



## Vernon G. Doolittle

June 22, 2010

Vernon G. Doolittle, Jr. age 71, died Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at Waccamaw Community Hospital. Born in Hackensack, NJ, he was a son of the late Helen and Vernon G. Doolittle, Sr. Mr. Doolittle was a member and past master of the Masonic Lodge # 365. He received honors with the Scottish and York Rites. He was a teacher at Pascack Valley, Hillsdale, NJ where he was Department Supervisor of Social Studies and Director of First Jazz Band. He also taught school in Chester, NY. Mr. Doolittle was a member of the United Methodist Church choir in Goshen, NY. He loved gardening, music especially big band and surf fishing on the beach. Survivors include his wife Linda P. Doolittle of Myrtle Beach; a son, Kenneth Doolittle and his wife Karen of Lakeland, FL ; daughters, Tammy Larcara and husband Rob of Oakland, NJ and Ruth Ann Smith and husband Tom of Waxsaw, NC; a stepson, Brian Flanagan and wife Lori of Broad Run, VA grandchildren, Shannon, Lauren, Allison, Katy, Elijah, Galen and Perry; a brother, Donald L. Doolittle and wife Vivian of Mt. Pleasant, SC; nieces and nephews; and the mother of his children, Elaine Peyser Doolittle. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM Monday, June 28, 2010 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com) Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. North, Ste. 101 Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 or Grand Strand Humane Society, 3241 10th Ave. Ext. Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.



# Tribute Wall

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“ He was as "Conceited" as he was "Beautiful"! He was my "Junior Year Cultural Anthropology Teacher, 1959 - 1970". Yes, he was arrogant and obviously quite comfortable with it but he was knowledgeable and astute. Either you liked him or you didn't? I learned from him so I wasn't interested in liking him or not.

Edward J Roell - November 25, 2024 at 08:47 PM

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Edward J Roell - November 25, 2024 at 08:48 PM

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“ In 7th grade history class while discussing different cultures with us I made a comment that he didn't like. Nothing outrageous just something an uninformed 7th grader might make. He responded by calling me to the front of the class then telling me to look out the window. He then said "if you ever say something like that again I'll break your arms and legs and throw you out the window!!" Honest to God word for word true story. I never told the principal I just are it. It should have been a shameful moment for him as he looked back on it but I doubt he did.it was so hurtful to a young sensitive kid like me. I can tell he felt self righteous and morally superior as he threatened me, a child. I hope for his soul's sake that he asked God for forgiveness.

John c - September 02, 2021 at 12:15 AM

“ The legacy of Mr. Doolittle's teachable moments resonated throughout my career from 1973 to 2012 in school social work. I provided school mental health counseling and consultation to teachers, parents, and students who wanted to improve their understanding of the needs of others. Mr. Doolittle taught History but he also taught about life through his many teachable moments. For me, the first occurred in my freshman year (1961-65) at Pascack Valley when, towards the end of the class period, Mr Doolittle had completed handing students their quarterly grades one-by-one at his desk, I asked him how come my grade was only a "C" when a sullen-looking, non-participating classmate was graded "B." He explained it simply to all of us with gentle firmness that "I grade each student on an individual basis. Grades are a personal and private matter and are not to be shared among you for comparison, discussion, or debate." Mr. Doolittle modeled what respect and compassion accomplish, especially when relating to one who needs our respect and compassion. The second teachable moment came in my senior when Mr. Doolittle asked me to join his jazz-style Dance Band "to fill-out the saxophone section with a baritone," albeit, being fully aware from the Marching and Concert band directors that I was tone-deaf, had no sense of rhythm, made goose-like honks on my beginners' tenor, and was never able to regain my place once my distractability derailed my concentration. Although I was bewildered by Mr Doolittle's coveted invitation, I couldn't bring myself to disappoint him; I agreed to come to his band's next practice. This could have been a humiliating experience for me, save for Mr. Doolittle's genuine sensitivity and diplomatic savoir-faire. What Mr. Doolittle saw in me was a 6'2" student-athlete who could easily handle standing up and sit down gracefully while holding the biggest and heaviest of saxophones in the band's front row. Without mentioning anything to me or to the other band members, themselves all highly accomplished student-musicians, Mr. Doolittle had placed the sheet music on my stand before he called the band to order. When I read it, I realized right away that, to my relief, Mr. Doolittle gave me sheet music for fourth baritone. I would be doing more counting of whole- and half-note rests with an

*occasional whole or half note every other bar or so. Through his encouragement and support of me as one of his band members, Mr. Doolittle had taught me to: focus my attention on what may be a small glimmer of hope despite overwhelming odds of failure; have confidence that someone, whom you trust and admire, will not put you in harm's way; small contributions can loom larger in importance than anyone could reasonably expect; and, nice guys actually do come in first in the minds and hearts of those whom they touch with their kindness and guidance. Thank you, Mr. Doolittle for being such a wonderful person whose teachable moments served me well throughout my life. And, thank you to the Doolittle family for creating this page for all of us to pay tribute to the life of Mr. Doolittle, whom we loved and now miss dearly.*

