

**The Lifelong Chicagoan**  
**James E. Gillespie Sr. (FCAS 1964)**  
**1932-2022**

James E. Gillespie Sr., a lifelong northside Chicagoan, died at the age of 89 in early January 2022. Born July 29, 1932, in the Windy City to John, an Irish immigrant and Chicago police officer, and Anne (Hayes) Gillespie, he attended Saint Edward Grammar School, Saint Patrick High School and the University of Illinois' Navy Pier and Champaign campuses. Gillespie was a true, diehard Chicago Cubs and Illinois Fighting Illini fan as well. His 40-year actuarial career included positions at CNA Insurance, Montgomery Ward Signature Group and Zurich America, where he officially retired as vice president. He was the beloved husband of Josephine (McManamon) for 65 years. He is survived by her along with their children, James Jr. (Carol), Thomas (Debbie), Mary Ann (Timothy) Nolan, Patrick (Rose Anne), John (Rebecca), Daniel (Krista) and Michael (Katie), along with 17 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and great friends. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Lurie Children's Hospital or GiGi's Playhouse. A video tribute is available at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YszBy\\_Ajd6Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YszBy_Ajd6Q).