



David E. McLaughlin

August 21, 1939 - June 10, 2017

On Saturday, June 10th, 2017, our Lord relieved David E. McLaughlin, 77, of South Park, of his earthly burden after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Beloved husband of 53 years of Janet (Ei) McLaughlin; father of Tracy (Russ) Tribuzio, David Patrick McLaughlin, and Carrie (Curt) Maerkle; treasured grandfather of Alexa, Vanessa, Jorgi, Jacob and Kara. David was an avid outdoorsman. He loved animals and nature, especially enjoying hunting, fishing, and walking in the park. He had a lifelong passion for the game of football. He was team captain at Dormont High School & Clarion State College, and upon graduating, began his 36 year career at South Park High School, teaching, coaching, and retiring as Athletic Director. He was a die hard Pittsburgh Steelers fan. Ever the competitive sportsman, he fiercely battled Alzheimer's to the very end. Friends received Tuesday 2-4 & 7-9 pm at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.), South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600, where a Blessing Service will be held on Wednesday at 11 am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in "Coach Dave's" memory to the Baptist Homes Benevolent Fund, 489 Castle Shannon Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15234. Dave's family extends their sincere gratitude to ALL the staff at the Baptist Homes Society and Caring Hospice for their outstanding care, compassion, and support along this difficult journey. Condolences may be offered for the family at www.GriffithFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Griffith Funeral Home, Inc.
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Pittsburgh, PA 15236
(412) 655-4600
<https://www.griffithfh.com>

Visitation

JUN 13. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Blessing Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JV

“ *In memory of my brother in law. Son of Eugene and Virginia Demain McLaughlin.
Sister of Diana McLaughlin Vagianos.
Always remembered with love* ❤️

John Vagianos - July 06, 2023 at 08:12 AM

JV

May HIS Memory Be Eternal +++❤️❤️❤️

John Vagianos - July 06, 2023 at 08:39 AM

JV

*In memory of my brother in law. Son of Eugene and Virginia DeWalt McLaughlin.
Sister of Diana McLaughlin Vagianos.
Always remembered with love* ❤️

John Vagianos - July 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM

JV

May HIS Memory Be Eternal +++ ❤️ 🙏

John Vagianos - July 06, 2023 at 09:59 AM

IB

“ *May his memory be eternal.
Funny, kind, family man, forever a steeler fan.*
❤️❤️❤️

Iwavns Bayanos - June 07, 2021 at 01:33 PM

VC

“ I was from the class of 1970 and I have two vivid memories of Mr. McLaughlin -- one was in the summer of band practice when I just got my drivers license. We would get a lunch break and often went to Baskin Robbins -- well this one time us majorettes were a little late and I come squealing into the parking lot driving my 1964 Dodge Dart -- needless to say I was disciplined as I should have been..

Speaking of discipline -- whatever grade we dissected frogs, in my rebellious, adventurous nature, I hung a frog out the second story window of our classroom down to the first floor and got caught... well, I got a paddle from Mr. McLaughlin. I have told that story throughout my entire life -- lovingly.

I also lived near Mr. McLaughlin in Broughton on Marion Drive.

He will live on in my heart.

Vicki Bobeck

Vicki Cohen - August 05, 2017 at 01:18 PM

CV

“ *Connie Lee Del Vitto lit a candle in memory of David E. McLaughlin*



Connie Lee Del Vitto - July 18, 2017 at 03:47 PM

CD

“ Mrs. McLaughlin, Tracey, David & Carrie,

I also had Mr. McLaughlin as my teacher. He was NOT just another Drivers Ed. teacher, NOT just a Pennsylvania History or Civics teacher. Mr. McLaughlin was an A+ and #1 teacher. He was the only teacher who would sponsor our freshman class. He took us under his wings like a GUARDIAN ANGEL and guided us through our freshman, sophomore and junior years, until our graduation day. I would like to thank you for this. A wonderful and kind teacher...I will miss you. Mrs. McLaughlin: I knew you when you worked in the office at South Park High School. Mrs. McLaughlin, Tracey, David & Carrie: Someone so special can never be forgotten...

