



## Jim Cunningham

April 18, 2025

James (Jim) Gabriel Cunningham, of West Hartford and Bloomfield, CT, passed away peacefully on April 18th, 2025, at the age of 86. Born on March 24, 1939, in the rural farming village of Goleen, County Cork, Ireland, Jim was the youngest of eleven children of the late Patrick and Ellen (Collins) Cunningham. Raised on a family farm, Jim developed a deep-rooted love for nature and animals from an early age. At 18, he immigrated to the United States, settling in Hartford, Connecticut, where he continued his connection to the land through landscaping and gardening—a calling that came naturally to him. With a remarkable “green thumb,” Jim could bring any patch of earth to life, whether planting flourishing vegetable gardens or vibrant flower beds. His joy in nurturing the outdoors extended to the animal world. Though especially fond of cats, Jim had a gentle heart for all creatures. Each morning, he would rise early to feed the birds, squirrels, deer, and even the occasional bear that wandered into his yard. His kindness and respect for all living beings were evident in every aspect of his life. He was the unofficial mayor of Bishops Corner. He could always be found at McDonald’s with his friends from the Sky View Drive Neighborhood, where he had been a building superintendent for many years. He was a devout Catholic who attended mass every Sunday. Jim is survived by his devoted brother, Tom Cunningham of West Hartford, and his loving sister, Eileen Cunningham Scully of Goleen, Ireland, as well as numerous nieces and nephews who cherished his gentle spirit and warm heart. The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the staff at The

McAuley and St. Mary's Home, especially the Fitzgerald Unit, for the compassionate and dedicated care they provided to Jim in his final days. Visitation will be held from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 N. Main St. West Hartford, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in West Hartford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Jim's honor to: Animal Friends of Connecticut, P.O. Box 370306, West Hartford, CT 06137 or Our Companions Animal Rescue & Sanctuary, P.O. Box 956, Manchester, CT 06045.

Jim will be remembered for his quiet strength, gentle soul, and unwavering love for the natural world. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, care, and beauty that will continue to bloom in the hearts of all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

APR 26. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jim Cunningham*



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**Molloy Funeral Home** - April 23, 2025 at 07:08 AM

AW

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Tom and all the cunningham cousins on Jim's death.Fondly remembered by the Scully family,Goleen, Co Cork.Love to you all...*

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**Agnes Ward** - May 02, 2025 at 12:23 PM

AP

“ *I'll cherish all the conversations that I had with Jim at his nieces my ex wife Mary's family gatherings. It was very easy having long conversations about anything , mainly though always asking me how work was and how the Vermont weather was. Rest in peace Jim. 🙏 Alan Pelkey*

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**Alan Pelkey** - April 24, 2025 at 01:27 PM

SM

“ *Mark and I were neighbours of Jim on Cold Spring Drive in Bloomfield for many years and loved him dearly. Despite leaving Bloomfield in 2018 we kept touch and were very happy that he spent his last years being cared for amongst friends. We would like to send our warmest condolences to Jim's family and friends. Susan and Mark*

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**Susan & Mark** - April 24, 2025 at 12:56 PM

MD

“ *Condolences to Jim's loving family. He spent the last few months of his life with us new friends at the McAuley, where he was much appreciated for his Irish smile and sense of humor. I last saw him at St. Mary's a few days before his death. May rest in peace! Til we meet again, dear friend!*

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**Michael P Aparo, D.Min** - April 24, 2025 at 07:22 AM

DC

“ *Daniel & Annemarte Cunningham purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Jim Cunningham.*



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**Daniel & Annemarte Cunningham** - April 23, 2025 at 09:00 PM