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Harry F Kuhn III, PhD (c), LCSW - August 01, 2015 at 08:53 PM



“ *As a member of Goshen Lodge 365, and more, as another teacher, Mr Doolittle always found the time to chat with me when I visited Chester HS on "Open House" nights. Long after my sons were out of High School, they remembered him well. No doubt his influence helped shape their successes. I know that he no longer suffers, and pray that your memories will comfort you.##imported-begin##Len Berger##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2010 at 01:45 PM



“ *As a member of Pascack Valley HS Class of 1967, I remember Mr Doolittle in his prime. He was a fine teacher and an integral part of the PVHS community.##imported-begin##Cecily Burke##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2010 at 09:13 AM



“ We wish we could be their for everyone. We always had a great time with Uncle Vern and the cousins. Whether it'd be crabbing at Nana and PopPop's or listening to Jazz so loud the house would shake. We miss you all. Our deepest condolences. All Our Love, Doug, Beth and Evelyn###imported-begin###Doug, Beth and Evelyn Doolittle###imported-end##

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June 28, 2010 at 03:18 PM



“ We only wish we could be there. Uncle Vern was a great guy and I can't remember a time when we were together when we weren't laughing. Please know we are thinking of all of you today. All our love, Don, Trudy, Megan and Joey###imported-begin###Don, Trudy, Megan and Joey Doolittle###imported-end##

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June 28, 2010 at 03:01 PM



“ May my friend rest in peace. Everyone should have the opportunity in thier lifetime to meet a person such as Vern Doolittle. A man of compassion and integrity and high moral values. I will miss him, but I also thank him for the time we shared together.###imported-begin###Dennis D Marsh###imported-end##

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June 28, 2010 at 11:57 AM



“ We send sincere condolences to Linda and the family. We enjoyed Vern's company, and visiting when we were in SC. He always had so many questions about Goshen, Orange County NY politics, friends, etc. I hope to get to the funeral service this afternoon. Best wishes, Chris###imported-begin###Chris and Kathy Ashman###imported-end##

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June 28, 2010 at 10:29 AM



“ Dear Tammy, Kenny and Ruth Ann, While I haven't had the pleasure of seeing your dad in many years, in my mind he is in the garden, suntanned smiling ... and larger than life. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families. Love, Diane##imported-begin##Diane Rosenbaum##imported-end##

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June 28, 2010 at 09:44 AM



“ Dear Linda, Kenny, Tammy, Ruth Ann and the Doolittle family Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time and we share your loss. We have many fond memories of family times spent together at Don and Viv's home in NJ and Vern will be missed. Love, Pam, Jesse and Jamie Moreng##imported-begin##Pamela Moreng##imported-end##

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June 27, 2010 at 06:56 PM



“ Uncle Vern will be greatly missed. So many great memories. I will never forget the countless times I walked up behind him to hold his hand thinking he was my dad...he would just look down at me and give me a warm smile, and then laugh. My thoughts and prayers go out to my family. All my love##imported-begin##Jennifer Doolittle##imported-end##

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June 27, 2010 at 06:30 PM



“ Linda, I was so sorry to learn of your husband's death. I know this is a difficult time for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Pat Pauley##imported-begin##Pat Pauley##imported-end##

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June 27, 2010 at 07:53 AM



“ Linda, your husband, Ken, Tammy and Ruth, your Dad, was one of my closest friends. He and I worked on a number of projects together, building my deck, putting up sheetrock at the house, singing in choir and so many others to numerous to mention. The two of us had great discussions on teaching, politics, gardening and music. We will again. May God bless all of you.##imported-begin##David & Barbara Lyons##imported-end##

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June 26, 2010 at 10:12 AM



“ Vernon Doolittle turned my life around in my junior year of high school. An average student, he made class so interesting that I strived for good grades in his and all other classes. I even baby-sat for his children. Just last week, my brother and I were talking about Spelvin Gooly (Mr. Doolittle's alter ego in Camp Hillsdale). Great times! I send my condolences to all his family members.##imported-begin##barbara tornichia##imported-end##

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June 25, 2010 at 11:16 PM



“ Dear Linda, Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will remember Vern fondly and miss him very much.##imported-begin##Louie & Jo Ann DeGailer##imported-end##

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June 25, 2010 at 03:00 PM



“ We loved and remember Vern as a loving brother-in-law to both of us. He had a special warmth that always made everyone around him feel special. Holidays at the Doolittle household are one of our fondest memories.... Vern's Passover Seders were more religious than ours were! We know he will be missed by all who knew him and loved him. The world is a better place because Vern lived here!##imported-begin##Ed and Nancy Peyser##imported-end##

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June 25, 2010 at 01:29 PM



“ So very saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Doolittle. My days go back to camp in Hillsdale, his coaching, and especially in class. He was a unique and special person and one that I have always fondly remembered (even though he yelled at me a few times as I deserved it). My condolences to the entire family. I hope you also remember me to his brother Donnie.##imported-begin##David Eickhorst##imported-end##

