



Douglas Walter Norlander

July 21, 1962 - July 28, 2022

Age 60 of Woodbury, Minnesota Passed away unexpectedly July 28, 2022.

Beloved husband of Laura, and beloved father of Andrew and Brian.

Doug was born July 21, 1962 in Two Harbors, Minnesota to parents, Eugene and Mary Ann Norlander. He attended Two Harbors High School where he was a two time all state football player. He also excelled at baseball and basketball. He later went on to earn degrees at the University of Minnesota Duluth and also University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Doug and Laura married June 17, 1989 and had 33 precious years of marriage. Sons, Andrew and Brian were his joy in life. Doug touched many lives as a high school social studies teacher, was an avid reader of history, and a youth sports coach. Doug loved God, people, travel, sports, and the outdoors, and his kind and generous spirit is still bearing fruit.

Doug used his God given gifts to touch many lives around him. He will be dearly missed by many.

Doug will remain in the hearts of his loving wife, Laura; sons, Andrew and Brian; father, Eugene; siblings, Lynette (Steven) Case, Jennie Parresol, Don (Vickie), and Jill (Tim) Batman; father-in-law, Phillip Winter; mother-in-law, Karen Winter; siblings-in-law, Bart, Jen (Damian), and Anne (Matthew); many beloved nieces; nephews; extended family; and friends.

He is preceded in death by mother, Mary Ann.

Visitation 4:00 - 8:00 pm Friday, August 5, 2022 at Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home (515 W. Hwy 96 at Mackubin, Shoreview). Celebration

of Life, 11:00 am Saturday, August 6th, at North Heights Lutheran Church
(visitation 10 - 11 AM), 1700 W. Hwy 96, Arden Hills.

Tribute Wall

BN

“ I am so sad to hear of his passing. Mr Norlander had a great impact on my life, and will remain one of my favorite teachers.

Ben nagel - March 23, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I am so sad to hear of his passing. Mr Norlander had a great impact on my life, and will remain one of my favorite teachers.

Ben nagel - March 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Laura, Andrew, Brian and family. I am so shocked and grieved to hear the news of the loss of your beloved husband, father, son and relative. My heart goes out to you and many, many prayers to the Lord on your behalf for immense comfort, grace, strength and His amazing love to surround you during this difficult time.

Kathy Leu - August 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ The Man was Legend!...He was truly an Awesome Teacher and I was Blessed to Be one of his Students....I wouldn't be The Successful Man I am without his Teaching...God Bless His Soul and God Bless His Family.....

Michael L Grimes - August 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I have known Laura and Doug since our college days. They visited Colorado often and it was so fun to spend time with them on our various outings and having them stay in our home. We had many interesting discussions too. I picture Doug in heaven sitting on the lap of Jesus (perhaps chatting about history, sports, education or religion.) I'm thinking of the Bible verse- "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." Praying the Norlander family will sense the Lord's comfort in the days ahead.



Sharon Troxell - August 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ My biggest condolences for his family's loss, Mr Norlander was truly an inspiring person and it's sad to hear about this. He was my teacher for history and class "world at war" in highschool a few years ago, and I still remember his class and teachings vividly. It was capturing and exciting and he was always helpful and made class fun. He was a great teacher and even though he's gone, he will live on in many hearts and minds.



lakeshia leppanen - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My condolences to Doug's family wife & boys and older siblings my old schoolmates and of course Mr Norlander. Whenever My Fridley team played at Tartan Doug always stopped by to say hello and share Agate stories and say few positive words to my team. I know many Tartan staff & former students and they talk about Doug's positive influence in the school. A special guy from a special family.



Jim MacDonald - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I knew Mr. Norlander all throughout my four years of high school at Tartan, largely due to his infamous brotherly rivalry with Andrewski and the close bond you could tell all the Social Studies teachers shared. I only had the pleasure of having him as my teacher for one trimester. It was a class to remember. Almost a decade ago now and I have clear and fond memories that I know will stick with me for many more years to come. It was always obvious his job was his passion.



