



## Douglas J. "Doug" DeLong

March 15, 1959 - May 26, 2019

Douglas J. "Doug" DeLong age 60 of Frisco, CO, formerly of Perry, OH, died peacefully Sunday, May 26, 2019 at home after a brief and unexpected battle with cancer. He was born March 15, 1959 in Painesville, OH.

Following graduation from Madison High School, Doug earned his Bachelor's Degree from The Ohio State University and his Master's Degree from Cleveland State University. While at Ohio State, he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He loved learning and after school chose a path which would help him educate and inspire others.

Doug began his career at Riverside high school first as a teacher, then as an athletic director, and finally as an assistant principal. In 1995 Doug transcended to the next step in his career as the principal of Chardon High School. He loved and served the Hilltopper community until 2008 when he took on a new challenge as the Superintendent for Berkshire Local Schools. Finally, in 2017 Doug retired as a Badger and moved to Colorado where he was employed by Summit County Schools. In 2018 he made his final career move and became the Executive Director of CASA of the Continental Divide, providing safe living environments for children suffering from abuse and neglect.

In Colorado, he made many friends with whom he visited local breweries,

watched Colorado Buffalo and Ohio State Buckeye football games, skied, and cheered on the Cleveland Browns. Doug was a member of the Rotary Club of Summit County and was a certified Court Appointed Special Advocate through CASA of the Continental Divide. Throughout his career, Doug strived to make sure that every child had an opportunity to succeed and achieve their goals.

Doug loved traveling the world with his family and friends as well as skiing the Rocky Mountains. He enjoyed spending summers on the shores of Lake Erie and Lake Dillon, and could often be found offshore on sailboats, jet-skis, and more. A lover of the outdoors, he had fond memories of camping with family and friends near the Kinzua Dam on the Allegheny Reservoir, with his family at BMX races, and even for fun in the backyard.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years: Sally (Horton), son: Kyle DeLong of Denver, Co., siblings: Deborah (Stan) Cole, and David (Janine) DeLong, brother-in-law: Tim (Shannon Kriegmont) Horton, sister-in-law: Beth Hartle and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Doug in death are his parents: John and Florence (Creighton) DeLong.

A celebration of Doug's life will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A memorial mass will be 11 a.m. Monday, June 10, 2019 at St. Cyprian's Catholic Parish, 4223 Middle Ridge Road, Perry, OH 44081.

Contributions may be made In Doug's name to CASA of the Continental Divide at P.O. Box 2092 Dillon, CO 80435.

Send flowers and offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **9**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Memorial Mass

JUN **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Cyprian Church  
4223 Middle Ridge Road  
Perry, OH 44081  
(440) 259-2344

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Doug at such a young age. He was a positive force in the lives of all he knew including myself who was one of the assistant principals at Chardon High School when he was principal there.. His caring for children and youth Was so much a part of who he was. My thoughts and prayers go out to Sally, Kyle, and the rest of the family. I remember when Kyle was born, and Doug's concern for Sally's well bring. I also remember that as former history teachers, we enjoyed arguing our opposing political views. Doug always had a smile and a good-natured attitude. Our thoughts and prayers are with Doug's family and friends. Adda Porter and her Husband Dale Porter

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**Adda V Porter** - June 08, 2019 at 09:43 AM

AP

“ Adda and Dale Porter purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Douglas J. "Doug" DeLong.



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**Adda and Dale Porter** - June 08, 2019 at 09:23 AM

JG

“ We are very saddened to learn of Doug's passing. When Doug first began teaching at Riverside High School he rented an apartment in the upstairs of our home and we really enjoyed his friendship with many laughs and good times. Doug went on to accomplish great things in his life which we were certain would happen for him. Our deepest thoughts, prayers and sympathies are with all of Doug's family and friends. John & Rosemary Galayda

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**John Galayda** - June 01, 2019 at 11:57 PM

BT

“ As the Workforce Development Director for Geauga Growth Partnership, Doug was the one superintendent I could always count on to be engaged, share his ideas and be open to new approaches to our programs. He knew the students and genuinely cared about them and their futures. It was a great privilege to work with him. My heart goes out to his family. I don't think there was a time we were together when he didn't show me a new picture or video of Kyle doing something amazing. I am so so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you.

*Bonnie Troyer*

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**Bonnie Troyer** - June 01, 2019 at 09:01 PM



“ Mr. DeLong was my favorite teacher, ever. He taught me AP Government in 1988/89. He was one of the only teachers who could get me excited and interested in school. We read law cases, wrote briefs, and presented them to the class. I didn't realize back then what a young and innovative teacher he was. Years later, when I got certified, I became a substitute teacher for him at Chardon High School. I hope he had a happy life and that he can rest in peace knowing he made a difference.

