



James Spencer Dryden

September 4, 1943 - January 5, 2019

Dr. James Spencer Dryden, Jr., age 75, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2019 in Fairfax, VA. Jim was born on September 4, 1943 at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, DC. He grew up in Bethesda, MD and went to Walter Johnson High School.

Jim graduated from William and Mary College in 1966 and joined the Army where he served as a 1st LT in the Chemical Corps. Jim then attended Georgetown University earning his DDS degree in 1973 and was selected to serve an internship with the Public Health Service in Seattle, WA. Upon return to the Washington, DC area, he served as a professor at Georgetown Dental School. In the late 1970's, Jim started his Falls Church dental practice which he continued for 36 years providing service to the community until his retirement in 2010. A consummate professional, his love and passion for dentistry was evident in the care he provided to his patients and staff he adored. Following retirement, Jim and his wife Sheila traveled extensively visiting the world covering all seven continents. Jim was very patriotic, generous, kind-hearted and mischievous.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Sheila, of 45 years, and his sisters Kay Dryden and Joy Dye. He is predeceased in death by his parents Dr. James Spencer and Inez Dryden and his sister Sandra Angle. He is loved by many nieces and nephews as well as other family members and friends who have been a steadfast source of comfort and love during his time of illness.

Dr. Dryden's life will be remembered in a Memorial Service at Jefferson

Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 11:00AM.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity in James Spencer Dryden Jr.'s name.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Spencer Dryden*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Sheila, my deepest condolences to you and the rest of your family during this time of loss.*

Samantha Headen

Samantha Headen - February 05, 2019 at 07:39 PM



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Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 28, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ *Whether in a goose blind, quail field or the mountains for grouse the days were more memorable because of Jim. An honor to call him my friend.*

Our condolences to you Sheila.

Steve and Sharon Hines

January 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ It was an honor to have known Dr. Dryden, both as a mentor, colleague, and friend. I look at his dental craftsmanship everyday, and I humbled by how much of a perfectionist he was. He taught me so much about the business and maintenance side of dentistry--- always willing to help teach me how to repair the Adec dental chairs . We will miss his visits to the office.

January 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ What an honor and pleasure to have known and worked with Jim. He had a light in him that I will never forget. He had a tremendous impact on the location of my business, and more than that, having a man of his caliber believe in me inspired me to believe in myself. I am deeply saddened by his passing.
Sheila and family - I hope you can feel the prayers of all of us who knew and cherished this kind soul.
Garrett Gouldin

January 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sheila, My deepest condolence, you are in my prayers. It seems like yesterday but was almost 18 years ago I remember my very first meeting with Dr. Dryden when I had gone for a job interview. I had no dental experience but he gave me the job for two weeks to see how I do, and I end up working with him for the next 5 years till I had my first child Faris. Dr. Dryden was a wonderful human being he recognized hard work and talent. It goes without saying that he was amazing in his work and perfectionist. He uplifted many individuals, for me he gave me back my smile by doing beautiful veneers. I'm so grateful to have met him I'm so proud to have called him a boss and a friend. For me he will always be one of the kindest man in the world. I'm so grateful that I was able to spend some days with him recently and keeping him company. Sheila you are in my prayers and I'm here for you stay strong. 🙏

January 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest and sincerest condolences. Greg and carolyn harju.

January 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Sheila and family, Flora and I are sending our deepest condolences. We are so grateful we were able to visit with Jim recently. He was always helpful, generous and caring, with a great sense of humor. My best childhood friend, and truly one of the nicest guys ever.
Tark and Flora

January 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ James Spencer Dryden

Peaceful White Lilies Basket - January 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sheila, I will never forget Jim Dryden....what a character, you had to love him!! His stories and jokes the sparking blue eyes. I always knew what you all were doing...out walking down State St. or going to the movies. And he so loved his Miss Daisy, your relationship was one to be envied. I am blessed to have known him and will never forget him. My heart goes out to you.

Heart - January 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sheila, Dawn & I are so saddened at the death of Jim. He was a very special person and we know personally that you and he had a glorious time together. We know that because whenever we were with you we saw and felt that love.

Jim was a man of principle; thoughtful and honest to the core. Whenever we met he seemed to have an interest in helping others. As you may recall, that helping others was his gesture to help us buy a ski boat just like yours and that's when the fun began—water skiing the Potomac out of Maddox creek and rafting near the park. Jim would give maximum effort to be sure that I had football tickets to William and Mary homecoming games and for many years you joined our family for Friday night dinners in Williamsburg.

Dawn, who once was a dental assistant, thought Jim was the best dentist she had witnessed in many ways—his caring attitude and his gentle touch. As our client, Dawn also did his bookkeeping for many years and felt it was the easiest job she had because everything was perfect in form and substance—always with a red pen.

We can't say enough positive things about Jim and his memory will be with us forever.

Please remember we are here to help anyway possible.

Love from Dawn & Bill

January 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ James Spencer Dryden

Divine Light - January 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Sheila,
Jim was a great friend and will truly be missed. We pray that you will find comfort in the wonderful memories that you and Jim made together. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Peggy & Vinny

January 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ James Spencer Dryden

America the Beautiful - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



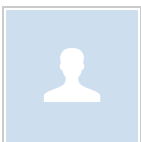
“ James Spencer Dryden

Dreams From the Heart Bouquet - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ James Spencer Dryden

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ Sheila please know you are in my thoughts during these tough times. You and the entire Dryden family will be in our prayers.

January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ James Spencer Dryden

Full Of Love Bouquet - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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Dreams From the Heart Bouquet - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *James Spencer Dryden*

With Distinction - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *James Spencer Dryden*

Lavender Reflections Spray - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *James Spencer Dryden*

America the Beautiful - January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sheila,*
Please accept our sincerest condolences and sympathies on Jim's passing. We know how much you meant to each other and the love you shared. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family.
Love,
Greg and Charlene Touhill

January 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Sheila and the Dryden Family...
I wanted to offer my sincere condolences. Jim was such a great friend over the years! I just stopped to think about how long he and I had worked together. I came up with 35 years that we worked together professionally. There was not a week or sometimes, even a day, that I did not speak with Jim. I truly appreciate and relish the years that I knew Jim! I send my heartfelt prayers to you and your family and may all your wonderful memories of him serve as a great comfort.*

January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Spencer Dryden*

Lily and Rose Tribute Spray - January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *The greatest friend anyone could hope to have in their lifetime
Harry and Cyndy Dutson*

January 09, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Spencer Dryden*

Beautiful in Blue - January 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *James Spencer Dryden*

America the Beautiful - January 08, 2019 at 12:00 AM