Taken too soon, rest in peace, Mr. Norlander.

Kaitlyn Gerber - August 06, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I met Doug through Laura, my friend since our college days at the U of M. Doug has made a difference in so many lives. We celebrate the life of a wonderful man and mourn his passing with you.



Jenny Jaakola - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I was always proud to be with Doug and talk about him. He stood for all the right ideals in life. Doug's strong faith in the Savior was evident in the way he cared about others before himself, a true servant. Doug is unbelievably missed by family and by friends and by the thousands of people he encouraged in his lifetime.



Brooks Berg - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I think we started at around the same time at Tartan HS (1998 🤔?). Then I found out you live in the same neighborhood. And then, our boys played football together. You were such an absolute joy to work with and to know. We were all blessed to know you.



Kelli Dean - August 05, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Our family met Doug and Laura 25 years ago and we have been in a small group off and on ever since including meeting the night before he passed. We were blessed by his joyful spirit that night as he recounted several fun memories. Doug blessed everyone with his humility, outstanding character, and positive attitude even in the face of difficulties which were all rooted in his deep love for Christ. Doug took a special interest in our younger son and took him on several boundary water trips with his family. He was a support and role model for so many young people. Doug, we will greatly miss you and you will live on in our hearts forever. -Brian and Kathy Nelson

Brian and Kathy Nelson - August 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ One of my favorite history teachers. He always was so kind to me and his students. Rest In Peace. My prayers are with you and your family

Elaine Simon - August 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mr. Norlander was my highschool teacher and he was wonderful. I went through a really rough chapter during the year I had him as a history teacher and he was so kind, patient, met me where I was at and I still have a card of encouragement that he wrote to me. He didn't need to do any of that, but he did. His kindness has left an impression even over a decade later. I'm so sorry for your loss. May you carry the best parts of him into this world. He was a great teacher.

Mara - August 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ We love you Doug Norlander we will miss you so much. You are such an inspiration to us. ❤️🙏🌸

Vickee Norlander - August 04, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Mr. Norlander was an amazing teacher! I loved his class so much.



Lizzy Wortman - August 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Laura and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss of your husband Doug and can only extend our extreme sympathy to you and the family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers that the Lord will give you love and peace during this time.
Love & Prayers,
Gary and Helen



Gary and Helen Sigmeth - August 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ A mighty Sequoia has fallen. The love, guidance, shelter, and support Doug provided so selflessly to so many will long continue to cast shadows of quiet embrace across our far flung lives, we the fortunate to have shared a path with him in his time on this earth. The thunderous silence his departure leaves behind should serve to remind us of his place among Giants.



Jonathan Lozier - August 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ To Laura, Andrew, Brian, and all who loved Doug, my prayer is that sooner rather than later your tears of utter devastation and sadness will turn to memories of tranquil joy as you reflect on your times together. After all, Doug is still with us today and will be forevermore since the power of death can only end a life. His passing, while sudden and unexpected, can never end our relationship with him as Doug will always live on in our hearts. So, to my brother in pedagogy, and, most important of all, my brother in Christ, God speed my friend. *Philippians 1:21*

Roy Erickson - August 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ My heart goes out to all of Doug's family. Such an incredible man. The last time I saw Doug was at a class reunion where he , Mr D (Delarosby))and I got to sit at a table and talk about where life after high school was taking us. Praying for peaceful hearts for his family but also knowing he went to the grandest place of all. ❤️ God Bless

Janine Julian - August 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ We have known Doug and Laura since meeting Laura in college in 1983. We have shared many wonderful times with them in nature - hiking and nordic skiing. We have enjoyed several vacations with them. We've had so much fun spending time with Doug - he was so easy to talk with, and always so positive and optimistic. The Norlander family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are so glad that we will be together again with Doug in heaven!