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**Wendy Kestner-Fuchs** - June 01, 2019 at 07:43 PM

RG

“ I enjoyed working on the administrative team with Doug in Chardon. We were both hired in 1995 by Dr. Hayman. Doug's leadership brought the PLC process to Chardon High School. He shared this learning with other districts. Condolences to his family during this difficult time.

*Rhonda Garrett*

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**Rhonda Garrett** - June 01, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas J. "Doug" DeLong.



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June 01, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ I am shocked and saddened to learn of Doug's passing! He hired me at Chardon High School in my first Assistant Principal's role. Doug was a great leader and also possessed a wonderful sense of humor. He often shared stories about Kyle and his activities....and never without a big smile and tremendous pride. I will forever be grateful to Doug for the opportunities he gave me and for all he taught me over the years. My deepest sympathies go out to Sally, Kyle and the extended family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*Drew Trimble*

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**Drew Trimble** - June 01, 2019 at 09:41 AM



*I am sure that I am among many administrators send sympathy to Sally and Kyle. I worked with Doug in Berkshire. He was a dedicated leader and champion of kids. He will be missed. Ruth Friedman*

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**Dr.Ruth Friedman** - June 01, 2019 at 01:30 PM



*I love remembering Doug's voice on my car phone, 2001, telling me to come on in and sign my contract. It made all the difference in the world to me. So grateful. Deepest sympathy. Deb Steytler*

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**Deb Steytler** - June 01, 2019 at 07:30 PM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy to the DeLong family. I admired Doug’s kind and caring personality and ability to find the positive in everything. I enjoyed working with him as part of the administrative team at Chardon High School. He always made my staff feel like part of the team. Thank you Doug for your guidance and patience. I will always be grateful and lucky to have work with you.  
Josephine Culliton

Josephine Culliton - May 31, 2019 at 11:52 PM

DR

“ My deepest condolences to the DeLong family. I admired Doug’s calm demeanor and ability to find the positive in everything. I enjoyed working with him as part of the administrative team at Chardon.

Dave Rogaliner - May 31, 2019 at 11:31 PM

KM

My condolences to the DeLong family. I had the pleasure of working with Doug for a year at Chardon. He was an intelligent, caring person who will be missed.

Kelly Murphy - June 01, 2019 at 12:15 AM

JL

“ My connection with Doug and his family goes back over forty years at Madison High School. May God grant his soul eternal peace and happiness and comfort his family.

John Loeffel - May 31, 2019 at 11:04 PM

BS

“ I met him on,y once. He was a wonderful person to our daughter and will always be grateful

bill and del shepard - May 31, 2019 at 10:51 PM

NS

“ With heartfelt sympathy; Doug was an outstanding administrator who touch the lives of many with his dedication and leadership. Kind thoughts,  
Nancy Santilli

nancy santilli - May 31, 2019 at 09:27 PM

JG

“ I spent a few mornings in his office at Riverside being handed detention slips, he let me off a few times. Always a really nice guy.

J.J. Guerrieri - May 31, 2019 at 09:26 PM

AW

“ My heart and prayers go out to Doug's family. I went to school with Doug...I believe we went to the same elementary school in Madison. We also graduated in the same class 1977. Doug was always very nice to me when we ran into each other and talked a bit. I remember talking to him in the halls like it was yesterday. So sorry to hear of his passing.....



Anne Warner - May 31, 2019 at 09:23 PM

RK

“ Enjoyed my time with Doug at Chardon. He helped me grow as an administrator. Had the pleasure of seeing his career blossom as a Supt. and enjoyed having his son at Perry HS. My thoughts and prayers are with Sally and Kyle.

Robert Knisely - May 31, 2019 at 09:19 PM

VC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Doug's family and friends. He was a great guy and is thought of fondly.*

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**Veronica Kosch Campbell** - May 31, 2019 at 09:17 PM

KN

“ *He was a great principal*

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**Kristen Noyes** - May 31, 2019 at 08:11 PM

 Mary Palmstrom

“ *So very sorry to learn of Doug's passing. He left a positive mark on many colleagues and students during his years in education.*

*Doug arrived at CHS and helped our school community grow in many ways. Enjoyed working with Doug during the years he was the Chardon HS Principal.*

*Wishing his family comfort and peace.*

*Mary Palmstrom*

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**Mary Palmstrom** - May 31, 2019 at 07:47 PM

JH

“ *Our friends never leave us. Doug loved the students and staff at Chardon High School and as their principal always strived to make things better. He enjoyed the Chardon community and made many contributions to make Chardon a better place to live and learn. I will always remember Doug as an important part of our administrative team-I was so fortunate to have worked with such an outstanding group of individuals and to have Doug's leadership at the high school while I was there. He will be missed. I wish peace and love to his family.*

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**Jane Hayman** - May 31, 2019 at 07:15 PM

DM

“ Thank you for your leadership, kindness, and passion. You were a tremendous leader. I am grateful for my two years as a student with you, and the life lessons that I can emulate as a building leader. May God Bless your entire family.

