James McHugh as born in Cashel Dowra County, Caven, Ireland on July 8, 1937. He is one of nine children born to Peter and Ann McHugh. He emigrated to Boston, MA in 1957 and later that year came to New York and joined the New York telephone Company.

In 1962, Jim married Margaret (Sugrue) McHugh of Innishannon County, Cork, Ireland at Sacred Heart Church, Bronx, NY. They have raised 4 children: March McHugh (Reilly), Eileen McHugh (Martini), James F. McHugh, Peter A. McHugh, and now have seven grandchildren.

In 1969, Jim and his family moved to Katonah, NY where Jim became an active member of St. Mary's Parish in Katonah. Jim has chaired five extremely successful St. Patrick Night Dances as fund-raiser for the parish. He has been an Usher for St. Mary's Church for over 35 years. Jim was an active member of the Boy Scouts of Katonah as well. Jim also chaired five very successful Irish Concerts at Kennedy High School in Somers, NY.

Jim joined the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Frank Fox Division 16, Mt. Kisco, NY in 1975. He had held the position of Treasurer for over 13 years and then became financial secretary for 3+ years. He was honored as Hibernian of the Year from Division 16 Mt. Kisco in 1993. That same year, he was honored by being an aide to The Grand Marshall of the Mt. Kisco Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Jim is also a third degree member of the Cisqua Knights of Columbus, Mt. Kisco, NY. Jim spent 11 years chairing the Annual Fund Raiser for Rosary Hill Cancer Home in Hawthorne, NY and Hospice of Westchester in Mt. Kisco, NY sponsored by the A.O.H. Division 16 Mt. Kisco, NY.

Jim has volunteered for FISH (Friends In Service Helping) servicing the Katonah/Mt. Kisco, NY area for over 16 years.

Jim retired from Verizon (formerly The New York Telephone Company) with over 34 years of service. The last 21 years of his service was as a Manager of the Plant Department in Manhattan, NY.

Jim and Margaret spend their winters in their home in Sarasota, Florida for over 15 years. Jim and Margaret have continued the Irish tradition by Chairing over six St. Patrick's Day events for their community in Sarasota, FL.