



James Richard Appleton, MD

August 20, 1935 - January 13, 2020

James “Jim” Richard Appleton (born August 20, 1935 in Springfield, Massachusetts) passed away on Monday, January 13, 2020 surrounded by his loved ones at the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville, North Carolina after 84 incredible years on this Earth.

He attended Cornell College and received his Medical Degree at the University of Maryland before pursuing a successful and meaningful career in otolaryngology and plastic surgery. After dedicating over 27 years to his civilian education, Jim served his country as a Captain and ENT surgeon during the Vietnam War.

He has joined his parents, Lloyd Otto Appleton and Linda (Spies) Appleton, in Heaven. He is survived by his beautiful wife of 61 years, Linda (Brown) Appleton; his sister, Dr. Judy Appleton; his two daughters, Martha Pallia and Rebecca Castillo; his son, Doug Appleton; fourteen beloved grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

One of the first things Jim taught all of his children and grandchildren was how to properly shake someone’s hand - friendly eye contact, personable greeting, direct and strong handshake.

The adjectives Jim used to describe the perfect handshake are the exact

words his loved ones would use to describe Jim. He was a friendly, personable, direct and strong man. He could talk to any person about any topic. He had an endless supply of entertaining stories from his lifetime and was always eager to share. He was personable and charming, with a belly laugh so contagious you couldn't help but join in on the fun. He was candid and sincere – often the person relied upon to say what needed to be said. Above all, Jim was strong. Jim fought for greatness, respect, love, his country, his family; and he fought until the very end.

Jim's brilliance, passion and benevolence will be remembered fondly by all those who had the great pleasure of knowing and loving him.

His loved ones are counting down the minutes until they are reunited and can shake his hand once again.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dachshund Rescue of North America.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Richard Appleton, MD*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *James Richard Appleton, MD*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *James Richard Appleton, MD*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Uncle Jim and Aunt Linda are my Godparents. I will always remember their beautiful home on the Severn River in Maryland. I know how loved Uncle Jim was by his children. He had a very strong personality and a great sense of humor. He will be missed. Prayers and thoughts of you, Aunt Linda, Martha, Becky and Doug.*

Laura (Dolph) Branham

Laura Branham - January 24, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of James Richard Appleton, MD.*



January 14, 2020 at 04:35 PM