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**Douglas Murray** - May 31, 2019 at 06:47 PM

DH

“ I am sorry to hear this sad news. Doug was in my Leadership Geauga class go 2010. He was a great guy...RIP Doug. Prayers for family and friends 🙏

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**Dorothy Hoffacker** - May 31, 2019 at 06:16 PM

DB

“ Dear Debbie. I am so very sorry for the loss of your brother! My thoughts and [prayers are with you and your family. Love, Debbie Burnheimer

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**Debbie Burnheimer** - May 31, 2019 at 05:40 PM

TT

“ One of my favorite teachers from way back when. RIP.

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**TC Tomba** - May 31, 2019 at 05:20 PM

MW

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I first met Doug when I served on Burton's Chamber of Commerce and then knew him as my daughter's Superintendent at Berkshire . He was a kind and generous man and I'm grateful I had the opportunity to meet him.

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**Megan Williams** - May 31, 2019 at 04:56 PM

LK

“ Lynn Krakowski lit a candle in memory of Douglas J. "Doug" DeLong



Lynn Krakowski - May 31, 2019 at 04:06 PM

LK

So very sorry for your loss Sally. Both of your families were absolutely delightful to know. Way to young. Wonderfull memories at Madison.

Lynn Krakowski - May 31, 2019 at 04:09 PM

TS

“ Doug was the Chardon HS principal who hired and mentored me. He empowered us to try new student-centered activities, like Freshman Mentoring, which continues today. He had a genuine laugh and kindness in his heart. His educational leadership inspired us to be better teachers, give back, joke around when needed and seek the good in others. I was so sad to learn of his illness and am more sad that he's gone. May his family find some peace in knowing how many lives he enriched.

Tammy Segulin  
CHS Teacher and Friend

Tammy Segulin - May 31, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Gerberas and Palms Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas J. "Doug" DeLong.



May 31, 2019 at 03:25 PM

SG

“ Dear, Sally my deepest sympathy!! Such a shock to hear about Doug! He was a great guy and will be missed so much! With deepest sympathy, Sally Gerboth

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**Sally Gerboth** - May 31, 2019 at 03:05 PM

AM

“ Was lucky enough to both have this great man as a teacher in high school and then in the last few years work with him as a colleague. He was hands down the kindest soul and a true gentleman. He will be very, very missed.

*Alaina  
Riverside HS Class of '87*

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**Alaina Maloney** - May 31, 2019 at 02:40 PM

KB

*To the DeLong family, we are so saddened by the loss of Doug DeLong. He was the principal of my two eldest daughters, of 2009, 2010 respectfully of Chardon High School. They just thought it was great how Principal DeLong would try to greet each and every student every morning. He greeted mine as "Baird 1 and Baird 2!" They loved it! On a more serious note, he also was present in the Chardon community when the awful shooting occurred, even though he had already moved onto being Berkshires Superintendent. He was a blessing and a Godsend to Chardon. So sorry for your loss. Prayers and comfort at this time. Blessings to you all. Don and Kathy Baird and family*

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**K Baird** - May 31, 2019 at 09:52 PM

LS

*Such sad news, I was shocked. Doug's Dad hired me and Doug & I started our teaching careers at RHS at the same time. We had many laughs. He was light hearted back then ...and always had a smile ready for you! He was taken way too early! Prayers to his entire family. Leslie Hagy Simon*

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**Leslie Hagy Simon** - June 01, 2019 at 04:57 PM

GK

*I first met Doug when we were in Leadership Geauga together and then was so lucky to work with him as Intern Program Coordinator for Geauga Growth Partnership while he was at Berkshire High School. He was so supportive and interested in the development of his students. I was unbelievably saddened by the news of Doug's passing. He recently shared an article with me about the value of internships in high school. He was dedicated to youth education. He always wanted the best for his students. He loved his family and friends and I was proud to be one of his friends. He will truly be missed. Prayers for his family.*

*Georgia Klemencic*

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**Georgia Klemencic** - June 02, 2019 at 01:43 PM