



Evan Michael Duncan

March 12, 1949 - March 25, 2026

Evan Michael Duncan of Springfield, Virginia, passed away at 5:00am on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at INOVA Fairfax Hospital at the age of 76. He was born on March 12, 1949, the son of Francis Duncan and Frances M. Duncan. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Rosalie Langelan Duncan, and his brother-in-law, Peter F. Majka. He leaves behind his sister, April Duncan Majka, mayor of New Oxford, Pennsylvania, and his niece, Kellie Marie Majka of Sunbury, Ohio, along with extended family and many dear friends.

Evan graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1970. He received a Master of Arts degree in History from University of Chicago in 1974.

Evan was a devoted husband to the love of his life, Rosalie, whom he cherished deeply even to this day, all the days of his life. Their life together was marked by faith, tradition, and quiet devotion, and he spoke of her often with great affection.

A man of deep and abiding faith, Evan was devoted to God and a dedicated student of Scripture. Each Sunday, he faithfully attended Mass at St. Lawrence Catholic Church at 9:00 am, followed by worship at nearby Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church, where he was a charter member and served as the church historian. He formally became a member of St. Lawrence on

Palm Sunday in 2023. He was also a passionate advocate for the sanctity of life, regularly participating in the March for Life until his recent illness.

Evan was known for his quiet and private nature, yet he came alive when discussing history – his lifelong passion. He served as a historian for the U.S. State Department and retired after 44 years in 2018, bringing both excellence and dedication to his work.

A proud member of the Duncan Clan, Donnachaidh, Evan delighted in all things Scottish. He and Rosalie were avid enthusiasts of Scottish country dancing, and he was a familiar presence in the Scottish Walk in Alexandria. Affectionately nicknamed “Braveheart” by some, he occasionally wore his kilt to church and community events. Evan was also a gifted baker, well known for his Scottish shortbread and Christmas cookies, which he generously shared with others for many years.

Evan lived life fully and joyfully, engaging in a wide range of activities and inviting others to join him along the way. He carried himself with a distinctive style – most often dressed impeccably in a suit with a bow tie, and at times in a kilt or tuxedo. He was a friendly and welcoming presence, a terrific singer, and someone who delighted in reciting poetry from memory.

He also had a deep love for animals, especially his beloved cats, Felix and McMurphy.

Evan’s patron saint was St. Thomas the Apostle, whose declaration, “My Lord and my God!” (John 20:28), reflected Evan’s own sincere faith. It is with great hope and confidence that he now stands in the presence of his Savior, welcomed into eternal life.

Evan will be remembered for his steadfast faith, his love of history and Scripture, his joyful spirit, and his enduring contributions to his church, his

community, and all who knew him.

Visitation will take place on Friday, April 10, from 5:00pm to 9:00pm ET at Jefferson Funeral Chapel located at 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, April 11 at 11:00am ET at St. Lawrence Catholic Church located at 6222 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310-2511.

Cemetery Details

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

13801 Georgia Ave.
Silver Spring , MD 20906
http://www.ccaw.org/cemeteries_gateheaven.html

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
6222 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310-2511
<https://stlawrencealex.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Hello, April and Kellie,

We just learned about Evan's passing -- we are so sorry to hear this sad news. He was very kind to my sister Rosalie. He took such good care of her right to the end. The obituary you wrote about him is lovely.

Please get in touch if you have a minute. I don't have your contact info, but you can reach me at mjlangelan@gmail.com or 301-654-0176 (landline, so voicemail not texts).

We will miss Evan's warm smile and his deep kindness.

Marty Langelan

Marty Langelan - June 17 at 06:05 PM

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“ *It was always fun to catch up with Evan at different Scottish Country Dance events. We connected over stories about his cats and mine and Flowers of Edinburgh (the Scottish Country dance). His enthusiasm about life and his always present shortbread will never be forgotten.*

Amy - April 06 at 07:48 PM