



James "Dick" Richard Dugan

March 4, 1926 - April 16, 2011

James Richard "Dick" Dugan, 85, passed away Saturday, April 16, 2011, at Hospice of the Western Reserve surrounded by his family.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 4, 1926, he was a Willowick resident for 53 years.

He was the beloved husband for 58 years of Jean R. Dugan nee Weiss; loving father of James Amy Dugan, Linda Pfeiffer, Debbie Mike Rezzolla, Kathy Mike Gebeke, John Laura Dugan and Carol Dugan; cherished grandfather of Brett, Ryan, Carli, Rachel, Maddie and Caroline Dugan, Leslie Pfeiffer, Eric and Leah Gebeke; and brother of Bill Claire and Ted Joanne of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Jack Elaine of Atlanta, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Thomas E. Dugan; son-in-law, Mike Pfeiffer; and sister, Nancy Smith.

Dick joined the Navy in 1944, and after his service during World War II, he moved to Cleveland where he landed what he always said was his "dream job." Dick entertained Cleveland sports fans for nearly 39 years as the Cleveland Plain Dealer's cartoonist. His extraordinary talent and wit were displayed daily in the newspaper, where his work ranged from major sports figures to entertainers to local high school athletes.

Many Northeast Ohioans will remember his Chief Wahoo and Cleveland

Brownie as fixtures in the Plain Dealer sports pages. Known as "Doodles Dugan," he thrilled audiences of all ages creating drawings from peoples' initials, first on the Captain Penny Show of the 1960s and later as a highly sought after guest speaker for the Plain Dealer Speaker's Bureau.

He was also a member of the National Cartoonist Society, the Baseball Writers Association, Sports Media Association of Cleveland, Ohio and the Cleveland Touchdown Club. An outstanding athlete, he pitched fast pitch softball and was inducted into the Greater Cleveland Softball Hall of Fame.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21, 2011, at Monreal Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake. Interment will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Cleveland.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Monreal Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 300 East 185th Street, Cleveland OH 44119.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Dugan Family,
My condolences to all. I have the fortune of possessing a number of sketches that "Doodles" created in my youth as a high school player and later as a high school coach. He will always be remembered as a charming and talented artist. Cherish the memories.*

Alan Russ - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Your husband, father, and grandfather was a very special person whom I know you all treasured. I knew he was a special man and I have a drawing by him I will always treasure. The article in the Plain Dealer paid tribute to him, always with a smile on his face. I feel lucky to have known such a man. Love Judy*

Judy - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to you all.
Love
Denny*

Dennis Simmons - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM