



B.J. Cunningham, Jr.

April 7, 1925 - June 12, 2016

B.J. Cunningham Jr., 91

B.J. "Jim" Cunningham Jr., 91 of Grand Island died Sunday, June 12, 2016 at the Good Samaritan Society-Grand Island Village.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Cathedral. Father James Schmitt will be offering the Homily. Burial of ashes will be in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Gathering of family and friends will be from 6-7 p.m. Thursday with a 7 p.m. Parish Rosary at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Mr. Cunningham was born April 7, 1925 at Grand Island the son of Benjamin J. and Mary (Nay) Cunningham.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Norma; their children, John (Sarah) Cunningham of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, Mark Cunningham of Jeffersonville, PA; Ann (Stan) Brondel of Grand Island and Jane Cunningham of St. Paul, MN; grandchildren, Katy (Mike) Bentzinger, Emily (Jon) Jones, Leslie Cunningham, Benjamin C. Cunningham and Catherine Cunningham and great grandchildren, Jase M. and Lauren N. Jones and Liam F. Bentzinger.

He is preceded in death by his parents, daughters, Mary Beth Anderson and Susan E. Foster and infant son, Michael J. Cunningham.

Jim was raised in Grand Island graduating from St. Mary's Catholic School in 1943. He served in the United States Navy during WWII from 1943-46. On December 27, 1946 he was united in marriage to Norma Jean Aden.

He attended and received the Juris Doctor Degree from Creighton University

Law School in 1951. Jim was a partner in the law firm, Cunningham Blackburn Francis Brock and Cunningham. The law firm was founded by Jim's father in 1910.

Jim was active in many organizations throughout his career. Some of his involvements included: past chair Hall County Red Cross Board; past chair Central Catholic Board of Directors; past chair and co-founder St. Mary's planning and Finance Committee and past chair Stuhr Museum Foundation. His other memberships are St. Mary's Knights of Columbus 3rd and 4th Degree; American Legion; Veterans of Foreign Wars and American and Nebraska Bar Associations.

Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Cathedral or Stuhr Museum Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *B.J. Cunningham, Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Heaven gained a remarkable gentleman. We shared a table at the Stuhr Museum Christmas party for several years and enjoyed laughing and talking until the "speechifying" made us quiet down. Please know that we are thinking of him and all of you.*

Tom and Myra Oshlo - June 18, 2016 at 06:47 PM



“ *Mr. Cunningham was a class act and a prince of a gentleman. He always had a quick smile and a friendly word to share as a neighbor for a number of years. Grand Island has lost one of its finest citizens.*
Clark Toner

Clark Toner - June 18, 2016 at 07:57 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy on your loss. Your family will be in our thoughts. Cindy and Joe Salomone*



Cindy and Joe Salomone - June 17, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of B.J. Cunningham, Jr..*



June 16, 2016 at 01:07 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of B.J. Cunningham, Jr..*



June 15, 2016 at 08:55 PM



“ *My Mother Marjorie Pulliam, worked for Jims father as a court reporter and legal secretary. Not long ago I got a nice letter from him, saying yes he remembered our family and My Mom. We lived at 1818 W. Division. ;and Kuesters lake. My dad, Dick Pulliam, was a big 6 referee.....and they knew one another, .My brother also got a nice letter from BJ at the same time. (He, Jerry, is in heaven as well). May BJ rest in PEACE. Sorry for your loss. Isaiah 40;31. Julie Pulliam Schultz , rural Alma KS*

Julie Pulliam Schultz - June 15, 2016 at 12:51 PM



“ *I have such fond memories of seeing Jim in the office and sparring over politics. He always made me feel good. Gordon Hrnicek*

gordon - June 14, 2016 at 09:05 AM