



Mr. James M. Dowling

January 12, 1934 - February 12, 2026

Mr. James M. Dowling, 92, of Hinsdale, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 12, 2026, surrounded by his children and grandchildren, all of whom he loved dearly.

Born on January 12, 1934, he was the son of the late James Edward and Annie Naughton Dowling.

In his younger days, Jim was a talented fast pitch softball player, basketball player and an avid golfer with a hole-in-one at the Cranwell Resort.

He loved music. He loved Elvis. He loved Roy Orbison. He loved Hank Williams. He loved PBS and NPR and movies and murder mysteries. Most of all, though, he loved dessert.

Jim was a lifelong resident of Hinsdale and a longtime member of the Hinsdale Days Committee. His antique vehicles were in many Hinsdale parades. He loved his town and his town loved him.

He was a lifelong communicant of St. Patrick's and St. Agnes Church.

Jim created a sense of calm wherever he went. A giving and loving spirit always quietly radiated from him. He was always helping others and, in turn,

inspired those around him to do the same.

Jim was predeceased by wife of 63 years, Marthann O'Connell Dowling.

He leaves behind children, James Edward, Kevin, and Michael Dowling, and his daughter Ann Marie Dassatt. He is survived by 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, all of whom loved to be with him just as much he loved to be with them.

Funeral Services:

Funeral services for James will be Thursday, February 19, 2026, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11am at St. Agnes Church, celebrated by the Rev. Brian McGrath, Pastor. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling hours will be Wednesday, February 18, 2026, from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral in Dalton, 525 Main St, Dalton MA 01226.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory can be made to the Hinsdale Food Pantry in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **18**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Funeral Service
525 Main Street
Dalton, MA 01226
(413) 684-0215
information@wellingtonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.wellingtonfuneralhome.com/>

Service

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
489 Main St.
Dalton, MA 01226

Tribute Wall

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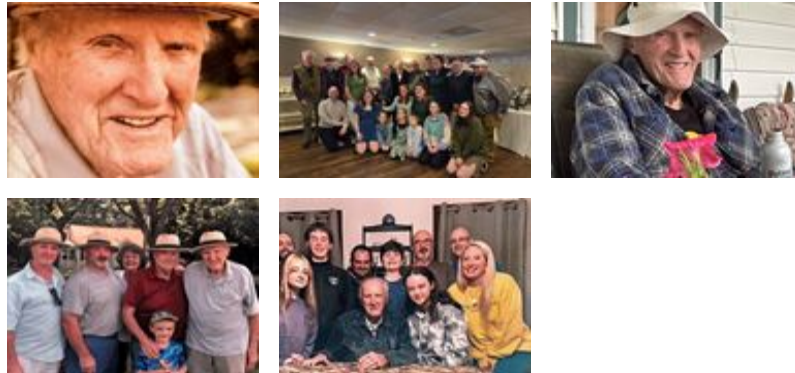
“ We are sorry for the loss of your Dad. These pictures and this tribute certainly show a man who had a live well lived. He will certainly be missed. May your memories of him bring you peace & strength.

-Bonnie & Shannon

Bonnie & Shannon - February 20 at 02:49 PM



“ 83 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 18 at 12:03 PM

PR

To Jim's family, we were sorry to read of his passing... we are sending prayers and love to you all... they were both gentle souls... I was their flower girl many years ago... great memory ❤️

Paula Wood Ryan

paula wood ryan... - February 19 at 03:21 PM

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“ Joyce & Dave Ellinor purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mr. James M. Dowling.



Joyce & Dave Ellinor - February 17 at 04:00 PM

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“ Joyce & Dave Ellinor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James M. Dowling.

Joyce & Dave Ellinor - February 17 at 04:00 PM

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“ Our family was blessed to know grandpa Dowling and thought the world of him. A great big man with a sweet and gentle spirit. Our condolences to the family. May your memories be blessings.
Jim and Lisa Stankiewicz and family

Lisa Stankiewicz - February 15 at 07:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James M. Dowling.



February 15 at 05:28 PM