



Michael D. Dooman

July 29, 1963 - November 29, 2014

Michael David Dooman, 51, of Madison, CT, Headmaster of Mooreland Hill School, passed away on Saturday, November, 29, 2014, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Michael was the husband of Sheila Lavey, and loving father of Colin and John Dooman. In addition, he is survived by his mother, Betty Dooman, and brother, Nelson Dooman Bella. His father, Wilson Dooman, predeceased him.

Michael was born on July 29th, 1963 in Brooklyn, NY. Raised in New Britain, CT, he graduated from Mooreland Hill School, Loomis-Chaffee School, and Drew University with degrees in Classics and Political Science. He earned his Master of Arts in History from Trinity College. He also studied at the Klingenstein Center, Teachers College, Columbia University.

Upon his graduation from Drew, he began his career in education as teacher of Latin, English, and history at St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia. In 1986, he was invited to join the Mooreland Hill faculty as teacher of Latin, English, and history and varsity baseball coach. He served a fourteen-year tenure, during which time he was named Director of Studies, Dean of Students, and Assistant Headmaster. In 2000, he accepted the position of Middle School Director for The Country Day School, in Madison, CT. In 2006, Michael was recruited to return to Mooreland as Headmaster, where he served for eight years. He was instrumental in expanding Mooreland Hill to include a lower school program.

Michael's passion was Mooreland Hill School and the students and families he

served there for 22 years. However, he also found time to contribute to his community. He was a member of the New Britain Saturday Night Club, Chair of the Conservation Commission, City of New Britain, a board member of the United Way of New Britain, Corporator of the Hospital of Central Connecticut, and a volunteer at the New Britain Museum of American Art.

His aunt, Joanne Dooman, and uncle, Clyden Dooman, both of New Britain, also survive Michael. He leaves behind a beloved nephew and many cherished nieces, cousins, friends, and the Yankees Baseball Team. A celebration of Michael's life will be held on Friday, December 12, 2014, at South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT, at 1:00 pm. To honor Michael, in lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his name to: Mooreland Hill School, 166 Lincoln Street, Kensington, CT 06037 www.mooreland.org. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with the family by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

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PL

“ Mike Dooman was a great man. My sister was truly fortunate to find such such a decent, caring and wise husband. I hope that students and parents of Mooreland Hill School and the Country School appreciate his many efforts on their behalf. Connecticut has lost a great educator and a good friend. I miss him.

Patrick Lavey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Although I didn't know him long, I was impressed by Michael's wide range of interests. He had a passion for humanity and middle school students in particular. I had the privilege of working alongside him at the Mooreland Hill School in the 2012-2013 year. I extend my condolences to his family and to the school and the community he left behind.

Deirdre Roberts - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ To Bette, Joanne, Clyden, my sincere condolences..though I never met Michael, I know he was much loved. May the Good Lord keep you safe, and Michael rest in peace. Love, Doris

Doris Dooman Hoffenberg - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ It was a pleasure to work along side such a kind and knowledgeable man. I will always treasure the after hours conversations we've had together about life and education. My heart goes out to the family. Michael will truly be missed!

Eric Steinfeld - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Sheila, Colin & John,

We are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Cleo called the other night with the sad news. We were aware that Mike was engaged in battle with this horrific disease for some time and only two weeks ago understood that there was still hope through treatment options for a recovery. We are saddened, knowing what a great blow has been struck against you Sheila and your boys, Colin and John. Please know that your family is forward most in our thoughts. We hope that every mercy and comfort might be afforded you in the coming days, weeks and months. With greatest love and affection, Jeff and Donna.

P.S. Dad is also saddened to hear about Mike's passing and sends his sympathy and love.

Jeff & Donna Trumble - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *I was saddened to learn of Michael's passing. He was a good person & a great leader! He will be missed by many.*
Martin Harwin

Martin Harwin - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *Great memories of Michael, Mooreland Hill big part of his life! He will be missed. My condolence to Sheila and family !*

Gail Parks - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Sheila,
So sorry to hear about the passing of Michael. I will be holding you and your family close in my thoughts, in hopes that you will feel surrounded by love and and comfort. Joelene

Joelene Smith-Drake - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ The Parsons family extends our deep condolences to Sheila, Colin and John in this painful loss. We loved having Betty, Joanne and Mike as as our great neighbors and friends. My dad Jim also cherished Mike as a dedicated student and teaching colleague. What a bright and gentle soul our Michael is! We all are blessed to have had him in our lives. Godspeed. Ted Parsons

Ted Parsons - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Sheila, we want to express our deepest sympathy of the untimely death of Mike, My children Alyssa and Kyle , join me in our deepest sympathy to you and your family. as my grandmother, Margaret Hart Young being one of the founders of the school, we appreciate all the hard work and dedication Mike gave to Mooreland. I can not imagine the pain and feelings of loss you are experiencing, but know you are in our prayers.....Gigi Young Kurth "70"

gigi Kurth - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM