



Duane Dosson

February 5, 1929 - February 10, 2019

Duane Dosson passed away on February 10, 2019 after celebrating his 90th birthday with 200 family and friends in Florida. He was born on February 5, 1929 in Breckenridge Michigan, raised on the family farm in Wheeler MI and graduated from Breckenridge High School. He then met and married the love of his life, Donna Mae Barnes, in April 1950. Duane entered the Army and spent time stationed in Germany during the Korean conflict. In 1957 they moved to Midland where Duane spent his career working for the Dow Chemical Company as a Safety Engineer, Paint Department Manager, and Employee Relations Counselor until he retired in 1986.

Duane always loved spending time with family on the water, whether at the cottage he built at Higgins Lake, his place in Nokomis, FL, or his succession of boats. He loved family time, volleyball, bocce, and waterskiing, which he continued to age 86. Duane was active in many volunteer activities, giving back to the community whenever possible. He helped establish Church in the Pines in Nokomis and the Arnold Center in Midland. He served as PTA president, president of the Royal Coachman Nokomis Resort board, and board member at the Arnold Center. He was a Boy Scout leader and quite the handyman/builder.

Duane is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Donna Mae, daughter Karen (Dan) Marvin of Mount Pleasant, MI, son Dan (Marcia) Dosson of Rochester

Hills, MI, daughter Luann Brennan of Midland, MI, 11 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, William (Chum) and Hazel, and by his brother Dale Dosson.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 315 W. Larkin St., Midland, MI 48640 on March 16 at 11am, with visitation at the church on March 15 from 4pm - 8pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Midland First United Methodist Church, 315 W. Larkin St., Midland, MI 48640 or the Alma College Dosson Family Scholarship Fund, 314 W. Superior St., Alma, MI 48801.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ Duane Dosson will always have a fond memory in my heart! One of the nicest, gentlest man I have ever met...Rest in Peace always. ❤️



Love, Betty Lake

Betty Lake - June 13, 2019 at 08:37 AM

AD

“ Dear Dosson family - I echo my sister's comments about your dad and your family and what a remarkable and fun part of our childhood you all were. To this day, when I'm washing my car in my driveway, I think of your dad. It's how i remember him - happy, washing his car, stopping and having fun with the neighborhood kids and teaching us all something about taking care of cars, houses, yards... All in preparation for a summer at Higgins Lake! We adored him and all of you. All our love. - Ann Doyle

Ann Doyle - March 15, 2019 at 11:43 AM

BD

“ Dear Dosson Family,
I know you are headed into a challenging and also a very loving weekend ahead. I say loving because there is no family I remember more dearly in my childhood than yours. You were the quintessential joy filled all American family and Duane was absolutely the leader of your beautiful clan. He was my favorite Dad on the block! Always happy, fun, engaged and so completely dedicated to you all! I am so sorry for your loss and so grateful to have known 'Mr. Dosson'! Just know that our family will be thinking of you this Saturday and that we are sending each and every one of you our prayers and love. Sincerely and fondly, Beth Doyle

Beth Doyle - March 13, 2019 at 06:18 PM

RP

“ Dearest Donna and Family... There will certainly be a big void on the Higgins Lake Post without the smiling face of Duane! He was always ready and willing to help anyone in need. Through the years of our being at the cottage, Duane's experience and expertise in fixing things was very helpful, not only to us, but others on the Post! Duane was always friendly, upbeat, positive and ready to participate in a good conversation. His journey the past few years has been quite challenging for him and all of you. The Lord decided that Duane will be better off in heaven and no longer will be suffering. May the Lord bless you, Donna, and the rest of your wonderful family, and give you the strength needed to get through this time of sorrow. (Rod and Nora Palmer)

Rod and Nora Palmer - February 13, 2019 at 12:01 PM

AB

“ The extended Croucher Family sends its deepest sympathies on the loss of "our" Duane. Can't even imagine being at Higgins Lake without his presence. We all feel fortunate to have had his friendship all of these years. He transcended generations of our lake families and we all would come away from engaging with him feeling better. Peace be with you all. Our luck to know you all.

Alison Barberi - February 12, 2019 at 03:20 PM

TS

“ I remember the great times I had visiting Duane and Donna Mae. .They are such a loving family and I grieve his passing. I also remember having their son in my statistics class at Alma College. I remember always checking his exams first. Of my answer disagreed with mine, I knew I had made an error! My sincere condolences to you at this time. Tom Schumm

Tom schumm - February 11, 2019 at 08:46 PM

DD

Thanks Tom--mom and all of us really appreciated hearing from you and your nice comments. Someone in the family mentions you often and we wonder where you are/how you're doing. I smiled at the comments about me and stats class--I do remember that course well. Write me if you can at ddos205@aol.com. Dan

Dan Dosson - February 16, 2019 at 04:53 PM

LM

Dear Donna, we fondly remember you and Duane as our neighbors on Linwood Dr. Our children enjoyed the organ and spent many hours playing it.

Luis & Rosie Mulford

Luis Mulford - March 01, 2019 at 01:13 PM

DM

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Dan & Karen Marvin - February 11, 2019 at 05:26 PM

JG

Donna, I was truly saddened to learn of Duane's passing. I would definitely been there if I had known. Nobody called to tell me the news. Duane was such a wonderful guy, and a real family man. He was kind to everyone always and was always ready to flash his great smile to all. I remember when he taught me to water ski at your cottage. I learned quickly but wasn't told to let go of the rope if I fell. I only did that a few times-you would think I could figure it out after nearly drowning and gulping a gallon of water the first time I fell. You and he were the couple I always looked up to. You were always so in love and happy. I wanted the same. You had a perfect little famiy. I'm so glad you had 70 years to love and enjoy each other. You're both wonderful people and always a joy to see. I often think of the times spent at Bethany Hall at our fall and Christmas get-togethers. I miss those times and all the family. I can still see Duane making ice cream in the entryway. What a guy! Always making others happy. May he rest in peace.

Joyce Gingrich - July 27, 2021 at 06:17 PM