



James S. Cranford

August 22, 1938 - September 17, 2022

Exeter – James "Jim" S. Cranford, MD, 84, passed away peacefully on September, 17, 2022. Born in Washington DC, Jim was the son of Lt. Col. James Reed and Willie Kathryn (Snead) Cranford. During his childhood years, he and his family lived at several US Army bases throughout the world including Greece and Germany.

Jim followed in his father's footsteps and attended the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA Class of 1961 where he excelled academically and was a member of the wrestling team. He received his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA and went on to serve as an officer in the US Army. He was stationed in Korea where he served as the Commanding Officer (Major) of the 43rd Surgical Hospital.

Jim raised his family in Holden, MA with his wife Carol (Baker) Cranford, whom he courted and fell in love with during his college years at VMI. He began his medical practice in Worcester, MA as a general surgeon founding Worcester County Surgical Associates, P.C. and was affiliated with Holden, Hahnemann and Fairlawn Hospitals. In addition, he was a clinical instructor with UMass Medical School. He worked tirelessly to provide exceptional surgical care to countless patients, and was well respected by his fellow physicians and hospital staff for his knowledge, surgical skills and compassion.

Jim's retirement years were spent in East Orleans, MA and Vero Beach, FL. He was an avid reader, and enjoyed golfing, tennis, fishing, Wednesday night beach socials, rambles with his Porsche club, boating, and above all, spending time with his family.

Jim is survived by his wife, Carol, three sons, J. Mark Cranford and his wife Beth of Hampton, NH, David Cranford and his wife Susan of Princeton, MA, Brian Cranford of Breckenridge, CO, four grandchildren, Ben, Sam, Abbey and Sophia, his brother W. Mac Cranford and his wife Becky of Palm Desert, CA, sister-in-law Barbara Cranford of Bryn Mawr, PA, and nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother John Cranford.

After cremation a private burial will be in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, in Bourne,

MA. In lieu of traditional remembrances, memorial donations may be made by clicking here to the Parkinsons Foundation (<https://www.parkinson.org>) 200 SE 1st Street, Ste 800, Miami, FL, 33131. Assistance with the arrangements was by the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

Cemetery Details

Massachusetts National Cemetery

Connery Avenue
Bourne, MA 02532

Tribute Wall

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“ One of the best surgeons in the area. His bedside manner and his surgical skills were wonderful. Dr. Cranford was someone who could deliver the worse surgical news in a way that was comforting, caring and supportive. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. I started with him so many many years ago as a patient and remember mostly him participating in the great American smoke out. Rest In Peace Jim, you earned your wings so long ago.

Sharon Sheridan - September 21, 2022 at 08:59 AM

JL

“ To David and Family, my deepest sympathies on the passing of your father. Growing up next to you on Deane Ave and spending lots of times at your house and playing in the yard brings back great memories. May you find comfort in the love of family at this time of loss. With sympathy, Jeff Lane & family

Jeff Lane - September 20, 2022 at 07:46 PM

NK

“ I remember Dr Cranford so well from Fairlawn & Hahnemann Hospitals. What a gifted surgeon and kind man he was. I have often thought of him over the years. Rest in peace Dr Cranford. Nancy Kirkpatrick

Nancy Kirkpatrick - September 20, 2022 at 07:43 AM

CP

“ Dear Carol and Family,

My heart goes out to all of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

With deepest sympathy,

Claire Woodbury Paquette

Claire Paquette - September 19, 2022 at 12:08 PM

AW

Dear Cranfords. Our condolences on your loss. Many great memories of practicing medicine in Worcester, tennis and paddle, Porsche Club activities, and more. My best memory is the usual late Friday afternoon patient with a surgical problem and calling Jim. His response was always "tend him/her over", and his call an hour later sharing his findings. These things don't happen anymore.

Allen Ward (MD)

Allen Ward - September 20, 2022 at 08:54 AM

EM

My condolences to the family on your loss. We go back a long way with memories of time spent together both professionally and personally. Jim was a great partner to have on the team in our surgical practice, a skilled surgeon who was respectful and professional in his daily practice. May he now rest in peace.

Edward L Amaral, MD

Edward Amaral, mD - September 20, 2022 at 10:48 PM