

Breaking News

Jim Gallagher, PMI Fellow: 1935 - 2021

Former PMI Board Member passes away in Ohio

6 September 2021 – Dayton, Ohio, USA – James (Jim) Miller Gallagher, PMI Fellow and former member of the Board of Directors of the Project Management Institute (PMI), passed away in Dayton, Ohio on 3 September 2021 at the age of 87.

Jim was a proud graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, class of 1957. He and Nancy Kuhbander were married in the Naval Academy Chapel on June 8, 1957, the day after his graduation. He was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force and served with honor for a number of years at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton. His Air Force career introduced him to his lifetime profession— program/project management. After his active-duty time and a three-year venture in private industry, he transitioned to civil service and spent over 25 years in increasingly responsible positions, working on major Air Force missile and airplane programs.



From 1986 to 1995, he served as the Director of the Center for Executive Development and Project Management, Sooin College of Business and Administration at Wright State University in Dayton, where he developed, marketed and participated in the presentation of executive development programs for the business school. He taught project management and leadership courses in the management department.

While at WSU he was introduced to and became an active member of the Project Management Institute (PMI) and was certified as a Project Management Professional, PMP. In January 2001, he began a six-year term on PMI's International Board of Directors. In October 2009 he was designated as a Fellow of the Project Management Institute (PMI) for his significant contributions and sustained service to PMI and the project management community. This is PMI's highest and most prestigious award that is presented to an individual.

His additional educational background includes a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Dayton, 1969. He was a lifelong learner, completing numerous continuing education courses.

Jim was a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Dayton, a member and past president of the Criterion Club of Dayton, member and past president of the Dayton Council on World Affairs. He also was very involved with the University of Dayton Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning, and moderated and attended a number of courses.

Jim loved to travel, and the Naval Academy, Air Force and PMI Board activities allowed him to travel to many countries around the world. He had a particular passion for his Irish roots, visiting Ireland seven times, where he was able to visit the site of his Irish ancestors.

He is survived by his wife Nancy and his children Tim (Patti) of Carlsbad, California and Mary Ankenbauer (Jerry) of Centerville, Ohio as well as grandchildren Anna, Jerry, Tim, Aaron & Bryce.

Editor's note: The above paragraphs are excerpts from Jim Gallagher's obituary. [To read his full obituary, click here.](#)