



Dr. John T Scully

March 10, 1924 - November 19, 2013

Dr. John T. Scully, distinguished physician and devoted family man, died peacefully with his family by his side on November 19, 2013 at the age of 89, following a courageous battle against cancer. Universally admired for his tremendous devotion to the practice of medicine, compassion for his patients, and dedication to teaching and mentoring of physicians and nurses, Dr. Scully gave his entire professional life to the people of Northwest Indiana.

Self-described as the "luckiest man in the world" for having met and married his wife of 60 years, Joan Carol, Dr. Scully was keenly devoted to, and incredibly loved by Joan. At the time of their initial meeting, Joan was the Chief Medical Technologist where Dr. Scully was a medical resident in training. He gained her attention by constantly ordering "Stat" procedures at night. That was the last time he gave her an "order." Together, they created a loving and wonderful family filled with four children and eight grandchildren who will dearly miss their Dad and "Poppa."

Born March 10, 1924 at Mercy Hospital in Gary, Dr. Scully attended Holy Angels grade school and graduated from Horace Mann High School. After beginning undergraduate studies at Indiana University and establishing deep friendships in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, Dr. Scully volunteered for the U.S. Army and honorably served the country during World War II as a Lieutenant in the Army Medical Administrative Corps. Following additional

training and education at The Citadel during the war, Dr. Scully completed his undergraduate studies and medical school at the University of Maryland with the assistance of the GI Bill.

Receiving his Doctor of Medicine in 1951, Dr. Scully was a member of the Rush Medical Honorary. Completing his residency in Internal Medicine at the Youngstown Hospital Association where he served as Chief Resident, Dr. Scully then became certified as a specialist in Internal Medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Scully practiced medicine in Lake County for almost five decades and cared for thousands of Northwest Indiana residents. Upon his retirement in 2000, St. Mary's Hospital named its intensive care unit the "John T. Scully ICU." Dr. Scully had served as Medical Director of that ICU for 27 years. He also served the St. Mary's community as Chairman of the Department of Medicine, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the medical staff, Director of the Cardiodiagnostics Division of the hospital, Chairman of the Institutional Review Board overseeing research projects at the hospital and Chairman of the Critical Care Committee for many years.

Dr. Scully was a founding partner of Internal Medicine Associates. He taught for many years at the medical school located at IU Northwest. Dr. Scully also served on the medical staffs of St. Anthony of Crown Point, Methodist Hospital, and St. Mary's Medical Center of Hobart, IN. At Methodist Hospital he served as Chairman of the Department of Medicine, and as a member of the Executive Council.

Dr. Scully served on the Board of Directors of the Lakeshore Hospital System overseeing St. Mary's and St. Catherine's. He was a member of the Lake County Medical Society, Indiana State Medical Association, and the American College of Physicians. He was also a life member of the Elm Society of the

University of Maryland Medical School Alumni Association.

For his generous service to the community and his fellow man, Dr. Scully received numerous awards and recognitions including the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from the Governor of Indiana, the Blessed Mary Katherine Kasper Healthcare Award given to a single physician annually, the American Heart Association's Heart of Gold Award, the Shamrock Award from the Friendly Sons of Erin and recognition as Andrean Man of the Year. Among other causes, Dr. Scully served the community as the first Co-Chairman of the Andrean High School Foundation, and on the first Board of Directors of the Gary Diocese Foundation.

Dr. Scully was a longtime member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, a member of the University Club and Innsbrook Country Club. A complete sports addict, he intensely followed IU basketball, Notre Dame football, and, most importantly, the Andrean '59ers.

