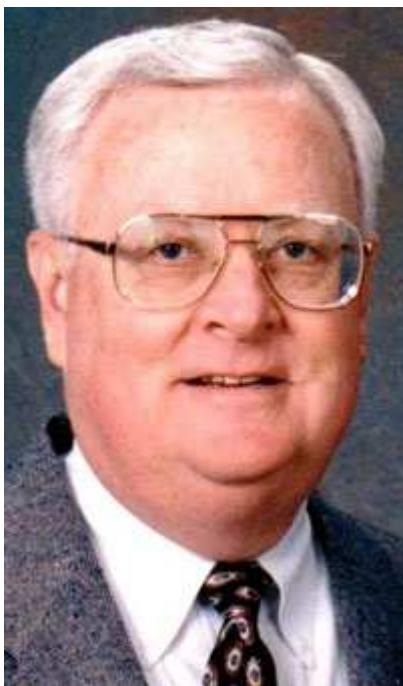


# Duffy, James Patrick ‘Jim’ | 1937-2013

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James Patrick “Jim” Duffy

James Patrick “Jim” Duffy, 76, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013, after a long and valiant fight with recurrent lymphoma.

Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home in Austin, with recitation of the Holy Rosary to follow at 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 13, at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church with the Rev. Patrick Coakley, MSC, celebrant. Rite of Committal will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 21, at Oak lawn Cemetery in Decatur with the Rev. Thomas D’Souza, SAC, parochial administrator with Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Decatur.

Jim was born Aug. 4, 1937, in Philadelphia to James Joseph and Kathryn Nolan Duffy. He spent his early years in Hartford and Bloomfield, Conn. In 1952, his family moved to Houston.

Jim graduated from St. Thomas High School and the University of St. Thomas and earned a master’s degree in economics from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio.

He met Joanne Flusche of Decatur while they were both students at UST, and they married following her graduation. In 1962, Jim began a 32-year career with Allstate Insurance Co. Promotions resulted in moves from Houston to San Antonio, Beaumont, Dallas and then to Libertyville, Ill., when Jim became a member of Allstate Corporate Security, based in the home office in Northbrook, Ill.

In 1995, he retired from Allstate as territorial manager, corporate security, and he and Joanne moved to Austin to be closer to children and grandchildren.

Jim was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He served in leadership for Little League, Indian Guides, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Junior Achievement and various parent/school and parent/team groups. He

loved attending his children's and then his grandchildren's activities and was proud of their accomplishments.

During his retirement years, Jim and Joanne traveled in pursuit of their shared hobby of family genealogy. Jim also took great pleasure in woodworking, creating Christmas decorations for his children and special gifts for each of his grandchildren.

Jim valued giving back to his community and was a man of integrity and great faith, working diligently in both parish ministries and civic projects. He spent untold hours volunteering for charities and was a Knight of Columbus in Council 8156, as well as a 4th Degree Knight in Assembly 1099.

Jim was preceded in death by infant daughters Josephine Anne and Christine Louise; his parents, James Joseph and Kathryn Nolan Duffy; and his father- and mother-in-law, Lawrence William and Anna Mae Bernauer Flusche of Decatur.

Jim is survived by his wife of 51 years, Joanne; sons Michael Thomas and wife, Julie, and James (Jim) Lawrence and wife, Mary; daughter Annette Louise and husband, Gerard Tafallo; grandchildren Jessica, Patrick and Megan; sister Anne Duffy Weber and husband, Ronald; sister-in-law Mariana Flusche Simeroth and husband, Joe Perry; aunt Alice Duffy; 10 nieces and nephews; and many cousins.

The family is grateful to the wonderful doctors and staff of Texas Oncology, the caring nursing staff of 7 North at Seton Main and the compassionate nurses and staff of West Oaks RHC for their care and support throughout Jim's illness.

Memorials may be made in memory of Jim to St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church's Grateful and Growing in His Spirit Campaign or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Condolences may be made at [www.cookwaldenforestoaks.com](http://www.cookwaldenforestoaks.com).