Christine and Dave Pearson - August 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy - I'm so sorry for your loss. Doug and I were hired at Forest Lake High School the same year (1992) and although he didn't stay at FLHS for long, he was a wonderful colleague and a lot of fun. One day after school some boys were in some kind of mischief and ran down the hall to get away from Doug. I saw them run by, and then I saw Doug absolutely *SPRINTING* after them. What great form. Those boys had no idea Mr. Norlander could run! I smile every time I think of him and how pleased he looked when he said, "I got 'em!" May his memory be a blessing.

Coleen Colton - August 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *It was with surprise and the recalling of fond memories to learn of Doug's passing. To the entire Norlander family, please accept my sincere condolences for your loss of a truly wonderful man.*



I hadn't seen Doug for many years, but immediately recalled our days playing baseball together. There was no one I'd have rather had behind the plate than Doug. As catchers go, he was tougher than most. He never showed it during the game, but one time after a win he took off his glove to show me a swollen hand turned black and blue from catching seven innings of fastballs. He laughed it off. In fact, that's what I remember most about Doug. He was always quick with a genuine smile. I'll miss knowing he is no longer with us. I am proud to have known him. After reading the messages posted here, it is no surprise to me that he touched so many lives over the years. To a life lived well, Doug!

Jamie Juenemann - August 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Laura and family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I know there are no words to ease your pain and grief. I pray you will find comfort in your memories and peace for your broken hearts.*
Cori

Cori Amesbury - August 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *My sincere condolences. I worked with Doug at Tartan for 9 years, 5 of which were in the Social Studies area. While I was a Spanish teacher, Doug was a great colleague and mentor to me as a new teacher. We both shared an interest in Egyptology, and we'd check in with each other if there was an exhibit, likely traveling, close to the Cities. Doug was one of the stalwarts of the department and the building in my time there, and I've no doubt that continued.*

Ben Kusch - August 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *I never had mr. Norlander as a teacher but went to a few knowledge bowl meetings. Just from those meetings I could tell he was a great man and teacher. My condolences* ❤️



Nolia bigwood - August 02, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ *Mr. Norlander was my and many other students favorite teacher. He has treated me with much respect and was very including of students.*



Calvin Leepalao - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ History is defined by events of the past, but Mr. Norlander made past events come to life and feel like the present in his classroom. I always looked forward to attending his lectures and not only learning about the subject at hand but what it meant to be an empathetic and kind person after high school. He helped me grow in my confidence as a student, and I'm positive his legacy and kindness will live on through all the students he taught.

Hannah Methner - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ I'm so sorry. Doug was one of my true sounding boards while I was at Tartan. He was a great listener and always found a way to reassure. Please know I'm sending you family prayers and healing.
Niki Beck

Niki Beck - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ We shared some great memories last year, always enjoyed Doug. I will always feel honored to have known such a good person. RIP buddy!

Wade - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Mr. Norlander was one of the most kind, genuine, and thought provoking teachers I’ve ever had the pleasure of working with. I learned to appreciate him not only as a teacher, but as a friend as well. Having traveled to Europe in the Spring of 2019 with him as part of Tartan’s annual trip opportunity, I got to see another side of him outside of his profession that not many got to see on a daily basis. He always had something interesting to say or something interesting to add to the conversation. Never a dull moment. He will be greatly missed. My condolences go out to his family during this difficult time.



Jack Gidley - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I was so shocked to hear the tragic news last week. I worked with Doug for over 15 years at Tartan, and he meant the world to me as both an exceptional colleague and a true friend. He was so positive, always in a good mood, very professional, and always willing to do whatever our Social Studies team needed. When I think about Doug, I envision him working with students after school for the Knowledge Bowl competition, reviewing with AP kids, or talking with colleagues who needed a caring listener. So many special memories! Students and teachers alike loved him. He was one of those people who gave of himself to make our work and the world around him a truly better place. Please accept my loving thoughts and prayers for you during this difficult time. I truly hope that the memories of his love, kindness, and devotion to those he knew and loved him will bring you comfort and peace.



Gail Colbert - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I had the pleasure of going on spring break traveling around Europe with Mr. Norlander. He always had a fact about every place we stopped. Truly an amazing person and will be missed.



