



Douglas J Dailey

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Douglas J. Dailey of North Tonawanda, a retired Lockport school teacher died Tuesday at his home. He was 71.

Born in Lockport he attended Lockport High School, State University of New York at Brockport where he earned a bachelors in Elementary Education, minor in Mathematics and Masters in Education Administration. He was very proud to serve as a teacher and administrator during his 34 year career.

In high school he participated in varsity athletics and was a former life rank boy scout. Mr. Dailey was the Director of Aquatics at Lockport Country Club and lifeguard at Briarwood. He was a teacher at George M. Southard, John E. Pound, DeWitt Clinton and North Park Middle Schools before retiring in 1999.

While a teacher he was active in the Lockport Teachers Association.

Mr. Dailey was President of the Eastern Niagara County Retired Teachers Association 2002-2004, organizing ENCRTA's 50th year anniversary celebration in 2003. His father, James H. Dailey, also served as ENCRTA president from 1974-1976. Mr. Dailey also enjoyed natural history activities and served as a volunteer with the Education Department of the Buffalo Zoo while his wife, Pat, was employed as the Zoo's Curator of Education. Following his retirement, Mr. Dailey, became active in RV travel and was President of the Niagara Frontier Allegros RV Club for 6 years.

Mr. Dailey was active in his grandsons' scouting careers, both earning the rank of eagle. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping, spending time with family and friends, and exercise through recreational swimming. As an avid NASCAR fan, he travelled via RV to various race locations. Another personal interest was raising and training dogs, particularly golden retrievers, and more currently, his standard poodle, Jed.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Pat; sister, Susan Reph; two sons, James and Douglas; two grandchildren, James and Alex; mother in-law, Bernice Myers, sister in-law, Barbara (Burford) Bowman, her sons, James (Colleen) Bowman and BJ (Patricia) Bowman, daughter Mary (Kirk) Canfield and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will occur at Wattengel Funeral Home 533 Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda Tuesday 2-4pm and 7-9pm. A Memorial Service will be held at the funeral home Wednesday 11am.

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Tribute Wall

TH

“ Pat & Family - Saddened to hear of Doug's passing...know that we are thinking and praying of you during this tough time. Good guy...knew much about so many things, a real people person. He'll be missed. Best, Ted & Marie Hadley

Ted Hadley - April 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ We were privledged to know and work with Doug over the years at Southard and North Park...his examples of caring and devotion to teaching stand out as lasting memories.

Gary/Judy Thompson - April 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Dailey's passing. He was my reading teacher at North Park and I have fond memories of his class. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marisa Enzinna - April 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Dailey's passing. He and Mrs. Dailey along with Mrs. Myers are long time customers of ours and are always a pleasure to speak with. It was always nice to hear Mr. Dailey tell me his stories of traveling in the RV and where their next venture was going to be. Even though I really only spoke to him a few times a year I always look forward to making that phone call.

Jennifer - M&M Electric Const Co Inc - April 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ My thoughts of deepest sympathy have been with you ever since I first heard the shocking news. I have pleasant memories of him smiling whenever he won at cards.

Lois Blackmon - April 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Dearest Pat and Family
Our arms. are around you, now and always... A stellar human being, Doug taught by example, not just to his students, but all of us blessed to have known and loved him. Taken far too young, he shall live on in treasured memories.

Renee and David - April 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Mr. Dailey was one of my favorite teachers and I'm so grateful that I was one of his students. He is remembered with great fondness. May his memory continue to encourage each of us who were blessed to have him as a teacher.

April Rowe-Sy - April 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Thoughts and prayers with you all every day

Doug and Jean Best - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Dear Pat and family, it was our greatest pleasure knowing Doug and the mutual love we have for our canine companions. Jed will be a great comfort to you now...as always we are here if you need anything.

Cheryl and Keith - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ Pat and Susan Sorry to hear about Doug. Not seeing Doug for so many years I was so glad that I had the opportunity to see and talk with Doug at our 70th Birthday Party with our classmates. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.
Paul and Deltah Kleinhans

Paul Kleinhans - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Doug: Our lives are so unpredictable and sometimes too short. You and Pat have become part of our lives and Gary and I will always cherish the times spent together. Our prayers are will you, Pat and family. May your family find peace in their love and memories.

Gary & Kathleen Johnson - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Dear Pat and Family,
So sorry to hear about Doug. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We will always remember his dynamic smile.

John and Jean Salvaggi - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Dear Pat, Boys and family,
My condolences to all of you. I taught with Dough at DeWitt Clinton Elementary in Lockport. I am sorry for your loss.

Molly Peer - April 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pat, Mom and Jed we send our prayers. We to will miss Dugo's laugh, his smile and willing way to help. May God send his Blessing to all of you at a very difficult time.
Fidget and Midget also would send their feelings of loss to you all.

"Jerry" & Hazel Spotts - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Dear Pat & family- we are so saddened to learn of Dougs passing- although we have only known him a short while, he was always so kind and friendly to us and always made us feel welcome at campouts. Unfortunately, we will be away next week, but we send our sincere condolences to you and your family- HUGS

john & wendy felt plyler - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Pat... Sorry to hear if Doug so passing. I had the pleasure of knowing him most of my life.. Always gracious and helpful.... We had great times at the country club and YMCA... My deepest sympathy... Doug Johnson

Doug Johnson - April 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM