



Thomas "Tom" W. Doddridge

July 23, 1946 - April 13, 2022

Thomas "Tom" W. Doddridge, 75, a longtime Lake County resident, died April 13, 2022 at Ohman Family Living at Holly Hill in Newbury Twp. He was born July 23, 1946 in Berea.

Tom was an elementary principal for Mentor Public Schools and Mayfield Public Schools for 40 years. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, fishing and golfing, playing games, and joking with his grandsons.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Gail; daughters, Jennifer (Andreas Holmstrom) Doddridge and Mindy Patterson; grandchildren, Sam and Jack; and his sisters, Kay (Thomas) Gennarelli, Susan Kirsch and Ellie Stark.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas W. Sr. and Anna Doddridge.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Tom's life from 3-8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Private family service and inurnment will be held in Western Reserve Memorial Gardens, Chesterland.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland, OH 44192. Donate online at www.hospicewr.org.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Western Reserve Memorial Gardens

11521 Chillicothe Rd.
Chesterland, OH 44026
(440) 729-9465

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DK

“ I have been trying to find Tom over the years to thank him for inspiring me in leadership. I was part of his staff at Lake Elementary School in Mentor on the Lake, Ohio. At my annual review, he asked me about my aspirations. I told him I was going to be the first woman principal in Mentor Schools. He looked at me and told me I could definitely fulfill that aspiration. I moved to MD that next year and later to NJ where I actually became a school principal. I feel he inspired me in that he encouraged me when I told him my plans. I was hoping to tell him that one day. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences. - Donna Kinn

Donna Kinn - May 16, 2022 at 06:43 AM

KJ

“ Many happy memories of raising our families as neighbors on Hawk Ridge Drive.
Ken Pat Tim Jill Rosenberg

Ken and Pat Rosenberg, Tim, Jill - April 18, 2022 at 11:33 AM

JA

“ One of the truly great men, Tom ("Tucker") Doddridge was such a wonderful brother-in-law. I met him when I was 15, and in more than 50 years, he never said a cross word to me. He could be wickedly funny and was always fun and kind, the type of guy who gathered the nieces and nephews together and gave them all silly Indian names. He was also very smart and gave me some astute financial advice over the years. So many people have so many wonderful memories of him; I can see him now using his impeccable strategy to beat me and Gail in dominoes. Much like my dad, he taught us how a man should love a woman.

Joyce Armor - April 17, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas "Tom" W. Doddridge.*



April 16, 2022 at 04:22 PM



“ *Tom is my longtime friend, more of a brother, with whom I spent many Saturdays on the course. Golf is an activity which has a way of showing a person's true character and, for Tom, his is impeccable. He is a true gentleman with a sense of humor that helps others around him to feel good.*

Tom and I joined the Mentor Schools at the same time as elementary principals and over the years there were numerous opportunities for us to be in meetings and gatherings. During those times, it was easy to see how his intellect shined and if a difficult situation arose in the district his contributions reflected insightfulness.

The Mentor Schools were fortunate to have had Tom in the their employ and I have been most fortunate to have him as my friend.

Sam Spinelli

Sam Spinelli - April 16, 2022 at 04:20 PM



Well said, Sam!...The Doddridges were our neighbors and Tom and Gail were our Mentor Schools colleagues. Memories of good times will warm our hearts in Tom's absence💕

Becky - April 16, 2022 at 09:42 PM

JH

I have so many wonderful memories of not only Tom but Gail, Jennifer and Mindy. Tom was always willing to assist in any way he could when Jennifer and Mindy were in Top 25. He and Gail served the parents' group in so many ways especially as the presidents of the group during Mindy's tenure. Tom and Ted worked together with the entire music program of the Mentor Schools for many years. He was always a dedicated educator and devoted to his family!

Jane Hieronymus

Jane Hieronymus - April 18, 2022 at 05:51 PM