Sommer Mafi - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My sincerest sympathies go out to the Norlander family. You all will be in my prayers at this time. So sorry.
Brenda (Turnblad) Franklin



Brenda Franklin - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I was one of Doug's HS football coaches. Doug was no ordinary athlete- he played in the MN State All-Star Game, was Tru-State first team and played varsity as a freshman! He could've played college football but chose to concentrate on his studies. Knowing Doug he never told his students or athletes this. And he might've been a better baseball player. He was a special kid, a leader and a good student. His former coaches (Halsted, Nyberg, Kallio) are deeply saddened by his loss and want to extend our condolences to his family. We'll all miss him!!!!

Tim Graupman - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We will remember Doug as a man of integrity, intellect, and creativity. He brought hope to the people in his life, how he lived, how he spoke, and how he taught. We honor his memory and thank God that Doug is now among the Great Cloud of Witnesses.

Jill and Mark Herringshaw - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ I knew Doug and his Dad Eugene. Eugene teach me back in I want to say in the 5 or 6 grade. I did get Eugene later in life as both us attended an Alzheimer's support group in two Harbors for his wife and me for my mother. I wish got to know Doug better! But we travel in days different ways after graduation. My sincere sympathy to the Norlander family.

Eddy Parke - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GU

“ Doug and I had many talks @ coffee on Saturdays and I will miss them.
As shocking as this is, may peace fall on the family. There is no doubt that Doug is in Heaven,, happy as can be, visualizing and experiencing all that he believed here on earth as his eternal reward! We'll all be with Doug and other loved ones when the time comes. Heartfelt blessings to all of the family.

Greg Uhls - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Mr. Norlander was truly an amazing person and teacher! I'm so sorry for your loss, he will be greatly missed.

Abigail Meuwissen - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Laura and Family,
We were so sad to hear of Doug's passing! We love you and are
praying for all of you.
Love,
Julie and Bob Reis*

Julie & Bob Reis - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *I had Mr. Norlander for a history class around 2012-2013. I was
partial to history but Norlander always made learning the material a
blast. Lessons were more than just reading out of a textbook. He
made the material feel present and even had us wear costumes to
debate as historical figures. He was a great teacher and man.*

Chris Bales - August 01, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Doug was such a positive influence on everyone that knew him.
He will be missed but not forgotten.*

Marlon Naysmith - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *I taught next door to Doug for several years. He was a kind, decent,
and brilliant man. We shared many of the same students, and the
kids respected Doug so much for his knowledge and for his
kindness. Many condolences to his family.*

Michelle Dzik - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! Mr. Norlander was an amazing teacher and such an understanding person.



Erica Madison - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

OI

“ Mr. Norlander was truly a one of a kind teacher. Not only did he welcome all of his students with open arms, but he made students excited to learn everyday. I can say with confidence that on a daily basis, I was excited to go to class when I had him as an educator. My thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time and I will be praying for comfort.



Olivia Iverson - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Doug was an incredible teacher! He touched many young lives at Tsrtan High School! God bless his family!

Candy Petersen - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Genuinely the most passionate teacher i've ever had. You could see the excitement in everything he would say, and it really just made you want to learn and listen to his words. He will be greatly missed. Thank you Norlander <3



Sarah Curtice - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I will never forget the impact you had on my schooling. You knew how we needed to learn and taught on a personal level by creating a connection with each student. You will be forever missed.



Joseph Pardo - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ I am thankful for Doug's friendship and for the life that he gave us. Doug is an exceptional man and teacher, a man of faith. We will miss you dearly.



Matthew Oberg - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ It's been maybe 16 or 17 years since I was in just AP Euro History class at Tartan or peaked in and answered Knowledge Bowl questions. Doug Norlander was a favorite teacher among many students, my sincere condolences during this time to his family. He was a wonderful human being.



Michelle Stiles - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ You will be dearly missed by everyone at Tartan High School. Thank you for everything.



Andrea Cuate - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ We are so sorry to hear of Doug's passing, we both grew up in Two Harbors with him and always enjoyed seeing him and catching up. Our deepest sympathies to all his family and friends.

