

## **Rt. Rev. James C. Flanagan D.D.**

January 12, 1939 - December 28, 2022

Rt. Reverend James C. Flanagan D.D., of Merion Station, PA passed away on December 28th, 2022 at the age of 83.

He was the bishop of the Northeast diocese of the Anglican Orthodox Church. James was born in Manhattan and raised in the Bronx. It was in the Bronx that James first became a firefighter, a lifelong passion of his. In 1961, he met the love of his life, Mary Lou Flanagan. After serving in the national guard Rainbow Division, they were married and had recently celebrated 62 years of marriage. He then later pursued an education at the College of Insurance and became employed by the state of New Jersey. During this time, James started to pursue an education in theology and ministry, receiving multiple degrees including his doctorate from Rutgers and Faith Theological Seminary. He was a minister at the Church of the Evangel in Narberth, PA for over forty years. He also ministered to Whitfield Memorial church in South Philadelphia. In addition to his congregational duties, he also volunteered as a chaplain for Lower Merion and Radnor fire companies. James was also active in veteran causes, specifically taking on multiple leadership roles for AMVETS including Post 148, Commander and Chaplain & American Legion Post 355 member and chaplain.

James is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Flanagan, son Christopher B. Flanagan and daughter Laurie L. Chiambalero. His pride in his grandchildren,

Pearce B. Flanagan, Colin S. Flanagan, Lucy Chiambalero and Charlie Chiambalero was his overwhelming joy.

His family takes comfort in one of his most beloved verses: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called to his purpose" Romans 8:28.

The celebration of his life will take place at 11am on January 21st at All Saints' Church, 1325 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood 19096. The service will be immediately followed by the interment of his ashes in the Church's memorial garden. A reception to greet friends and fellowship will follow the services at the Union Fire Station, 149 Montgomery Ave., Bala Cynwyd.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to All Saints Church or the Anglican Orthodox Church International Worldwide Communion, 2228 Wilkesboro Highway, P.O. Box 128, Statesville NC 28625.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Episcopal Church  
1325 Montgomery Ave.  
Wynnewood, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Rt. Rev. James C. Flanagan D.D..



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“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rt. Rev. James C. Flanagan D.D..



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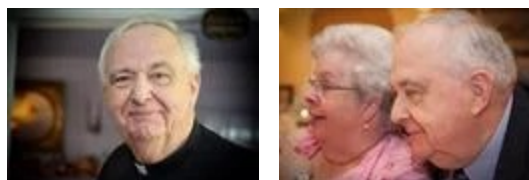
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“ I first met Reverend James Flanagan when we were looking for a new church because my wife and I had recently moved to America. What struck me most was how welcoming Jim and Mary Lou were to us. We were welcomed not only into their church, but into their lives. Jim didn't just preach the Gospel, he lived it.

*I will always have fond memories of my times with Jim, including lunches after church, the holidays and vacations we spent together, their kid's weddings, and even the Vestry meetings where we distributed money to help advance God's work.*

*I am going to miss Jim deeply and my heart goes out to Mary Lou and her family.*



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**Craig Artlett** - January 11, 2023 at 01:48 PM

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*I have known Jim and Mary Lou for some 23 plus years.*

*True Christians, always ready to help anybody in need, always friendly and welcoming.*

*Jim was wonderful, humble man, kindred spirit with whom you could discuss anything and everything. Be it religion, social issues, politics, education, or simply share life stories. His profound knowledge, deep understanding and great sense of humor made our talks always so enjoyable.*

*He will be missed dearly.*

*My sincere condolences to Mary Lou and the Flanagan's family.*

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**Vladia Dejdar** - January 19, 2023 at 11:22 PM

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“ Reverend Flanagan always had a smile and an upbeat attitude. I meet him in my early 20's. My father introduced me to him as, "I want you to meet a great friend of mine, Reverend James Flanagan and his wife, Marylou." Since then I have become their friend as well. It has been 25 quick years since that moment and it feels like yesterday. They both have been by my side for years. My heart goes out to Marylou who has been by Jim's side and the rest of the family during these last several difficult years. Jim will be sadly missed but his love and compassion for others will live on in our memories. Love and Hugs to you Marylou.

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**Charlene Rita Buttacavoli** - January 10, 2023 at 09:23 PM