

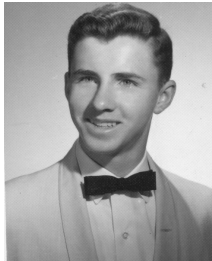
# THE LAKE ISLE OF INNISFREE

BY WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there, of clay and  
wattles made:  
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for  
the honey-bee;  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace  
comes dropping slow,  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to  
where the cricket sings;  
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a  
purple glow,  
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and  
day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by  
the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the  
pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.



# celebrating

## THE LIFE OF



DR. JAMES T. KENNEDY

11.12.1946 - 02.22.2024

# Obituary

Jim was born in 1946 in Jersey City, New Jersey. Jim dedicated his life to service, empathy, and the pursuit of knowledge. Known by all for his generosity, caring demeanor, and brilliant mind, Jim was a pillar of his community. His journey ended on February 22, 2024, leaving a legacy that will continue to inspire those who knew him.

Jim's educational pursuits were illustrious, graduating as Class Valedictorian from St. Joseph of the Palisades Boys' High School in 1964. He then earned a bachelor's in philosophy and biology from Manhattan College in 1968 with honors. He obtained a Doctorate in Medicine from New York University Grossman School of Medicine in 1972.

His insatiable thirst for knowledge was only matched by his commitment to service. Jim ran a private practice in Internal Medicine for over 45 years, providing conscientious care to his patients. He also served as a Clinical Professor of Medicine at New York University Grossman School of Medicine and as Chief Resident at Bellevue and Tisch Hospital. His career accomplishments highlight his lifelong commitment to medicine, education, and community welfare.

During the AIDS epidemic, Jim was instrumental in establishing Covenant House, a New York City-based charity dedicated to treating and sheltering homeless teens with AIDS. Serving as their Medical Director, Jim worked tirelessly and fiercely to advocate for their causes by meeting with many influential politicians, including multiple U.S. Presidents.

Jim's friends knew of his appreciation of good food, fine art, and classical literature. He enjoyed simple pleasures such as watching a Yankee game with his family or reading. His favorite books included the works of Sarah Orne Jewett and Patricia Cornwell, and medical works by Sir William Osler, Alfred Vogl, and Charles Darwin. As a music lover, Jim favored Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and jazz legends such as The Dave Brubeck Quartet and Ella Fitzgerald. He also loved the outdoors, spending his free time fishing and gardening.

Perhaps Jim's love of nature explains why his favorite poem was Fern Hill by Dylan Thomas. It is a story about a boy reminiscing over an idyllic childhood surrounded by nature on a farm. Above all else, Jim was an outdoorsman who found peace in exploring the world around him.

Jim's legacy is his fervent dedication to medicine and its teachings, his advocacy during the AIDS pandemic, and the endless love he bestowed on his family. He instilled in his loved ones the importance of striving for the highest personal standards while remaining kind and humble. His appetite for learning, reverence for wildlife and nature, and deeply rooted passion for helping those who could not help themselves will continue to inspire those who had the privilege of knowing him.

In honor of Jim's life and legacy, we ask that you continue to question, learn, and appreciate the world around you with the same vigor and kindness he did. He was a beacon of light in this world, and his light will continue to shine bright in our hearts and memories. He will be greatly missed.

# order of service

Welcome  
Matthew Kennedy

Fern Hill, by Dylan Thomas  
Tara Kennedy

Moments of Remembrance  
Kennedy Family

Daffodils, by William Wordsworth  
Shawn Murray

Memorial Slideshow of James

Eulogy  
Matthew Kennedy

We welcome others to share thoughts  
and remembrance of James

# thank you

We want to express our deepest gratitude  
for your support and sympathy during this  
difficult time. We are truly grateful for  
your love and support. Thank you.

The Kennedy Family  
Lori, Matthew, Ashley, Tara, Shawn,  
Phillip, Oliver