Connie Lee DeVitto – “1970”



Connie Lee DeVitto - July 18, 2017 at 01:47 PM

DC

“ Mr. McLaughlin taught me to drive over 40 years ago! I remember him as a sweet, patient, king man. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

D. Calabresd - June 15, 2017 at 08:25 PM

DM

“ *Mostly I remember his sweet disposition! He was so kind. So sorry for your loss!! I will pray for you!!*

*Sincerely,
Debbie Bashor Mikec*

Debbie Bashor Mikec - June 14, 2017 at 05:45 AM

SF

“ *Dear Janet> Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Dave was not only the best coach I ever had, in any sport or at any age, he was an even better role model, friend, and man.*

Steve and Leslie Fluke - South Park class of 1967

Steven Fluke - June 13, 2017 at 08:05 PM

JW

“ *David was a college classmate and a really good friend and person. We shared many good times and he was always a person with intelligence, integrity and a caring attitude. The world was a better place because of him and I send my condolences and best wishes to his family. May God bless you.*

Jim Williams - June 13, 2017 at 01:59 PM

SL

“ *MY OLD COLLEGE ROOMMATE DAVID EUGENE~SO SORRY. JANET, MY DEEP CONDOLENCES~I REMEMBER THE MANY GOOD TIMES AND HOPE THE BEST OF THE MEMORIES ARE YOUR TAKE AWAY~WITH LOVE,...SLATS.*

Slats - June 13, 2017 at 10:59 AM

MA

“ Alzheimer's brought Dave and Janet into our lives (my husband also has Alzheimer's). Alzheimer's stole many of Dave's abilities. However, up until the last week of Dave's life he encouraged and uplifted those around him. I am privileged that my husband was frequently on the receiving end of Dave's compassion and grace. Dave's legacy lives on in his wife, children and grandchildren!

Marie - June 12, 2017 at 09:52 PM

M'

“ My sincere condolences to your family. He truly inspired in the classroom and on the field. I have many fond memories of him including walking across our stomachs in football spikes while doing crunches. He had the rare ability to want to learn and absorb everything he taught in class. God speed Mr McLaughlin!

Mike Herforth. class of '69 - June 12, 2017 at 07:29 PM

PC

“ To Janet and family,
We will miss our beloved friend of over 50 years . May he Rest In Peace . Janet ,we send our deepest condolences to you and your family . David was a wonderful man.
We love you,Pat and Bob Coles

Pat and Bob Coles - June 12, 2017 at 05:51 PM

JT

“ Dear McLaughlin family, please accept my sincerest and deepest condolences on the passing of Coach McLaughlin. I have the fondest memories of him as a teacher and coach. He had a positive and significant influence on my academic and athletic experience at South Park High School and for that I am forever grateful.
Jack Taylor, Class of 1967

jack taylor - June 12, 2017 at 12:51 PM

FE

“ Janet and family: Our deepest condolences for your loss. Mr. McLaughlin was our friend, coach, and teacher. He had such an impact on our lives.

Kathleen Broglie Enos. Class of 1966 Snowden HS
Franklin James Enos . Class of 1964 Snowden HS

franklin J Enos - June 12, 2017 at 11:59 AM

PH

“ Mr McLaughlin was the football coach for my junior & senior year. I lost my father in 9th grade. I found Dave to be the surrogate dad for me. I went to his house in 2011 & tried to get him to come to our class reunion but he respectfully declined as his wife said he was not mentally or physically up to it. I was very disappointed. I did tell him that he was my proxy father in high school. He was very pleased to hear that. In life we meet those who mattered in their lives.....he was one of them for me....my sympathy to the family

Patrick Herforth - June 12, 2017 at 11:36 AM

MW

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marie watters - June 12, 2017 at 01:01 PM

DP

“ I met Mr. McLaughlin in my freshman year at Snowden Hs, and by senior year as South Park . He was an excellent teacher, but a better football coach who mentored me as a developing young man in addition teaching me the nuances becoming an explosive running back, earning me a scholarship by my senior year. After graduation, Dave invited me to join the South Park coaching staff. This was a dream of my life. Thank you Dave for being a friend, confidant and role model. Rest In Peace and safe a spot for me. I will miss you.

Douglas Spencer, class of 1967 South Par - June 12, 2017 at 10:32 AM

CD

“ I had Mr. McLaughlin as a teacher in high school. He was not only one of the kindest teachers I had ever had, but one of the best teachers. He made learning easy. He made his mark on many people going thru his class. Wishing you all God's peace and love as you go thru this time of sorrow, but know that he made a difference in this world one student at a time.
Cindy (Vachie) Davis

Cindy (Vachie) Davis - June 12, 2017 at 06:10 AM

MF

“ Monica and Jim Gatto and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David E. McLaughlin.



Monica and Jim Gatto and family - June 11, 2017 at 08:26 PM

TS

“ Mrs. McLaughlin, Tracy, David, Carrie and families, I'm deeply saddened to hear of Mr. McLaughlin's battle and of his passing. I have very fond memories spending much time at your home as a teen. You are all in my prayers during this difficult time.

Tracy Marshall Sauer - June 11, 2017 at 07:10 PM

ED

“ Janet,

I am very sorry for your loss. I had a great amount of respect for Mr, McLaughlin when I was attending Snowden High School as a student. I know my mother, School Board Member-Esther Dolinar, did as well. She spoke very highly of him!