Dr. Scully is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Joan, and four cherished children: Dr. Sharon Harig (Dr. James) of Dyer, IN, John A. Scully (Karen) of Dallas, TX, Susan Scully of Valparaiso, IN, Dr. Thomas Scully (Dawn) of Tucson, AZ. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren of whom Dr. Scully was very proud: James Harig (Erika) of Chicago, John P. Harig of Chicago, Colleen Harig of San Diego, CA, Sara Scully of Greencastle, IN, John C. Scully of Galveston, TX, Laura Scully of Dallas, TX, Thomas Scully and Caroline Scully of Tucson, AZ. He is also survived by his sister Madeline Scully Cowgill and her children Carol Kramer, David Cowgill and Colette Eligator, and sister Betty Scully Martin's children Madeline Lott and Marianne Martin Kilkenny. He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Laura Scully and sister Betty Scully Martin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 509 W. Division Road, Valparaiso, IN 46385 with Father Doug Mayer officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, November 22, 2013 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana 46307 and Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Burial will be at Calumet Park Cemetery, 2305 W. 73rd Avenue, Merrillville, IN

To honor Dr. Scully at the time of his retirement, colleagues, family, and friends created in his name an IU Northwest School of Medicine Scholarship fund dedicated to the education of medical students of Lake and Porter County. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Dr. John Scully Medical Scholarship Fund, c/o The Legacy Foundation 1000 E. 80th Place North Tower 420 Merrillville, IN 46410. A special thank you to Dr. P. R. Unni, Dr. Peter Mavrelis, Dr Nazzal Obaid, St. Mary Medical Center and home health care nurse Debbie Goetz.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

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NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Elizabeth Ann Seton Church
509 W Division Rd
Valparaiso, IN 46385
(219) 464-1624

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ Susan Scully lit a candle in memory of Dr. John T Scully



susan scully - February 18, 2014 at 05:00 PM

RB

“ What can I say about my dear friend and colleague who passed away nearly one month ago. John was my mentor, my medical associate for twenty years, my confidant, and above all, my dear friend. John practiced medicine the way he lived life; with understanding, compassion, dedication, and kindness. Needless to say, he possessed an enormous amount of knowledge and wisdom. To John's family, Joan, John Jr., Sharon, Susan, and Tom, I express my sincere condolences. John has left us, but I am certain, has resumed his practice elsewhere. There will always be a "Dr. Scully." From a personal note, I hope that my wife Kristin, who died two years ago, has again found her favorite Physician-- Dr. John Scully.

Richard Buyer

Richard Buyer - December 14, 2013 at 09:16 PM

SS

“ I miss you Dad!!!!

susan scully - December 05, 2013 at 01:37 PM

JS

“ *Joan Scully lit a candle in memory of Dr. John T Scully*



Joan Scully - November 26, 2013 at 08:29 AM

SS

“ *Susan Scully lit a candle in memory of Dr. John T Scully*



susan scully - November 26, 2013 at 08:21 AM

JD

“ *My condolences to the family. Our family always thought highly of Dr. Scully as a friend, neighbor and professional.*

Jim Daubenheyer - November 24, 2013 at 08:00 PM

JC

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to the Scully family. Dr. Scully was my father's doctor when he had a coronary bypass years ago. I remember Dr. Scully discussing the case with Dr. Krsek, a family friend, while standing in the nurses' station one evening for over two hours. That kind of dedication and compassion was what defined Dr. Scully. I was fortunate enough to have Dr. Scully as a doctor as well. While he was a brilliant doctor, he was humble and understood what serving others meant. He took time to get to know his patients as people. He never talked down to anyone, but addressed them as he would a friend or neighbor. Dr. Scully reached the highest pinnacle of human achievement in his unselfish devotion to the care of others. Our family was blessed to have known him.

Jeff Cefali

Jeff Cefali - November 24, 2013 at 09:02 AM

MM

“ To John, Karen, and Sara,
My sincerest condolences to you on the loss of your precious father and grandfather. I am sorry never to have met this great guy. To read his obituary is truly to see a story of a life well lived.
With love and sympathy,
Marcia

Marcia McKelligan - November 22, 2013 at 01:43 PM

RK

“ rick kordsmeier purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. John T Scully.



rick kordsmeier - November 22, 2013 at 12:00 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



November 22, 2013 at 11:18 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



November 22, 2013 at 08:54 AM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



November 22, 2013 at 07:17 AM



“ *Jenna & Maggie purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



Jenna & Maggie - November 22, 2013 at 07:16 AM

VS

“ I am a retired RN, from Methodist Hospital and I remember Dr. Scully very well. He was a great mentor and I respected him. He had quite a sense of humor. I will remember him fondly. My prayers are with his family.

