



## James G. Dowden

March 15, 1928 - February 28, 2012

James G. Dowden, 83, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012, at Advocate Condell Medical Center. He was born March 15, 1928, in a house on Maple Avenue in Libertyville to Hubert and Grace Butterfield Dowden. He graduated from Libertyville High School and served in the Army infantry in the Korean War, receiving the Bronze Star, Silver Star and Purple Heart. He married Marvel Hofer on March 5, 1955, in Libertyville and they were happily married for 43 years until her untimely death in 1998. He was a noted local landscape architect and operated his own business, James Dowden and Associates, for many years designing residential and commercial landscapes throughout the Chicago area. He was especially proud to have built up the business started by his father and to have passed it on to his son. He is survived by two children, Lisa Dowden (William Mosley) of Washington, D.C. and Craig (Ann) Dowden of Libertyville; and two grandchildren, the great joys of his later years, Nelson Mosley and Sarah Dowden. Also surviving are his sisters, Barbara Peterson of Vernon Hills and JoAnn Spears of Arlington Heights and longtime companion, Joan Talbot of Schaumburg. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 5, at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. Interment with military honors will follow at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions to Ravinia would be appreciated. For information, 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest



# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Uncle Jim was truly a gentleman. Our condolences to your entire family. We will miss him, as we are certain you will.*

*Jack*

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**Jack and Ann Dowden** - April 27, 2018 at 07:07 AM

SB

“ *Our condolences to you all. I always enjoyed your dad when I visited your house all those many years ago. He was quite a character. I love the picture of him with his grandchildren - it speaks volumes.*

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**Susan Berres** - April 27, 2018 at 07:07 AM

LK

“ *Our Deepest Condolences on your loss.  
Larissa, Shawn, and Max Terry*

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**Larissa Klymenko** - April 27, 2018 at 07:07 AM



“ *Mr. Dowden was a gracious man with a witty sense of humor and an open heart. He could connect with so many people on so many levels because he had so many interests, not the least of which was acquiring tables and chairs designed by renowned artists. His indoor and outdoor living spaces created a sense of serenity. His taste was impeccable. We will remember his joy for living.*

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March 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM