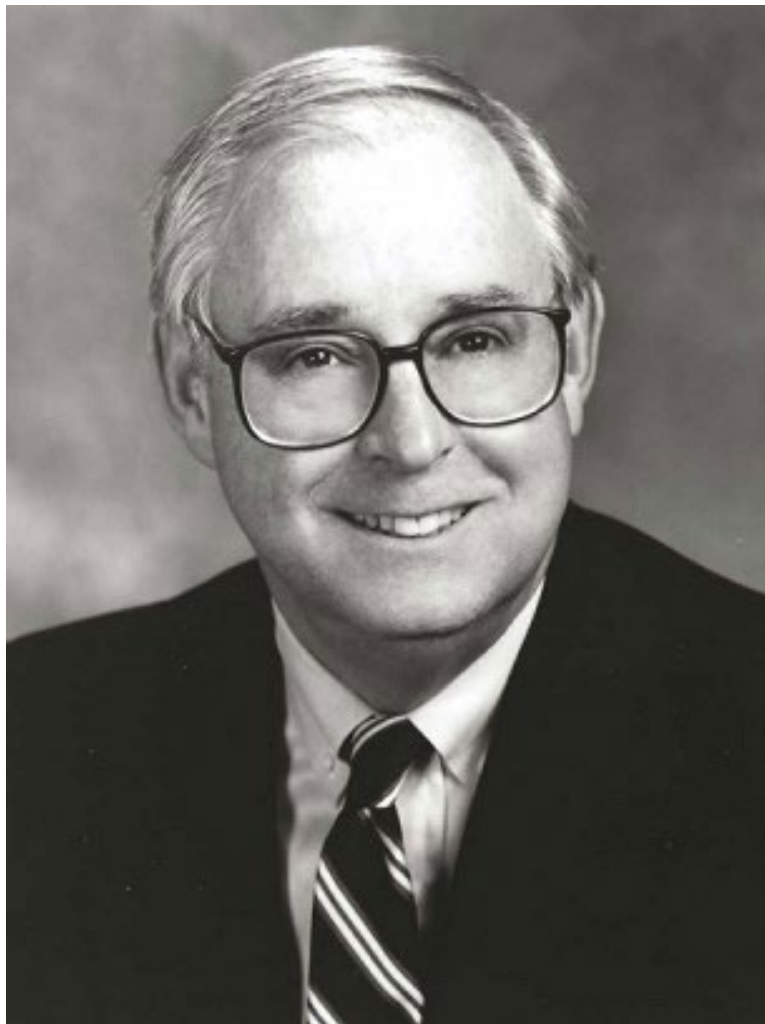


SIIA ENDEAVORS



SIIA PAST PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN, JIM DUFF PASSES

Source: Steve Stucky, Past President. Chairman, Self-Insurance Institute of America (SIIA), 6/30/2023

James William Duff (Jim), of Palm Desert, CA and Grosse Pointe, MI, 84 years old with his wife and best friend Caroline (Mehen), at his bedside after a 25-year battle with Addison's Disease passed from this world to better place on June 24, 2023.

James was born February 25, 1939, to Lucinda Anderson Duff and Charles Henry Duff, younger brother to Charles Franklin Duff. He had to overcome numerous ailments as a youth including hip surgery which required a six-month recovery in a full body cast.

During this time James' appetite for knowledge was fed by reading any dog-eared paperback he could find, especially the works of Louis L'Amour, a passion that would stay with him all his life. After graduation from Bishop Noll HS James with his brother's direction, enrolled at Xavier University in Cincinnati. James excelled in his studies and was rewarded with one of only 10 internships at General Motors.

SOME OF JIM'S ACHIEVEMENTS:

JD from Detroit College of Law in 1967

Owner and CEO of Creative Risk Management Corporation (CRMC), a third-party administrator

President and Chairman, Self-Insurance Institute of America

President and CEO of CoreSource

Chairman, Board of Detroit Riverview, later Board Member of St. John's and Ascension Health

Establishment of The James W Duff Health Care Center

Leadership and Contribution to Self-Insurance Industry

Jim Kinder, Self-Insurance Institute of America (SIIA) founder & CEO (1981-2008) said, "Jim Duff provided strong leadership during the early days of SIIA and during a pivotal growth period of the organization. Jim was the driving force to expand SIIA beyond educational programs and membership networking by becoming an active force in the political arena at the federal, state, and regulatory level to protect the interest of self-insurance and alternative risk financing.

"Jim created strategies and effective legal action, advanced by SIIA to protect the ability of risk-takers to use alternative risk funding (self-insurance) in addition to insurance stop-loss. Under Jim's leadership, he also created strategies to protect self-insurance interest and rights of business to engage in alternative risk financing by advancing SIIA sponsored litigation.

"Jim always gave his time, talent and money unselfishly to advance SIIA and the industry," Kinder added. "He and I developed a great working relationship and strong friendship over the years. Thanks for the memories, my friend." ■