



James Roger Dow DDS

November 7, 1929 - December 4, 2020

Dr. James R. Dow passed peacefully on December 5, 2020 at home. We are thankful for his presence in our lives. Jim practiced dentistry for 33 years in Goleta and retired to follow his passion for art. He exhibited in many local galleries, and was active in many social and civic organizations.

He is survived by Patricia Dow, his wife of 67 years, his son Steve Dow, daughter-in-law Peggy Dow, daughter Anne D. Beemer, son-in-law Randy Beemer, and his grandchildren Michael Dow, Sarah Hart, Rachel Dow, Jake Dow and Allie Dow.

His ashes will be interred at All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. A service to celebrate his life will be held in the future. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Cemetery Details

All Saints By the Sea

83 Eucalyptus Ln.
Santa Barbara, CA 93108
<http://episcopalchurch.org>

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

IS

“ Dear Pat,
I'm so sorry to hear about the death of your dear husband.
When I heard this I thought back to the special times you and I had
years ago - including the Chick Trek that Sharol put together.
Wishing you and your family a special time with the memories you
have of Jim.
Blessings,
Iva



Iva Schatz - January 27, 2021 at 06:43 PM

SB

“ Patty, we were so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. Our prayers
are with you and your lovely family at this difficult time. Jim was
such a talented man, whether as dentist or artist. We think of him as
we enjoy the painting that we have of your time in Europe. We shall
miss our talks with him during ASBTs "coffee hour" and his always
warm and witty way. We admired your relationship and the way you
both were committed to service to others. We feel honored to have
had Jim in our lives. We will miss him as we know will you.
Love,
Ed & Sue Birch

Suzanne Birch - December 17, 2020 at 11:24 AM

SN

“ I met Jim years ago - when I was the architect for the renewal project at All Saints Parish Hall, School and Courtyard.

Jim was the chair of the Building Committee and from beginning to end, no one could have asked for a lovelier human being to work with - I thanked my lucky stars every day.

I think the entire endeavour benefited from his guidance and unselfish influence.

After the project was finished, he presented me with a beautiful watercolour of the project from the street.

Ever since, it has had a place of honour above my computer/desk and I am looking at it right now.

He and I have been in contact since then off and on and I always enjoyed his twinkling eyes and sense of humour embedded in his grin. I always felt enveloped by that aura whenever I was with him.

I send my deepest condolences to Patty, Anne and Steve.

Jim was one of the quiet heroes of our community - never needing acknowledgement other than his own belief in his actions and words.

I will miss him.

Susette Naylor

susette naylor - December 14, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ Jim was my only uncle and I loved visiting Jim and Patty throughout my life. I keep having more memories come back to me. I remember visiting with our kids when they were 4 and 6. Jim’s playful side came through when he got on a trampoline and jumped around with 6 year old Ryan. His smile and twinkling eyes are forever imprinted in my memories. Sending virtual hugs and love to Patty, Anne and Steve. ❤️ Carole McMonigal

Carole McMonigal - December 14, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ My brother Stuart remembers this when we moved to SB and he saw Dr. Dow for the first time: Dr. Dow took x-rays — and found 14 cavities! I was almost suicidal, anticipating several days of being tortured in the dental chair. But Dr. Dow had something new to me - novocaine! And when he injected and drilled me, it was the least painful drilling I had ever experienced.

Taylor Family

Gwen Dawson - December 12, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ Dr. Dow was my dentist for many years. Later dentists always admire his gold work on my crowns and ask me who did the work. He was kind, caring, and as gentle as a dentist can be. Years later, I knew him as an artist when he would show his work at the Natural History Museum Art Walk. I own two of his watercolors - beautiful Santa Barbara scenes. I will always remember him. He had a sparkle in his eye. I send my love to Patty and Anne especially.

-Gwen Taylor Dawson
and the Taylor Family

Gwen Dawson - December 11, 2020 at 10:07 PM

LC

“ Dear lovely Dows----I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I love Jim and Patty, and was always so grateful to see them when I visited mom (Nancy Chase) at Valle Verde. They were always so loving and understanding and such a welcome sight. And Jim's care and attention to mom was so very generous. I will always remember his smile and boyish grin (and mischievousness!) and his warmth toward everyone. Patty, I am especially sending you love and a virtual hug. Linda Chase (Chace)

Linda Chase - December 11, 2020 at 02:20 PM

AK

“ Sending love to Patsy, Steve & Annie and their families. I so love you all; the Dows were integral members of the tribe that raised us Kronens. I treasure my oil painting of HR beach. Jim captured favorite views of our youth in his brush strokes. But most of all I remember his warm smile that lit up his eyes - he made each and every one of us feel special when that gaze fell on us. Jim joins the pantheon of Christmas Eve angels that were touchstones of our lives. Thank you Jim. Much love, the “other” Annie

Annie Kronen - December 11, 2020 at 01:56 PM

TK

“ To all the Dows - Jim will be missed tremendously. I think of him every day when I walk by my beautiful watercolor beachscape of Hope Ranch Beach. I treasure it even more now. My deepest sympathies and hoping to see you all soon to celebrate more fond memories of a great man. - Tom Kronen

Tom Kronen - December 11, 2020 at 01:45 PM

JE

“ *What a good life Jim had, happy in family, career and his art. When my father needed to have false teeth Jim was terrific, taking him out for a steak dinner to celebrate. My father was always grateful. Such a touching memory of his special care.*
Jane Hewitt Eagleton

Jane R Eagleton - December 11, 2020 at 12:08 PM