

Douglas Neil Long

December 29, 1964 - June 1, 2019

INTERLOCHEN – Douglas Neil Long, age 54, of Interlochen, passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Munson Medical Center in the loving care of his family.

Douglas Neil Long was born to Kenneth and Evelyn Elizabeth "Liz" Brandt Long on December 29, 1964, in Lincoln.

Doug was a graduate of Olympia High School. He then completed a B.A. in History and Education at Monmouth College, and finally an M.S. in Counseling at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

Doug began his career at Interlochen on the Residence Life staff. He then spent nine years teaching, coaching, and counseling for the Spring Independent School District in Spring, Texas, before returning to Interlochen as the Assistant Dean of Students. Doug moved to the Academic and College Counseling department, where he found what he maintained was his favorite position. He led the department for nearly a decade.

Doug was dedicated to the students he served. He took a deeply personalized approach and helped countless students navigate some of life's difficult choices. He was a patient listener, thoughtful advisor, and trustworthy advocate. He made a significant, positive impact on many bright young lives.

In addition to the countless hours he devoted to his students, Doug also cherished the time he spent with his family and friends. That time was frequently spent enjoying outdoor activities, beginning with helping on the family farm. He was certified as a ropes course facilitator and was also a trainer of facilitators. When it was time to stop working, he chose to spend his time hiking, canoeing, camping, and golfing.

Doug is survived by two daughters, Andie Long and Stephanie Long; his father, Kenny Long of Normal, IL; one brother, Brian (Rosezona) Long of Petersburg, IL; one sister, Melody (H.E.) Evans of Conroe, Texas; one niece and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his mother: Liz Long, and his grandparents.

A celebration of Doug's life will take place at 12:00 pm on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Dendrinos Chapel & Recital Hall with a visitation for family and friends beginning at 10:30 am.

Memorials may be made to Interlochen Center for the Arts, specifically the Ann and Byron Hanson Endowed Camp Scholarship Fund, Jacobi Citizenship Award Fund, Bob Luby Student Emergency Fund, or Intermediate Girls Scholarship Fund (Dr. Claire Hornung). Any of the above contributions may be addressed to, 4000 M-137, Interlochen, MI 49643.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 10:30AM - 12:00PM

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Dendrinos Chapel & Recital Hall

Eugene Ormandy Avenue, Interlochen, MI, US, 49643

JUN **Celebration of Life** 12:00PM

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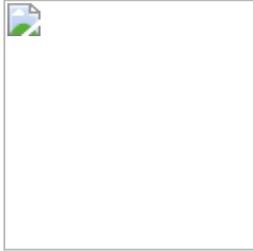
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Comments



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Reynolds-Jonkhoff - June 10 at 01:02 PM



“ I knew Doug in college at Monmouth. He was a terrific person for new freshman to meet, helpful and supportive. One of my favorite memories is of he and Dave in kilts at my first football game. He was at times the voice of reason in the wilderness and equally often the king of "it seemed like a good idea at the time. " A truly wonderful human being.

Bill Ault - June 08 at 01:11 PM



“ Dear My Interlochen Family,

My sincere condolences to Doug Long's family and Co-workers.

Doug helped my daughter hone her academic schedule to fit with her artistic one as I'm sure he did for many Interlochen students.

He touched so many lives and for that, his imprint lives on.

May his Soul Rest In Peace and his family be lifted up knowing many hearts are with you to be ready as he always was, to comfort you in service.

With deep condolences,
Melissa Epple, '70-73 IAA Alumni
Mother of Kelsey Nibbelink, '90-92 IAA Alumni

Melissa Epple - June 05 at 11:49 PM



“ Doug was so warm and supportive of me during my transition to Interlochen and during my college application process. He believed in me and my goals which was significant to me at a time when I had a lot of self doubt. May his memory be for a blessing.

Alina Fox - June 05 at 10:34 PM



“ Doug was such a ray of sunshine, and someone I've known since I worked at Interlochen Arts Camp in the 80's. I can remember so many times laughing with him, seeing him at fun Interlochen events including those summer polka band nights, and many very genuine and thoughtful conversations. He truly lived the spirit of Interlochen. I wish I could be in Michigan for the service. My deepest condolences to his family. Know that he impacted many lives in such a positive and unforgettable way.

Anneliese Festersen Crawford - June 05 at 08:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Neil Long.



June 05 at 05:46 PM



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June 05 at 05:18 PM



“ Such a wise, kind, and funny man. His patience with this crazy mom and her high strung musician son for four years and beyond was so very much appreciated. What a loss for his family and the Interlochen community. Ruth Stonecipher

Ruth Stonecipher - June 05 at 04:14 PM



“ As a 4-year academy grad over 10yrs later, Doug's influence is still felt. Every time I sought his guidance for classes or ran into him on campus he was the kindest person I'd seen all day. His talent for making students feel understood, and guiding them through such an important and stressful time, will be missed. I'm so sorry for his family's loss, and I will never forget him.

Dave Stonecipher - June 05 at 10:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Neil Long.



June 04 at 06:05 PM



“ I was Doug's 7th grade language arts teacher. I loved this boy and his family. He was always very special which I attribute to his loving and supportive family. They valued all that is good in life and he obviously lived those values through his service to others. So sorry that he passed too soon.



Annetta Rennels - June 04 at 10:56 AM



“ My son described Mr. Long as a kind, caring and highly effective academic counselor.
We are so sorry for your loss.
The Ebnits

karen Walton Ebnit - June 04 at 06:15 AM



“ Doug was such a great, positive support to my daughter and our family during my daughter's time attending academy. We are so grateful for him and send his family our deepest sympathy. Xo



Carie Zanin - June 04 at 12:01 AM



“ My prayers are with the family.

Libby Welchel Purlee - June 03 at 06:47 PM



“ Doug was such an outstanding counselor for many students.
Good friend always and his smile lit up the room. He is missed.

Mary Buskirk Parisi - June 03 at 06:00 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Douglas Neil Long.



June 03 at 05:59 PM