



James Amos Yaeger

February 1, 2020

James Amos Yaeger died February 1, 2020 at age 91, in Bloomfield, CT. He and his wife of 60 years, Jean, who predeceased him, were longtime members of the Duncaster Community. Born in Chicago IL, he received his degree in dentistry from Indiana University, where he met Jean. After serving as a 1st LT in the Army Dental Corps, Jim and Jean settled in Chicago, where they had four children. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois, where he became Professor and Head of the Department of Histology, College of Dentistry. In 1968, he and his family moved to Connecticut when Jim was recruited as Professor and founding Head of the Department of Oral Biology at the new UCONN School of Dental Medicine. He had a successful academic career there and retired as Professor Emeritus in 1992; subsequently the UCONN Health Center Alumni dedicated the James A. Yaeger, D.D.S., Ph.D. Anatomy Suite.

His curiosity and enthusiasm for science, learning and teaching never subsided. He took his grandchildren to Road Scholar programs, audited classes on-line, facilitated Great Courses at Duncaster and took many classes learning computer animation, stained glass, and photography. Photography became a passion and outlet for his artistic expression. Jim traveled to out-of-the way museums, art exhibits, botanical and sculpture gardens as a basis for his photographic works. He then ventured into the world of 3-D printing, enchanting everyone with his amusing creations. Jim reveled in a range of music, art, theater and literature. His curious nature compelled him to gain his amateur radio license, successfully pursue a degree in Yacht Architecture, and become a very proud member of the Cloud Appreciation Society. Jim and Jean were lifelong boating enthusiasts, exploring Lake Michigan, Long Island Sound, the Intracoastal Waterway, and wintering for many years in the Abaco Islands, Bahamas.

Jim also delighted in his role as father, grandfather and great grandfather by sharing his impish side and being a non-judgmental and attentive listener. He is survived by his children, Beverly of Afton, VA, Lynn Kosowicz, Newington, CT, Barbara and her husband, Lewis G. Schaeneman, of Madison, CT, William and his wife, Barbara Jean, of Cummings Ga. Also 7 Grandchildren: Elyssa, Rebecca, Lauren, Jenna, Erica, Mackenzie and

Jonathan; 4 great grandchildren: Jonathan, Austin, Nathan and Brooklynn; his dear friend Beverly Thomas; and his sister-in-law Ann Prosser. He was predeceased, in addition to his wife Jean, by his son-in-law Francis Kosowicz.

The Family would like to thank the entire Duncaster Community for embracing our parents so fully.

Please join us for a celebration of Jim's life at 2PM Sunday February 9th at Duncaster Community, 40 Loeffler Rd Bloomfield CT 06002. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Oxfam at www.oxfamamerica.org/donate/, or to The Duncaster Foundation, Employee Education Fund ATTN: Vanessa Giannasi at the address above or online at Duncaster.org/donate-to-duncaster/. For directions and online condolences, please visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Events

FEB **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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40 Loeffler Road, Bloomfield, CT, US, 06002

Comments



“ Bill, Bev, Lynn, Barb, and families,
I will forever remember your dad retiring to "his" chair in the living room on Ravenwood Road with his pipe, a book, and a cup of Sleepy Time tea, after enjoying a Klondike bar, of course!. I so enjoyed time spent with him, especially his keen wit and intellect, and I will be forever grateful and appreciative for the kindness and warmth he extended to me.
My deepest condolences as you say goodbye.
Leslie Falkin Fialkiewicz

Leslie Fialkiewicz - February 09 at 09:16 AM



“ The annual airplane flying contest for all ages! Wednesday each year at 4 p.m. sharp! Such a patient, kind man.

Colleen Prosser - February 06 at 11:26 AM