



Dr. James Healy

May 24, 1931 - April 22, 2025

Dr. James D. Healy, MD, 93, formerly of Cedar Falls, died on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at Agrace Hospice in Fitchburg, WI.

Jim was born on May 24, 1931, in Chicago, IL, the son of Cornelius and Florence (Costigan) Healy. He earned his B.S. degree from Loyola University and his M.D. from Stritch School of Medicine, both in Chicago. He was also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (FAAP). On June 16, 1956, he was united in marriage to Harriet Ann Murphy in St. Paul, MN. Jim and Harriet's love story was written over 67 years of marriage and remains an inspiration to our family. Jim served in the United States Air Force as a Captain from 1959 to 1960 stationed in the Philippines. Upon his return, he had his own pediatrics practice, retiring in 2001.

Jim (almost) never missed a Wednesday afternoon of golf. He met on Fridays with fellow prognosticators during the college football season, the stakes remaining \$1.00 per week for 50 years. He enjoyed "betting on the ponies" and for many years he would go to Gulfstream Racetrack in Miami, often joined by his brothers, for a week of sophisticated handicapping, corned beef sandwiches, and key lime pie. He loved peaches, raspberries, and ice cream, but ice cream with peaches AND raspberries most of all. He cultivated his own raspberry patch for many years and was known to his young grandchildren as "the raspberry farmer". Over the years he collected a "fine set of tools" from

grand openings which he stored in a shoebox, loved a good practical joke as long as it was “under a dollar”, and made an amazing, secret chocolate sauce at Christmastime. He loved photography and those who visited his office could view the rotating selection of his photographs adorning the walls. Most of all, though, he was a devout man of faith and the steadfast supporter of his family’s dreams and aspirations.

Jim is survived by three sons, James C. Healy (Carol) of Omaha, NE, John A. Healy (Amy Jo) of Nashville, TN, and Peter R. Healy (Bridget) of Fitchburg, WI; daughter, Ann H. Healy-Kelly (Brendan) of Mansfield, TX; nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife, Harriet Ann and brothers Raymond and Cornelius.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM Monday, May 5, 2025, at St. Stephen the Witness Catholic Student Center with inurnment following at Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Stephen the Witness or Western Home Community in Cedar Falls, IA, Oakwood Village in Madison WI, or Agrace Hospice in Fitchburg, WI.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen the Witness Student Center
1019 W 23rd Street
University of Northern Iowa Campus
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-9863
<http://ststephenuni.org>

No visitation before service

Tribute Wall

SF

“ Susan F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. James Healy.

Susan F. - May 01, 2025 at 01:47 PM

KB

“ Dr. Healy was my daughter’s Pediatrician. She was born in 1980 and weighed in at 10.8 pounds. As a newborn, she was always hungry! When I talked to Dr. Healy about that at 3 weeks of age he said “ Go ahead and give her some diluted rice cereal at nighttime.” I did and she slept through the night from then on! I was so grateful that he allowed me to do this. He always said “Do what works!” Gotta love that. Thanks, Dr. Healy. Rest in peace.

Karen Blount - April 29, 2025 at 02:05 PM

DS

“ Dr. Healy was one of the pediatricians practicing in the Cedar Valley when came to the area to practice Obstetrics. I enjoyed working with him in patient care and on various medically related committees. My wife and I loved the care he gave to our daughter. I enjoyed my years with him in FPA. He was a fine doctor and wonderful person. Doug and Vicki Stanford

Douglas Stanford - April 28, 2025 at 12:32 PM

BW

“ Brent W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. James Healy.

Brent W. - April 28, 2025 at 09:23 AM

GB

“ Dr. Healy and his wife were two of the loveliest people I had the pleasure of meeting. It was always a delight to cross paths with one or both of them!

Gretta Berghammer - April 27, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. James Healy.

April 25, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Dr. James Healy.



April 25, 2025 at 04:09 PM

MS

“ To Dr. Healy's Family, Dr. Healy was our doctor for our 5 children and we "hought the world" of him. I could watch him and know whether things were serious or not. We went thru some serious things and he was there for us. He was the BEST!
Marnie Stewart

MARNIE STEWART - April 25, 2025 at 12:02 PM