



Anthony James Dougherty

February 6, 2017

Anthony “Tony” James Dougherty, 84, of West Hartford, husband of Elizabeth A. Dougherty, passed away peacefully at home Monday, February 6, 2017. The son of William and Julia Dougherty, Tony was born in Scranton, PA on July 3, 1932. He was a graduate of Dickson City (PA) High School, received a B.S. degree from the University of Scranton, and he received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University College Galway in Ireland. Tony and Elizabeth met in the anatomy room at the University College while studying medicine, they married in June 1957, and after he completed medical school and a brief stay in England where Tony did a post residency locum tenens at Manchester (England) Royal Infirmary, they sailed from Southampton, England to New York City in January 1960.

Certified as a Diplomate with the American Board of Anesthesiology and a Fellow of the American College of Anesthesiologists, Tony was Director of Anesthesia for Bloomsburg Hospital in Bloomsburg, PA. He joined the anesthesia staff at St. Francis Hospital and remained there for his professional career, he also practiced obstetrical anesthesia at St. Agnes Home, he was a founding member of the Woodland Anesthesia Associates. He was Assistant Clinical Professor of Anesthesia at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and a Board Member for the St. Francis School of Nursing. He concluded his medical career in 1993 when his anesthesia practice was focused on heart surgery.

Tony was a member of the International Anesthesia Research Society,

American Society of Anesthesiologists, Past President of the Connecticut State Society of Anesthesia, American Medical Association, Hartford County Medical Society, Pennsylvania Medical Society, and Tony was a member of the Horace Wells Society, where he was a recipient of the Horace Wells Award. He was also active with the West Hartford Indian Guides.

Tony and Elizabeth and their young family settled in West Hartford in 1961 where they raised their six children. Summer vacation trips with the family to Atlantic City, Ocean City, Lake Pocotopaug, and Fisher's Island were always Tony's favorite – well once he got the packed station wagon there! Tony and Elizabeth had a large circle of friends and kept close ties to their friends and relatives in Ireland and England.

“You gotta play ball,” was an expression Tony's children heard many times, particularly through the high school years.

From a coal mining town in Dickson City, PA to practicing medicine at St. Francis Hospital, he often mused;

“Somebody said that it couldn't be done, but, he with a chuckle replied That 'maybe it couldn't' but he would be one, who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.

So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin, on his face, if he worried he hid it

He started to sing as he tackled the thing, that couldn't be done, and he did it.”
(Edgar Guest)

In addition to being a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, Tony enjoyed the ball games, the horses, and a good humored story or joke. Left to celebrate his life is his loving wife Elizabeth, his six children, eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild (and one on the way): William Dougherty of Middletown, CT. Kathleen Morris of West Hartford, CT and her husband Michael and their two children Ashley and Michael Anthony; Patrick Dougherty of Saunderstown, RI and his three children Patrick, Liam and Nicole Marie; Anthony Dougherty of Lexington, KY; Elizabeth Davis of Needham, MA and her husband Timothy and their three

children, Patrick Timothy, Caitlin, Elizabeth James and her husband Brandon and daughter Lily; Christine O'Connor of Avon, CT and her husband Michael and their three children Brandon, Michael and KC. Tony also leaves his beloved sister Lenore Russin of Scranton, PA, he was predeceased by his brothers, Charles and William and sister, Frances.

Tony's family wishes to provide our appreciation to all the friends, and Rev. Robert Kwiatkowski (Fr. Bob) who provided kindness, good thoughts and prayers, and special thanks to Audie who helped make his final days and moment comforting and peaceful.

Calling hours will be Friday, February 10 from 4:00 – 7:00pm at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT. The funeral will be held Saturday, February 11 at 10:00am St. Peter Claver Church, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford, CT (service leaving from Molloy Funeral Home at 9:00am), followed by burial ceremony at Fairview Cemetery, 200 Whitman Avenue, West Hartford. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church
47 Pleasant St
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

VO

“ Dear Elizabeth and family. I was so sorry to hear of Tony's death. A great man, Dr., and friend. Many fond memories! I am away and am sorry that I was unable to attend the services. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Sincerely, Ginny O'Brien

virginia O'Brien - February 12, 2017 at 09:03 AM

GP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

The Page Family



Greg Page - February 11, 2017 at 10:12 AM

RW

“ I am saddened to hear of the passing of my old high school friend. He will remain in my mind every time I pass the house in which he grew up and think of the wonderful man his parents reared. I knew as I sat with him for four years in high school that his wonderful disposition would carry with him through life as it did. Although I have not been able to have seen him lately, I have, and will continue, to think of him each time I pass his old home in his old home town of Dickson City. Raymond Williams,

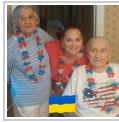
Raymond Williams - February 10, 2017 at 06:34 PM

JD

“ We are so sorry for your loss and we will keep you in our prayers.
Much love,
The Davis Family
Britt, Julie, Emily and Andrew



Julie Davis - February 10, 2017 at 06:21 PM



Praying for you all during such a sad time.
Julie Cambridge Theroux & Family

Julie Theroux - February 10, 2017 at 06:25 PM

LG

I am so sorry to hear your dads passing. You are all in my prayers. May God bless you all.

Iorena Grill - February 11, 2017 at 05:41 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony James Dougherty .



February 10, 2017 at 10:45 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anthony James Dougherty .



February 09, 2017 at 10:51 AM

JV

“ We were very saddened to hear of Dr. T's passing. We have fond memories of our visits and dinners with him and Miss Liz in Kentucky. May God comfort you all with the fond memories you have. We are lifting all of you up in prayer.

Janice & Bill Vandergrift

Janice & Bill Vandergrift - February 09, 2017 at 10:43 AM

WP

“ William F. Dougherty, PsyD lit a candle in memory of Anthony James Dougherty



William F. Dougherty, PsyD - February 08, 2017 at 06:50 PM

WP

“ Dear Aunt Liz and family,
Please accept our condolences on the passing of Tony. It was an honor to have known such a great person. May His Spirit embrace you in comfort during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace, I firmly believe that God will accept him with open arms for all the good he has done while he was on this earth. Uncle Tony was an inspiration for me to pursue my doctorate.
I am very grateful and appreciative for his time and guidance through the years. Today, and always, our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. With our sincere condolences,
Bill Dougherty, PsyD. and Janice Saylock
Mr. and Mrs. James M. Dougherty and family
Mrs. Alice Dougherty

William F. Dougherty, PsyD - February 08, 2017 at 06:48 PM

CS

“ *My heart goes out to the Dougherty family! Dr.Dougherty was a sweet man. I will remember him fondly! Oxox Cindy Shorris*

Cindy Shorris - February 08, 2017 at 12:07 PM

AG

“ *Dear Elizabeth and family,
We were very saddened to hear of your great loss. Tony was a fine man. May he rest in peace.
Fondly,
Judy and Al Greenspoon*

Albert Greenspoon - February 08, 2017 at 08:54 AM