Vivian Sheriff - November 21, 2013 at 11:28 PM

DT

“ Dr. Scully was a wonderful physician, committed to bringing out the best in all health care professionals.
My condolences to the family, Delores Williams Teamer

Delores Williams Teamer - November 21, 2013 at 07:10 PM

LB

“ Love, Bette Spangler and Deb/Alan Barbanel purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dr. John T Scully.



Love, Bette Spangler and Deb/Alan Barbanel - November 21, 2013 at 02:45 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.



November 21, 2013 at 02:09 PM

ST

“ *Staubus & Randall, LLP (Dallas, TX) purchased the Tropical Tribute Spray for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



Staubus & Randall, LLP (Dallas, TX) - November 21, 2013 at 11:00 AM

MU

“ *Mike, Sherry, Robert, & Riley UHL purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



Mike, Sherry, Robert, & Riley UHL - November 21, 2013 at 08:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



November 20, 2013 at 01:43 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



November 20, 2013 at 12:27 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



November 20, 2013 at 10:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



November 20, 2013 at 10:43 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



November 20, 2013 at 10:22 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.*



November 20, 2013 at 09:55 AM

AH

“ Always the giver and never the taker. He is and always will be a model for all of us to follow. Our sincerest condolences for your loss. Heaven is a better place with his passing. Our job is to follow his lead and to make our world a better place...one person (patient) at a time. --Al & Pat Holok

Al Holok - November 20, 2013 at 08:35 AM



“ My heart hurts....The world is minus a great man. To Dr.Scully's family...I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Dr. Scully was a great man and physician. He made me the nurse that I am today with his generous nature to teach anyone willing to learn and SMMC the best ICU I EVER worked. He was a great man, wonderful physician, giving teacher. Dr.Scully... 35 years later, I can never thank you enough for sharing your knowledge and making me a great nurse ! He was a very special physician that stood behind his nurses and gave us to power to think independently. I remember one time (of many) I went toe to toe with a physician, a new anesthesiologist at SMMC, in the middle of the night.... about not giving a certain drug. I would not give the drug and of course I heard "I'll have your job!" I told that MD to try for he will not be successful and besides that he couldn't do my job. I remember Dr. Scully coming up to me the next day and thanked me for saving the patient. Dr. Scully you will be missed.

Kristi Djuric - November 20, 2013 at 04:38 AM



“ Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. John T Scully.



November 19, 2013 at 09:06 PM

LF

“ Love, Natalie and Scott Noble and Family purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Dr. John T Scully.



Love, Natalie and Scott Noble and Family - November 19, 2013 at 07:07 PM

KS

“ To our wonderful John, we will love and miss you, and hold you in our hearts forever. You have meant more to me than you know and my children have learned so much of their wonderful qualities from you. And lastly, your son, my husband, is the man he is so much because of you. I always say, my husband is the second best man on the planet right after his father. I will miss you so much, John, your funny sense of humor, our shared secret laughs, and your constant ribbing of Joan. And as for a funny memory, well, you and I know what that was! Let's keep that one a secret! I love you! Karen Scully

Karen Scully - November 19, 2013 at 04:35 PM

MK

To Uncle John who always had a humorous story to tell and who kept me laughing and entertained, and always in gratitude for the man you are. I loved spending time with you and all of the Scully's through many decades. When mom was so sick you jumped on a plane to California to help, numerous times. That was such a blessing to our family that you could talk to her and reassure us about her care. There are so many people who love and will miss you, I am only one of them. I feel blessed to have had the true treat to call the Scully's family. Much love to Joan and all those loving and grieving family members. You always made Madeline and I feel loved and special. As I read all that you have done in your life, I am in awe. So much I didn't know. The window into your life I had was personal and for that I am very grateful. Your legacy, Uncle John lives on. I will miss you. Love you much.

Marianne Kilkenny - November 20, 2013 at 06:37 AM