Mark and Paula Gulan - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ I had Mr. Norlander my sophomore year of high school, he was incredibly passionate about history but also about teaching history to his students, he was truly one of best! He will be missed.



Hailey - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

J2

“ Mr. Norlander was my AP World History teacher (class of 2016). He was a welcoming teacher that made his classroom feel like home. He was a dedicated teacher who pushed his students to their best abilities. My condolences to the family. Rest in Peace Mr. Norlander.



JT Singh (Class of 2016) - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Our hearts ache, but at the same time we have the joy of the Lord. We are poor, but we give spiritual gifts to others. We own nothing, and yet enjoy everything. 2 Corinthians 6:10

Jennie Parresol - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Mr. Norlander was an amazing teacher! He made learning history so easy due to his absolute passion about what he taught. I always looked forward to this day in history with him, and just talking with him about anything and everything history related. It was a pleasure to be a student of his. He will be missed.*



Selena Pineda-Martinez - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Doug was a great guy, and I feel lucky to have had the opportunity to grow up hanging out around your family and playing sports with Andrew as a young kid. I'll always remember Doug as a smart, fun and kind-hearted man and as a great role model to all of the young people who's lives he touched.*



Dan Proulx - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Laura, Andrew, and Brian. We know that your beloved husband and beloved father loved you with a passion and treasured you beyond words. Our hearts ache for the loss you are having to bear. We will always remember his love for you and count ourselves blessed for being able to call him our friend. We love you.*

Mark & Tina Wiens - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Mr. Norlander was my Knowledge Bowl coach and AP U.S. History teacher. He would always greet me with a smile everytime I walked into his class. He was a great teacher who cared about his students and and helped me get better in my writing. I always looked forward to class and Knowledge Bowl practices on Wednesdays. He was very proud of all of his students. He has had a great impact on me and countless others. My sincere condolences to the family.



Jasleen Kaur - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ History is defined as studying the past, but Mr. Norlander made historical events come to life in the classroom and feel like the present. I was always eager to attend his class and learn from him about the subject at hand. More than that, I learned what it took to be a positive and empathetic person in this world after high school. He helped me improve my confidence in my capabilities in the classroom. His kindness and un-selfishness will live through all the lives he's touched through his career as an educator. I'll never forget him!

Hannah Methner - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Mr. Norlander was an amazing teacher and I had the pleasure of exploring Europe with him and Mr. Hansen and some of my classmates. It was a time to cherish and never forget. He was an amazing teacher and person. May he rest in piece.



Austin Bofferding - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Mr. Norlander was one of the best teachers I've ever had in my lifetime. I was his student for multiple classes throughout my time at Tartan. He was such a kind and compassionate person. He was knowledgeable and discerning; a great teacher who I always enjoyed listening to and learning from. He was easy to talk to about anything, fun, and just extremely loveable. What an amazing person the Lord used to touch so many.*

Betzie (Yeck) Parker - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I remember Douglas growing up in Superior and visiting my cousins, the Norlanders, in Two Harbors. My dad, Walter, was Doug's mom's brother. I have many fond childhood memories of playing together in Two Harbors and Superior. May God comfort you all in this terrible loss.*



Susan Hopkins - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ *I am very sorry for your loss I am extremely shocked the untimely passing of Doug. He was always a very very good man and I really enjoyed my conversations with them when I got to speak with him and coaching his boys and understood how much he loved watching them play football was a joy of this life praying for your family*

Griffin John - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Don and Jill, I am so sorry for the loss of Doug!*

Kent Carlson - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

IC

“ *Mr. Norlander left such an amazing impact on everyone he came across. He truly made my love for history grow even further. He was an amazing teacher and wonderful storyteller! I am saddened to hear this news and my thoughts and prayers go to his family.*



Ireland Cook - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

NJ

“ *Doug came and spoke at the MN West Point Parents club several years ago when my son attended WP. He was absolutely fabulous and so gracious. His talk was so thoughtful and informative. I never forgot it. He stayed long after his speech and was very giving with his time. So very sad to hear this news.*

