

Jack Dugan (Jack R. Dugan Award for CWU Sociology Department Students)

Jack died of cancer Wednesday, November 4, 2009, at home in Ellensburg. He was born June 7, 1941, in Chesapeake, Virginia, to Col. Richard Dugan, U.S.A.F., and Martha Marie Clifton Dugan. The family's life in the military meant that Jack's growing up years were spent living in a variety of places, including Germany and Guam. When in the States, however, the family would often spend summers in Whitefish, MT, where Jack and his father built a cabin together on Flathead Lake.

Jack was a Professor Emeritus at Central Washington University after having taught there for 39 years. He earned his B.S. in Psychology and Philosophy from the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1964, his M.A. in Sociology from Washington State University in 1969, and his Ph.D. in Sociology from Washington State University in 1970. He was a National Institute of Mental Health scholar while at WSU and earned the Bobbs-Merrill Award in Sociology. Before entering graduate school, Jack served in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia. He cared deeply about student learning and was actively engaged in research, community support, and university service. For his mentoring service and support to junior faculty and students, Jack received the Women's Achievement Award from the Center for Student Empowerment in 2008.

Jack was an experienced pilot, experimental aircraft builder, and avid supporter of the aviation community, including serving on the Kittitas County Airport Advisory Board since its inception. He was also an accomplished wood craftsman, building furniture and a Pelican sailboat.

Jack requested that his deepest gratitude be extended to all who walked through life with him. And we all thank him for his generosity of spirit, technical expertise, clear thinking, challenging questions, and for sharing his enthusiasm for anything flying or floating.

Jack is survived by his wife Andrea L. S. Dugan of Ellensburg and his sister-in-law Becky Dugan and nephews Jimmy and Mike Dugan of Little Rock, Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Jim Dugan.

A gathering celebrating Jack's life will be held in the Ballroom at the Central Washington University Student Union on November 14 from 2-5 p.m. during which refreshments will be served. Since Jack declared he would be living in Carhartts and jeans after his retirement, those will be welcome attire for the event.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jack Dugan Sociology Fund ([mycentral](#)) or the Jack Dugan Aviation Fund ([mycentral](#)), CWU Foundation, 400 E. University Way, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

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