



Douglas Trent Roorda

June 9, 1964 - April 29, 2020

Douglas Trent Roorda age 55 of Manchester, TN, passed away suddenly April 29, 2020. He was born June 9, 1964 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the son of Garry and Judith (Vanderkleed) Roorda of Sugar Hill, GA.

Doug graduated from Fayetteville Manlius High 1982, Purdue University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Geology and a MS from University of Tennessee Knoxville He was a science teacher at Westwood Middle School for 32 years.

In addition to his parents he is survived by bothers Steven and his wife Shelli of Bluffton S.C. and Michael and his wife Carolyn of Rochester, NY. Nieces and Nephews, Jennifer (Andrew), Julie (Frank), Jonathan (Niki), Michael (Bridget), Sara (Brennen) and Matthew. Grand Nieces Delaney Connett and Amelia Roorda and Grand Nephews Michael Joseph Roorda and Braylon M Roorda. Significant other Mary Warner Beard.

He was a follower of his savior Jesus Christ. We are comforted by the wonderful life he lived. We will never forget his love of travel, adventure, sports, science and music. A service of celebration will be held at a later date. Those who wish to remember Doug in a special way may make gifts in his memory to Toys for Tots or Eldridge Children's Home, eldridgetoyrun.com or charity of your choice.

Please visit our website at www.davesculberstonfuneralhome.com to leave online condolences. Daves Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and honored to serve the Roorda family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Trent Roorda*

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *Ansley Beachboard lit a candle in memory of Douglas Trent Roorda*



Ansley Beachboard - May 16, 2020 at 10:19 PM



“ *I had the privilege to work at the same school with Doug for the past 13 years. The last two years I got to be in his class every day as an assistant to the students. He had a gift for teaching students. I also learned a lot in his class. We both shared a love for travel and were always comparing our travels and giving each other advice. I will miss him very much. WMS will never be the same.
Rest in peace, Doug
Dione Eichel*

Dione Eichel - May 06, 2020 at 06:03 PM



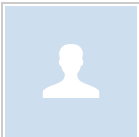
“ *My Uncle Doug was an amazing person, and through teaching and coaching he touched so many lives. To me he was smart, adventurous, independent, and funny. He was the first person that introduced me to truly good music and he helped me see the beauty of nature. One Christmas I was scared to snowshoe on a frozen pond behind our home in Minnesota and he got me to go on it with him. It was so much fun! We are so devastated by the loss of him and I can only hope we carry on his legacy in some way. Miss you so much my Uncle Doug.*

Jennifer Roorda - May 05, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ *Great teacher, always having a smile and a positive attitude and great to work with! Charles Sain, former principal*

Charles Sain - May 04, 2020 at 04:46 PM



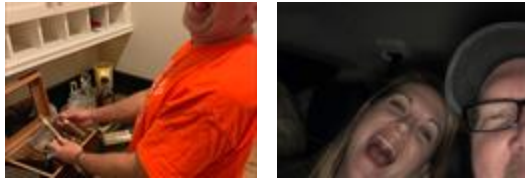
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Trent Roorda.*



May 03, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JR

“ *My uncle Doug was such a fun and unique man. His love of travel and independence has always inspired me. I’m so grateful for a few close days last year that we got to spend at my parent’s house talking, laughing, and having a few too many cocktails :) I’ll treasure those days and many others for the rest of my life. I will never see a beach, a mountain, or a starry sky without thinking of him. We should all strive to be as adventurous and appreciative as nature as he was.*



Julie Roorda - May 02, 2020 at 09:42 PM

TS

“ *Teresa Steele lit a candle in memory of Douglas Trent Roorda*



Teresa Steele - May 02, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ To Coaches family, friends and loved ones, and to you Coach, you were my sons mentor, you helped him grow into a great young man and golfer.... he has spoken of you often through his high school career as a player... Thank you for watching over my son, thank you for teaching him and helping him in so many ways, my heart is broken, you will definitely be missed, and always be loved... rest easy Sir.. anf thank you from the bottom of my heart



Lori and Christopher

Lori Tenaglia - May 02, 2020 at 07:50 PM

SB

“ I remember when my friends were in his class 5 or 6 years ago, it the was last month of school and we were watching a movie. While the movie was going my friends and I were passing a note to each other. Mr. Roorda came behind us and said, "Keep it pg girls." we busted out laughing be we knew and he knew i was infact pg. He was the most sweetest and fun teacher to be around. He cared about his students. he was be missed for sure.

shannon Brown - May 02, 2020 at 05:45 PM

JR

Thank you, Shannon!

Julie Roorda - May 02, 2020 at 10:27 PM

OK

Mr. Roorda was not only a teacher at WMS but an ally to many of his students. He would always stick up for the underdogs and made a point to let every student know they were important. I remember many days when we would veer off from regular class activities to hear his stories of his travels and life lessons. It's been almost 3 years since I was in his class, but it feels like yesterday. He made his mark on many young minds and will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, colleagues, and other former students. Rest In Peace "Roordad"

Olivia K - May 02, 2020 at 11:02 PM

MW

I have so many memories of having Mr. Roorda as a teacher, and years later when I worked at Starbucks. One of my favorite things he did for us was let us come after school hours to look in his telescope when different planets would be closer to earth than they were all year. He took time out of his free evenings with his own telescope just to share events like that with us purely out of his love for it. Literally a week ago, coming up with quarantine activities for my four year old, I taught him a baking soda water experiment Mr. Roorda showed us in science class that I thought was so cool I never forgot it. He was such a fun, hands-on teacher. I never realized until I saw him again years later in my adult life at Starbucks just how much of an interesting, outgoing, and truly awesome person he was. I have no doubt he lived every day to the fullest. We could all be a little more like that.

Megan Wix - May 04, 2020 at 01:25 PM

AB

Me and my brother were very lucky to have Mr. Roorda! He was a wonderful teacher!! Rest In Peace Doug Roorda

Ansley Beachboard - May 16, 2020 at 10:15 PM