

## **James Fergus Gifford Jr.**

Died: October 9, 2002

Jim died on Wednesday, October 9, 2002. He was 62 years old.

He grew up in Lynn, Massachusetts, and attended Lynn English High School, where he was an honors student, was on the school magazine and in the dramatics club.

At Dartmouth, Jim majored in religion, and from his freshman through his senior years was in the Dartmouth Christian Union and the outing club. He was in The Players and Bait and Bullet for three years.

After Dartmouth, Jim went to the Andover Newton Theological School, where in 1964 he earned his Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) degree, and in 1965 his Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) degree. He was subsequently ordained an American Baptist minister.

In 1970 Jim earned his Ph.D. from Duke University in Christianity and American Social and Intellectual History. He taught at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, for eight years, and at Duke University, where he was also the archivist at the Medical Center Library until his retirement in 1971. He lived for many years in Durham, North Carolina.

Jim was the author of "The Evolution of a Medical Center: A History of Medicine at Duke University to 1941."

He was the father of a stepson, Benjamin.