*Ed Dolinar
Amherst, Ohio
Class of 1962*

Ed Dolinar - June 11, 2017 at 05:20 PM

CF

“ Mr McLaughlin was one of the nicest teachers I had, he taught me Social Studies and driving lessons. I will never forget how he made me pull into the high school and told me to check the gas gage, which was on "E". Then, the car started to slow down and stopped in the driveway! I looked at him and said, "Wow, are we lucky!" He busted out laughing....he had braked the car from his side! I'll never forget that or him. God bless him and I hope he knows how lucky we were to have him as a teacher, instructor, and coach! His struggles are over but his legacy lives on.....

Cindi Fidago - June 11, 2017 at 05:19 PM

MG

Janet and family you have my deepest sympathy and admiration for your deep devotion to your husband through his struggle I don't know how many would have been able to shoulder what you have although I did not know

David I have known you since high school I know how lucky he was to have you Monica Gatto

Monica Gatto - June 11, 2017 at 07:20 PM

SK

Me. McLaughlin was a great Social Studies teacher, I'll always remember him. He taught me to drive on Saw Mill Run Blvd., and when I pulled into traffic the wrong way, patiently said "now, look where we are". Never panicked! I still try to keep my hands on 10 and 2. Peace to him and family.

Sherrie Kubis - June 11, 2017 at 08:02 PM

MI

Janet & family. So sorry for your lost. It breaks my heart. I knew Dave when he was a student teacher. I remember hanging out with you, your brother & the Costello boys at your Mom & Dad's home. When you told me about You & Dave dating. Told me not to say anything. Remember you getting married & building a house up by your Parents. Sorry we lost touch. I good married & moved away.

Just remember all the good times & precious memories & especially how much Dave loved You & your kids. Hold on to those good years. God Bless you & your family Janet & RIP Dave.

Marsha Doring Ignaczak

Marsha Doring Ignaczak - June 11, 2017 at 10:04 PM

JM

Janet- I will always remember Dave as the young handsome teacher who swept you off your feet. My Dad always had a great affection and respect for him.

Julianne Morgan-Bungard

Julianne Morgan-Bungard - June 11, 2017 at 10:13 PM

PL

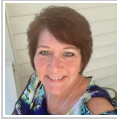
Mr. McLaughlin was a wonderful civics teacher and drivers ed. Instructor. He was so kind and patient when he let me drive into downtown Pittsburgh. He will be missed. Patti Lott Lucas, Class of 1972

patricia lucas - June 11, 2017 at 10:21 PM

RD

Mr. McLaughlin was a wonderful teacher and person. I always remember him fondly.

Randi Bradshaw Dailey - June 12, 2017 at 06:37 AM



Mrs. McLaughlin, Tracy, David and Carrie. I am saddened to hear of Mr. McLaughlin's passing. I have thought of you all over the years and will always cherish the time spent with you and your family during high school. I will pray for strength for you all to get through this difficult time. You have always had a wonderful family. God bless you all <3

Jackie Richards - June 12, 2017 at 09:44 AM

LI

all my love and all my heart is with you guys forever! your nurse and friend Lisa. kisses n hugs!

Lisa - June 12, 2017 at 10:30 AM

RD

*Janet, Tracy, David, and Carrie, our hearts were broken when we saw the news of Dave's passing. As you know he was like another brother to me and I was blessed to have shared so many moments working, fishing and camping, and sitting by his side at countless Steeler games. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. We have thought of you all so often these last years and prayed for Dave to overcome the beast called Alzheimer's. I missed him everyday and will miss him even more now. Our love to you all.
Rich and Suzy Dziubek*

Richard Dziubek - June 12, 2017 at 07:03 PM

JM

Dear McLaughlin family,

I remember him as my favorite teacher, kind and gentle. I lost my husband two years ago so I know how hard this will be for all of you. I'm praying for God's perfect peace as you walk this journey.

Jo Ann Pelesky Mulkerin, class of 1969

Jo Ann Pelesky Mulkerin - June 13, 2017 at 12:20 PM

JG

I don't remember having Mr McLaughlin in any of my classes in the early 60s but he was a great guy and an exceptional football coach. My sincere condolences and prayers go out to you, Janet, my old friend Billy and your entire family.

Jim Guthrie - June 13, 2017 at 12:55 PM

DB

Mr McLaughlin taught me how to drive in the late 1960s. I was terrible, but he was patient and unflappable. Our class of 1970 dedicated our yearbook to him as our favorite teacher. Dan Blackburn

Dan Blackburn - December 23, 2017 at 11:35 AM