



## Douglas Patrick Julius

April 15, 1954 - August 31, 2017

Douglas Patrick Julius, 63, of Pittsfield Township, MI died suddenly and unexpectedly on August 31, 2017 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was the son of the late Neal and the late Kathryn “Kaye” Julius of Erie, PA.

Doug was the faithful, beloved husband of Jo-Anne Marie “Jo” (Mason) Julius. He was the proud and loving father of Gillian Rue Julius (Harold Hotchkiss) of Erie, PA, and Patrick Neal Russell Julius (David Ross) of Irvine, CA. He was the loving brother of David (Dawn) of Erie, PA., Dennis (Annelle) of Barlow, FL; William of Erie, PA; Phyllis (Timothy) Bonnell, of The Villages, FL; Gary (Susan) of Lakeland, FL, Keith (Colleen) of Temperance, MI; and Kevin (Regina) of Erie, PA. He is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, grandnephews and grandnieces, many of whom have expressed their sadness and dismay at the sudden loss of their much-loved Uncle Doug.

Besides his parents, Doug was preceded in death by two brothers-in-law, Louis “Buddy” and Laurance “Larry” Mason, three sisters- in-law, Carol Ann Julius, Janice Mae Hanselman Mason and Therese Mason; an infant niece, Laura Lynn Mason, a nephew, John Rictor, a niece, Hallie Kaiser, and a grandnephew, Jared Zumbrun.

Doug held Masters’ Degrees in Classical Studies, English, and Education from Cornell University and U of M, Ann Arbor. He was a Joycean Scholar with an award-winning James Joyce collection at Cornell. As Director of International Studies at Madonna University, he established and instilled a love and respect for travel and diversity to the students and staff he served. As a Latin, Greek, and English teacher in Ann Arbor Public Schools, he shared his passion for language with his students.

It is a grand understatement to say that Doug will be missed. He shared with us a rare strength of character, kindness, gentleness and understanding. His brilliance and encompassing knowledge was a constant source of amazement to his students, family and friends, yet he never displayed a hint of intellectual arrogance. A game of Trivial Pursuit with Doug was usually just an opportunity to learn a lot of stuff—some interesting, some not so much. His sense of humor was a national treasure and his love of reading

and books was unending. Anyone who knew him knows his kind heart and his boundless intellectual curiosity. He was a loyal Detroit Tigers' fan, and we'll always think of him when we see a portrayal of Spider-Man—his favorite superhero from childhood to adulthood.

The loss of Doug has left a huge chasm in our family's heart. The world has lost an honorable man who was always a beacon of love, strength, and truth in a world of unrest. Arrangements are as follows:

Nie Funeral Home

2400 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor MI 48108

734-971-2345

Sunday, September 3, 2017

1-2 pm Family Hour

2-5 pm Viewing and Visitation

5 pm Celebration of Life Sharing Time

Saturday, September 9, 2017

11:00 am Resurrection Mass

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

9425 Whittaker Road

Ypsilanti MI 48197

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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Carpenter Road Chapel

2400 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48108

**SEP** **Celebration of Life Sharing Time** 05:00PM

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Carpenter Road Chapel

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**SEP** **Resurrection Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

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# Comments

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“ Just having the pleasure of knowing you, Jo and Doug as well as we all did, brings such sadness and grief. He was a very intelligent man and human being. He was also so loved by our Huron Staff and Students. May God bring peace and comfort for you and your son Patrick at this time of need. Connie Goodman

**Connie Goodman** - September 04, 2017 at 09:05 AM

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“ Doug is a wonderful man who always had the best interest of students and friends at heart. We came to Huron together had wonderful conversations about many topics when we had the opportunity to run into one another, usually sharing the ancient scantron machine in the social studies office. Doug is well versed in a variety of areas of academia and pop culture. We both bowled regularly in the AAPS Employee bowling league where we could have quick snatches of conversation between frames. I miss our conversations since both of us left Huron. My family's prayers and love go out to Jo, Patrick, and the rest of his family.

Many blessings to all AAPS staff and personnel during this time. May we all carry our interactions with Doug within our hearts. "There can be only one..." Doug Julius.