Nikki Jackson - July 31, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *Mr. Norlander was one of my favorite teachers in high school. So sorry for his family. Please know he personally left a legacy of faith and a passion for learning and being your true authentic self for me while in high school. I'm so glad he had found the hope of heaven and may you all cling to that hope that you will see him again.*

Sarah Odens - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *My prayers go out to his family, may he Rest In Peace.*



Constantine Osuji - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Me. Norlander had such a solid kindness in every interaction I had with him. He respected and showed care to all of us in such genuine form. I'm so sad to hear of his passing. His unwavering kindness and gentleness made a significant impact on me.

Goodness Adekanmi - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ I will never forget Mr. Norlander. He taught my AP European History Class (Tartan Class of 2009). He was an excellent teacher and a great man. He will be missed! The Norlander family is in my prayers during this difficult time.



Valentina Ronning - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ I'm so sad to hear about the passing of Mr. Norlander. I remember being on the Europe trip with him and how much I had hanging out with all of the teachers. But I also remember being in his Apush class and learning so much from it. Prayers goes out to his family.



Maria Tenenbaum - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Very sorry to hear. Condolences to all family members.



Lance Amundsen - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AM

“*Doug coached my daughter in cross-country skiing. It wasn't just a job for Doug, it was his mission to get the best out of each skier. He will always be remembered by me and by Meg for his skill and leadership. When Meg received her PhD, Doug found time to attend her graduation party. He was not just a teacher or coach, he was a friend.*



AJ Moses - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DA

“*This is Dennis Anderson former colleague of Doug. Doug was also my assistant basketball Coach and was a great man. Would have loved to keep in touch with him. I am very sad to hear this news.*

Dennis Anderson - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BD

“*Doug touched the lives of so many throughout his life. His spirit will live on for generations to come through his impact. Sending prayers of peace and God's love in this incredibly difficult time.*

Britta Dwyer - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KB

“*Words cannot describe the loss of Doug and what an impact he had on so many lives as a role model and mentor. To me he was one of my very first mentors way back when I was one of his students. He gave the world so much, more than he took in return, and he will be so very much missed. Doug, Thank you for all of your guidance and helping me become the person I am today.*



Kathleen Barrett - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ I had Mr. Norlander for world history. He was one of my favorite teachers of all time. I can not begin to explain to you the impact he had on me to this day. I remember one exercise where he had a group of ten students debate different topics as characters throughout history. One student would be Cleopatra another would be Theodore Roosevelt. We would take what we learned in his class and try to look at whatever issue he put forward as a member of that persons region. I learned to look at every situation from multiple angles and try to see my opposing view point of view. I am so great full for this lesson and the many others that he taught me.

Ryan yoch - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ i had mr norlander as my world at war class last year as a junior at tartan. it was one of my favorite classes and he made it even better we talked about the mn wild and football and golf. he was a cool tether i could relate to. really gonna miss him 💙



dylan flaherty - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ I had Mr. Norlander when I was a senior at Tartan in 2019. He was an awesome teacher, one who I looked forward to seeing every day! He applied for a grant that allowed me and a bunch of other students to go see the play Hamilton. Ever since then, I have been a huge fan and listen to Hamilton music a few times a week! I will always appreciate his care and dedication for his students. He was a great teacher, and an even better person. He will be greatly missed!



Katelyn Krummel - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Mr. Norlander, thank you for being such a solid history teacher. Because of your teachings, you propelled me to be more interested in the US military. Always approachable and always friendly. Rest easy, Sir.*



*Cozart Townes
LTJG
USN*

Cozart Townes - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Love you brother! Thanks for being the man you are!!!! You have enriched everyone you came in contact with. I am blessed and so proud to have had the honor to call you my friend!!!!*



Glenn Hansen - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Laura, Andrew & Brian, please accept my deepest condolences! Doug and I taught together for 24 years and he was always two doors down from me! He was my voice of reason and respect! His first concern as a teacher was not the content but for his students to know he cared about them! He shared his stories of you & his love for you all with students and all students knew his faith and family were always his number one in his life! Doug left Tartan with a lasting legacy that I promise I will carry on! He taught me, by example, to teach with my faith and allow God to direct my choices when working with students; be caring, be forgiving and above all show love and kindness to every person you interact with! Please know Doug's Tartan family are here to support you through this time and we will be there for you for as long as you need us and beyond; that is Doug's legacy!



