



James W. Duncan

March 25, 1935 - March 14, 2015

James Walter Duncan of Saline, MI, surrounded by his family, went to be with his Lord and Saviour on Saturday, March 14, 2015 after a lengthy illness. James was born in Grand Rapids, MI in 1935, to Walter and Hannah (Pearson) Duncan. James obtained his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Economics from the University of Michigan, where he also played the clarinet in the U of M Marching Band. James spent thirty-five years at University Microfilms International/ProQuest where he was Vice President of Manufacturing. He was beloved by his employees and colleagues, and he held in high regard all the people he worked with over his career. He and his wife Marcia, were privileged to restore the Old First Methodist Church of Saline where they had their store, The Calico Cat Book and Gift Shoppe, for many years. James and his wife were one of five founding families of Huron Hills Baptist Church in Ann Arbor, MI, where he served as finance director during the construction of the building, and then later served as treasurer. He also served on the Scio Township Board for many years. James' hobbies included reading, fishing, boating, and restoring buildings in Manchester and Saline. He loved spending time with his family and vacationing at Glen Lake in Northern Michigan. Survivors include his beloved wife Marcia, of 58 years; daughter Beth, (Dan Ragle) of Milan, MI; son James, (Blanca) of California; son Eric of Whitmore Lake; daughter Leslie, (Kip Read) of Ypsilanti, MI; and three grandsons, Jonah Duncan, Ashton Caleb, and Hunter Tristan Read. Other survivors include his older brother Donald Duncan of Minneapolis, and

younger brother Jack, (Shirley) Duncan of Indiana; sister-in-law Laurie, (Dennis Bayma) of Virginia, and brother-in-law Fritz, (Judy) Miller of Arizona. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, March 27, 2015 at 11:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Saline, with Rev. Dr. James E. Tuttle officiating. Burial will take place at Oakwood Cemetery, Saline. A Luncheon will follow at the church. In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Kidney Foundation, or the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Michigan. Envelopes will be available at the church where friends may begin calling on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and on Friday, March 27, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. To sign James' guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 26. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Visitation

MAR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Funeral Service

MAR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Graveside Service

MAR 27. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery
227 West Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176

Luncheon

MAR 27. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *James W. Duncan*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dear Marcia and Family,*

Jim was my much beloved older cousin. I had the privilege of working closely with him picking cherries on the "farm" in Michigan when I was a child, attending your wedding, enjoying your wonderful hospitality when I was a student in Ann Arbor, and meeting you for dinner and visiting Jim in the dialysis unit at UVA on your visits Charlottesville. He was wonderful you know so well. Gifted with a keen intellect, he was so exceptionally thoughtful and caring. For as long as I can remember, he was a very special role model for me and much loved by my parents, Ed and Marie.

I hoped that Janet and I would be able to make the trip north, but several issues arose here last week, and the trip was not possible. You have been and remain in our thoughts and prayers at a time of great loss and a shared hope in the resurrection.

Love, Dick and Janet

*Richard D. Pearson
1441 Grove Road
Charlottesville, VA 22901
434 296-2800*

Dick Pearson - March 28, 2015 at 03:16 PM

DD

“ Donald A. Duncan purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of James W. Duncan.



Donald A. Duncan - March 25, 2015 at 01:11 PM

SL

“ Susan Smoter, Melissa Weisberg and Lisa Lewis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of James W. Duncan.



Susan Smoter, Melissa Weisberg and Lisa Lewis - March 24, 2015 at 03:12 PM

LF

“ Love, Judy & Fritz purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "I thought of you" for the family of James W. Duncan.



Love, Judy & Fritz - March 24, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James W. Duncan.



March 23, 2015 at 03:45 PM

JK

“ Dear Duncan family i am so sorry for your loss. Leslie we went to school together and i remember when you lived in town on main street. Your parents always made everyone welcome and your dad was always a great listener he will be missed but remember he will be watching over all of you and always in your heart if you every need anything you can always count on your facebook friends we are all family.

janey koch and family.

janey koch - March 21, 2015 at 04:35 PM

RW

“ Jim and I were classmates at Grand Rapids South High School, and candidates for Student Council office on the same "party ticket!" Jim won his race (for Treasurer); I lost! We shared a lot of interests beyond Student Council, and we remained close friends throughout high school, with the inevitable drift thereafter. But it was always a special joy to see him at class reunions.

I remember Jim as a person of great integrity, with a superbly pleasant personality, great musical talent and impressive intellect. If it's possible for me to make the trip from Cleveland, I hope to be at his memorial service, and I will surely hold him in my prayers.

*(The Rev'd) Robert A. Winter
Berea, Ohio*

Robert A. Winter - March 20, 2015 at 02:43 PM

WD

“ Dear Marcia, So many precious memories of Jim and of you come flooding in at this time of loss. My heart and prayers are with you and I know you will be carried by our Lord's Grace through these days. Your friend in Him, Bill DeVries

William C. DeVries - March 19, 2015 at 03:54 PM

MZ

“ I will always remember Jim as a friendly kind man who would always acknowledge you in the halls of UMI at Zeeb Rd or when you saw him at Calico Cat in Saline. My heart and prayers go out the Duncan Family. May you find peace from the many memories you shared over the years.
Mary Kay Zielinski

Mary Kay Zielinski - March 18, 2015 at 10:45 AM

JH

“ Julie H. purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of James W. Duncan.



Julie H. - March 18, 2015 at 01:10 AM

SH

“ To The Duncan Family, we are so sad to hear of your loss. Jim was a kind, sweet, gentle man with a beautiful family. We so love Beth and are feeling her pain of the loss of her father whom she dearly loved. I had the opportunity to meet Marcia who was equally as gentle and kind. Doug and I hold the whole family in our prayers. We both know that loosing a father is like loosing the "rock" in your family. Hold the memories tight as they were made for a reason, like now. Love and Hugs to all, Shirley and Doug, Tiffany and Scott

Shirley - March 17, 2015 at 11:46 AM

JD

“ Jim, a big brother who was always there when needed, no matter how trivial the task - kind, considerate, caring, thoughtful. A perfect big brother was Jim in many ways. Now Jim's asleep in Jesus. Jack

Jack Duncan - March 16, 2015 at 06:14 PM

LJ

“ little brother, Jack purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James W. Duncan.



little brother, Jack - March 16, 2015 at 06:04 PM

MK

“ I remember Jim as a very kind man. He would always remember everyone's name when you would see him the hall. So sad to hear of his passing. Mary Koernke

Mary Koernke - March 16, 2015 at 10:47 AM

CB

“ Dear Marcia. Our prayers are with you at this difficult time. We have fond memories of Jim during our time in Saline. He was well respected, an excellent business person, and also kind and full of humor. He will be dearly missed, most of all by you, but also by so many others. Doug and Cathy Brubaker-Clarke

Cathy Brubaker-Clarke - March 16, 2015 at 07:55 AM

PH

“ To the Duncan family-
I am so sorry for your loss of a great man. He made everyone feel like you were his best friend and always had time to listen. Let his faith guide you now in your time of grief.
Phyllis Heinrich

Phyllis Heinrich - March 16, 2015 at 06:59 AM

SU

“ Dear Mrs Duncan,
We all felt so privileged in Ann Arbor DaVita to get to know your beloved husband. We want to let you know we are sending our prayers to you today.

Sue, Jamie, Jodi and the rest of the team in Ann Arbor ❤️



sue - March 15, 2015 at 05:53 PM