



Douglas A. Lanier

May 5, 1938 - January 2, 2017

LANIER, Douglas, A., January 2, 2017 Age 78. Beloved husband of Elizabeth "Betty Jean" (Collver) and the late Kay (Leininger) 1999. Loving father of Kimberly (Kenneth) Seidenwand, Pamela (Kevin) Bohannon, John Lanier, Mary Beth (Corey) Mills, and Major David (partner Erin Delevan) Collver. Proud grandfather of Terrence Burns, Sgt. Thomas Burns, Adam (Kayla) Bohannon, Andrew Bohannon, Megan Bohannon, Aurora Seidenwand, Kirt Seidenwand, Liam Deschamps, Corinne Mills, Joey Mills, and great-grandfather of Adalyn Bohannon. Dear brother of Jeanette (Dave) Hey, and the late Gerald Lanier. Doug was an avid gardener and photographer. Visitation Wednesday 3-9pm and Thursday 10:30am until time of service 11am at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd). Memorial contributions in Doug's honor would be appreciated to the Michigan Humane Society. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ *I am sorry to hear about Doug. I was a 1956 classmate at Columbia City High School and remember Doug as being a nice young man. My condolences to his family.*”

Pat - January 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *May God give you strength in this time of grief and fond memories of Douglas Allan Lanier, CCHS Alumni Class of 1956. The Alumni of CCHS extends sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers to Doug's family. www.cchsaa.org”;*

CCHS Alumni Association - January 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ *He was a wonderful teacher, patient and kind. Somehow, he got a bunch of adolescents in the 70's excited about chemistry. Deepest sympathy to his family and friends.*”

Barb Unger - January 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Doug was a master teacher, a colleague of mine and a friend. People talk about "class"...what is it? how do you describe it?...well all you had to do was spend five minutes with Doug, and there were your answers! My deepest sympathies to all of his family members.*”

Larry Facione - January 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“I'm fighting back the tears as I write this. Next to my parents, there was no greater influence on my life during my high school years than Doug Lanier. He was the perfect teacher; he demanded a lot and loved you a lot more. In August of 2014, my opening remarks to the teachers of Chippewa Valley was based on Doug, using him as an example of what a great teacher does. He didn't make cars, parts, or portfolios-he made a difference! You will be greatly missed, dear friend! Ed Skiba, Macomb, MI”

A friend - January 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JP

“I still remember the day he told me to stop calling him Mr. Lanier. I said I wasn't sure I'd ever manage it. To this day, calling him Doug makes me feel like the rudest student he ever had. But he was more than a teacher to me; he was a friend. He wasn't only the reason I loved chemistry, but also a big reason I attended Purdue and wound up going into teaching. The influence he had on the path of my life from the time I walked into his classroom my first day at SHHS is, quite frankly, immeasurable. And his support didn't end with graduation. We exchanged letters while I was at Purdue and for years after. Doug was the kind of teacher who I hope everyone has at least once in their life. I can only hope that I impacted one of my students' lives a fraction as strongly as he did mine. He was one of the great ones, and he will be missed.”

Julie Particka - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RK

“I loved you from the start. A gentle man who took good care of my beloved friend Betty Jean. I will always think of you when I see a beautiful garden.”

Rosalind Keidar - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SH

“I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Lanier's passing. He was my chemistry teacher in the 80's and he helped influence me to major in Chemistry in college. My condolences.”

Sharon Herman - January 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LZ

“Class of 73 hereHe was a great teacher”

Linda Zelmanski - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

YH

“My Condolences to his family. Mr. Lanier was a great teacher. He cared for his students and taught more then just Chemistry. Mr. Lanier stayed after school and helped students who wanted to learn on his own time because he cared for his students. He was one of the best teachers around and I will never forget all that he taught me. SHHS Class of 1991 -Yonyuth Hongsakaphadana Student, Danbury, CT”

Yonyuth Hongsakaphadana - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LR

“Recall having him as my biology teacher at Fuhrmann Junior High in the 60's. Also remember he loved Coke; had his refrigerator always stocked. Great man”

Lori Rice - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BI

“Uncle Doug was a good man with a big heart. He always had a story to tell and a smile on his face. He will be greatly missed. I will always cherish the memories of us visiting every year and all of us kids sleeping in the camper and having fun.”

Bill - January 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM