley - May 26, 2016 at 05:05 AM