



James C. Cunningham

December 26, 2018

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Age 96, of Penn Hills, passed away on Wednesday, December 26, 2018. He was born on March 14, 1922 in Pittsburgh to the late Clarence and Mary (Ingoldsby) Cunningham. He was the beloved husband of the late Ruth E. Cunningham for 67 years. Loving father of William James Cunningham (Katy); grandpa of Dominic and Michael; and also survived by special nephews and nieces, Robert Page (Shirley), Clint Page (Paulette), James Kelly (Barb), Dorothy Gruseck, Debbie Weigold (Howard), Sandra Kulig (Stan) and Pam Fratangelo (Mario), who gave much love and care throughout Jim's life along with many other relatives and friends. Jim was preceded in death by his sisters, Jeannie Page (the late Clint) and Dorothy Kelly (the late Joe); nieces, Patricia Burkey (the late Bill) and Terri Meilinger; and his nephew Austin Page (the late Betty). He was an amazing husband, father and grandfather. Jim loved and was loved by so many. He was a truly great person that helped and influenced everyone he met. He was a 1st Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, 490th Bombardment Group, Eighth Air Force stationed in England during WWII. As a B-17 co-pilot he participated in 35 heavy bombing missions over Europe. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters for his skill and courage. Jim retired from Allen Gauge and Tool, where he had been a general manager. He was a member of the Frick Park Lawn Bowling Club, Dickens Fellowship and a long-time member and usher of St. Bartholomew Church. Jim had also delivered meals-on-wheels, recorded books for the blind and was a former Cub Master of Pack 115. Family and friends will be received from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 30 at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 31, 2018 at St Bartholomew Church in Penn Hills. Interment will be private. Memorial contributions can be sent to New Horizon School PTO, 128 Friendship Circle, Beaver, PA. 15009, the school his grandson Dominic attends for special needs children. For more information, please visit www.corlfuneralchapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.
4335 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146
(412) 372-2100
ghcorl@comcast.net
<https://corlfuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church
111 Erhardt Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Tribute Wall

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“ My father and mother, chuck and ronnie Davis, participated in lawn bowling with mr. And mrs. Cunningham. I heard so many stories of their times together. My parents always spoke so highly of "Jim & Ruth."
I pray you father is at peace and enjoying the reunion with his wife and friends

Veronica Franciscus - December 30, 2018 at 09:18 PM

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“ I remember the times lawn bowling with Jim & Ruth. He was a great lawn bowler. Our group had wonderful trips the the tournament in Williamsburg. He'll be missed.

Donna Pekar - December 30, 2018 at 03:43 PM

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“ Uncle Jim used to take 8mm movies of his nieces. He would help us do magic shows and we would disappear by turning on and off the camera, always with suprized look! What fun!

Debbie, Jim's niece - December 28, 2018 at 02:16 PM

“ It was October 2010. I was visiting my mother and father in Cranberry. This was going to be an extra special evening at their house as Jim; my godfather was coming to dinner. I had lived in England for the last 10 years and this reunion was important to my dad for me to see Jim again after so many years. When he arrived at the door I remember his big smile and warm hug and how my dad and Jim shared a hug/handshake that only 2 best friends could share.

Over the years my dad and mom spoke of Jim and the many, many memories from college at Carnegie Tech, their weddings, the Air force, England, the kids and family. So seeing Jim was a culmination of all these stories, affections, and deep friendship between these 2 men.

Jim reminisced at dinner about my own dad as they were together as Co-Pilot and Bombardier in the 390th Bombardment Group and what I saw and heard was Jim putting himself aside for those hours to make sure I knew everything about my dad just as my dad always did for Jim. They spoke about each other with such dignity, such friendship.

So in the years to come especially since my dad passed away Jim made absolutely sure that I had every story and every photo of his “best friend” as he always prefaced every letter, in my possession. He documented all of it for me for which I cherish. I will always remember Jim as a selfless, kind, smiling and courageous man. And. I will miss him.

"All is well, all will be well."

Sincerest condolences.

Christine Engle Cunneen