Vicki Fellows - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had Mr.Norlander for AP world history and he was so passionate about his work and giving every student the best learning experience possible. He kept the joy in class, and he will be missed dearly.



Gabe Marcotte - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ One of the nicest teachers I've met

Kedus Rezeen - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Mr. Norlander was an amazing educator! He was someone who engaged his students in a way that made you want to learn and keep learning. My brothers and I loved having him as a teacher! Mr. Norlander will be greatly missed.*

Amanda (Schneibel) Capote - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *thoughts and prayers to whom are grieving* ❤️
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sam - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Doug was such a beautiful man. Caring, funny, wicked smart, and such an amazing teacher. He taught my one a brother in law, coached and another brother in law and my 3 sons. Heaven has a beautiful soul.*

Deb - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *The world changes from year to year. Our lives from day to day but the love and memories of you, shall never pass way! Rest In Peace my friend, Jeff Anderson*

Jeff Anderson - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Doug will be greatly missed. He was a caring, amazing person and every encounter showed that. God bless you and your family.*

Jance Churchill - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mr. Norlander was the only staff member who would consistently say "hi" to me in the hall. Even after graduation and now working at tartan, he would continue with his "hellos". He would also check in with me when he notices something off. I'll forever miss his presence as one of my teachers and co-workers.

Cassie strenke - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ I was teammates with Dougie and Don I'm very surprised and sorry to hear about this sudden passing I would be greatly appreciative of being advised of any upcoming services which I could attend.

Timothy Nordskog - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Mr. Norlander was my AP US History teacher my junior year at Tartan. Even though we were in a tough situation with distance learning, he always found a way to make class interesting. Whether it was 'this day in history' or trivia games to help us learn the information from the unit we were on. He was so knowledgeable and his passion for history showed every day in class. As a learner, I came to his class excited every day, and he was one of my favorite teachers I had at Tartan. He will forever impact, mine and many other students lives.



Lauren Lambert - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Mr. Norlander was my favorite teacher this past year. He was constantly supportive and encouraging, his love for history was inspiring to me and helped me succeed in his class. I will forever be grateful for the time we spent together. I offer my sincerest condolences to his family and friends.*

Sewit Tesfai - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *I coached with Doug at Unity and so very sorry to hear of his passing. Sending prayers and peace. Craig & Cathy Miles*



Craig Miles - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Laura, Andrew, and Brian. We know that your beloved husband and beloved father loved you with a passion and treasured you beyond words. Our hearts ache for the loss you are having to bear. We will always remember his love for you and count ourselves blessed for being able to call him our friend. We love you.*

Mark & Tina Wiens - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Mr. Norlander was my favorite teacher at Tartan. I had him for AP US history which was my favorite class because he made it so fun and interesting. He always asked every student about their lives and would remember tiny details that built a personal relationship with each student. He was truly an amazing person and educator. I graduated from tartan in 2019 and always planned to go back to visit him. I wanted to tell him about my life now and let him know he was my favorite teacher. I had planned to after I graduated grad school next year from Mayo Clinic. I wish I wouldn't have waited. I am deeply sorry for your loss and hope that hearing how many people's lives Mr. Norlander touched gives some comfort. You'll all be in my thoughts and prayers❤️. Sincerely, Corinna Hafner



Corinna Hafner - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Thoughts with Laura and Andrew and Brian. I have such fond memories of Doug from London in 1987. RIP my friend. We always had such great chats about the world. It's now lesser for your passing.

Tim Stoney - July 30, 2022 at 12:00 AM