Joe Bondroff & Family

**Joe Bondroff** - September 03, 2017 at 01:45 PM

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“ Dear Jo & Patrick,  
My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to you. I treasure Doug's friendship not only as a fellow teacher at Huron High School but also our fun times bowling on Fridays. I send my love, Roberta Kemp (and Mike)

**Roberta Kemp** - September 02, 2017 at 07:56 PM

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“ My Julius Caesar. He was a fantastic Latin teacher with nothing but love for his students and the language. His wife is my dear friend and was so tickled that I came to work for Halloween as Cleopatra not knowing that Doug was dressed as Caesar. She laughed all day and enjoy our pictures together. Jo, I wish you nothing by Peace knowing that Doug is amongst angels. To Patrick and the rest of the family my deepest sympathies on your loss. No words can take away your pain, but I'd like you to know that many loved your dad and now grieve his loss with you.

**Deanna Tippett** - September 02, 2017 at 06:36 PM



“ I agree truly amazing man. Remember my Huron days Jo. My heart breaks for you and the family. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time

**pat menzies** - September 02, 2017 at 07:15 PM



“ Patrick, I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I would like to express my sympathy to both you and your mother. It was such a pleasure to have Doug as a co-worker and you as one of my students. I treasure knowing both the man and the son. Very special and unforgettable people! Brenda Goebbel

**Brenda Goebbel** - September 03, 2017 at 12:13 AM

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“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Patrick Julius.



September 02, 2017 at 03:12 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Doug was one of the first people I would see most school days and I will miss his kind greetings. He was always willing to lend a helping hand. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

-Meg Hanrath

**Meg Hanrath** - September 02, 2017 at 02:03 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Patrick Julius.



September 02, 2017 at 02:02 PM

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“ Uncle Doug was a real inspiration for me. He showed me what it is to be a scholar, and that was really inspirational. His knowledge of James Joyce always amazed me and he even inspired me to attempt to read Ulysses (I never did finish...but did go to his class and was surprised to discover where the cyclops makes an appearance in Dublin). His love and knowledge of books was truly a great treasure. It was always

fun to visit Aunt JoAnne and Uncle Doug and just talk. Whatever the subject, Uncle Doug would always pull a book from the basement and turn to some page or another and support his argument with facts. I loved that. It always elevated the conversation and would place it in some historical context. He introduced me to Charles Darwin and Stephen Jay Gould, part of the reason I now am a scientist. Patrick, your Dad was a great man and I'm glad to know he has passed his knowledge on to you. I can't wait to see what you will do with that knowledge. Whatever it is, I'm sure you'll help make the world a better place. Aunt JoAnne, you and Doug were an amazing couple, and Ayumi and I are inspired by your relationship. Wish we only had had more time to all hang out together, but very grateful for the times we shared together. Love and peace, Tim, Ayumi, Leo and Mia.

**Tim Stasevich** - September 02, 2017 at 01:45 PM

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“ We will always remember Doug's fortitude and helpfulness especially when Christmastime came and he put together a very special manger for families to enjoy and to take pictures for cherished memories. His presence will be missed. With sympathy, Deacon Richard & Kathleen

**Kathleen** - September 02, 2017 at 11:07 AM

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“ Jo,  
My heart breaks for you. I thought of you and Doug as the Romeo and Juliet of our time. You two had such a complete love. He looked at you adoringly. Jo, it's obvious that many, many people love you. I love you too.



**mary frenette** - September 02, 2017 at 07:52 AM

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“ Lisa Mason lit a candle in memory of Douglas Patrick Julius



Lisa Mason - September 01, 2017 at 08:53 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Patrick Julius.



September 01, 2017 at 08:11 PM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Patrick Julius.



September 01, 2017 at 06:45 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Patrick Julius.



September 01, 2017 at 06:21 PM

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“ Jo and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. May your loving memories of Doug remain in your hearts forever and help you through this very sad time in your lives. Trust in God to help you, also.

Sharon Gingras - September 01, 2017 at 02:55 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to Jo and the rest of Doug's family. So glad we got to see Doug at our 45 year class reunion. May you be comforted by God's presence today and in the days to come. Janet (Nupp) Vogt, Harborcreek High School classmate.

**Janet Vogt** - September 01, 2017 at 01:07 PM

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas Patrick Julius.



September 01, 2017 at 12:19 PM