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June 25, 2010 at 12:02 PM



“ so very sorry to hear this news. i played piano in his jazz band and had him in class as well. he was a teacher who treated us like young adults--a man you could feel close to. he is a teacher i have always remembered fondly.##imported-begin##Judy Preis Mielbrecht##imported-end##

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June 25, 2010 at 11:59 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to his family. Mr. Doolittle (still can't think of him as first-name only, Vernon) was the best teacher I had at PV in 1966. My thoughts and prayers go to Donnie and Vivian - they were part of my children's lives in Hillsdale.##imported-begin##Helen Sibal Lindner##imported-end##

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June 25, 2010 at 08:50 AM



“ A wonderful man who had a positive impact on the lives of his many students. Thank you Mr. Doolittle##imported-begin##Dr. Steve & Ann Hering##imported-end##

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June 25, 2010 at 08:35 AM



“ Vernon was a kind and decent man. I was one of his first drummers in the jazz band.##imported-begin##Gregory Cole##imported-end##

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June 25, 2010 at 08:08 AM



“ Linda, we are so sorry. You and all your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Rest in Peace Vern.##imported-begin##Maddy and Rich Cassell##imported-end##

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June 24, 2010 at 10:40 PM



“ High School footbal & Health##imported-begin##Hank Nasse##imported-end##

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June 24, 2010 at 07:47 PM



“ *Mr. Doolittle was one of my daughter's teachers in Chester. For Christmas one year, she gave him a wallet. Several years later, we say Mr. Doolittle in the Goshen Diner. He came over to us and showed Jaime the very wallet that she had given him as a gift. We were suprised that he had used it for so long. When we expressed this to him, he told us that anything that he ever got from his students were very special to him. He was a very special teacher to his students. Ten years after having Mr. Doolittle as a teacher, my daughter still recalls fond memories of him. My prayers are with you and your family.*##imported-begin##Linda Walter##imported-end##

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June 24, 2010 at 07:02 PM



“ *I have fond memories of a great teacher and a good person, who taught me more than just History and Anthropology. My special condolences to his brother, another influential teacher.*##imported-begin##Mike Babinski##imported-end##

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June 24, 2010 at 03:44 PM



“ *What a wonderful teacher he was, someone who would listen to you, i will always remember him...so happy he had a nice life & wonderful family. My sympathy to you all. Patricia*##imported-begin##Patricia Nelson (Arnone)##imported-end##

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June 24, 2010 at 01:48 PM



“ Tammy, I'm very sorry for your loss. Even though I did not know your father, you must surely be a reflection of him, and in that alone I know he must have been a wonderful man. My thoughts are with you and your family. Sincerely, James Brozowski

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June 24, 2010 at 10:55 AM



“ My thoughts are with you.

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June 24, 2010 at 09:50 AM



“ Dear Linda and family, Our sincere sympathy for your loss. Cathy & Jerome Neumann

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June 24, 2010 at 09:01 AM



“ I am so sad to hear of Vernon's passing. "Mr. Doolittle" was my teacher of Social Studies at PVHS back in the mid 1960's. He was and always will be my favorite teacher. He was meant to be a teacher. I remember when I submitted his name to a radio station and he received a sweat shirt because all us kids called in when his name was announced. In your time of sorrow may it ease your pain to know that others are thinking of you. Vernon left his mark as a truly great teacher.

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June 24, 2010 at 08:32 AM



“ We will miss you ,always very kind and considerate of others. Gods Speed, Kathleen Koestler Vedral###imported-begin##Kathleen Koestler Vedral###imported-end##

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June 24, 2010 at 08:24 AM



“ Thoughts are prayers are with the family during this time of need. May God Bless.###imported-begin##Richard and Carol Wilburn###imported-end##

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June 24, 2010 at 07:55 AM



“ fond memories, profound sadness, my sincere condolences to the family and to Donnie. Peter McFarlane###imported-begin##PETER MCFARLANE###imported-end##

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June 24, 2010 at 07:33 AM



“ Linda we are so sorry for your loss. Vern was a great man, and the two of you were extremely good to us when we rented next door from you in Goshen. Our heart felt condolences go out to you and your family.###imported-begin##Darren and Linda DuVall###imported-end##

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June 24, 2010 at 06:48 AM



“ With great sadness. Always remember his grand smile and visits back in the kitchen at Lakeville.###imported-begin##Carol and Laura###imported-end##

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June 23, 2010 at 09:59 PM



“ Linda & Tammy, Ken, & Ruth, May courage & grace be yours as Vern/ Dad would insist. Our hearts feel your loss of Vern. Our minds tell us to smile at the times we sang & laughed together with Vern at gatherings long ago. He will be missed by us. Love to you, Phil & Geri###imported-begin###Phil & Geri Fontana###imported-end##

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June 23, 2010 at 03:36 PM



“ Linda, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will surely miss Vern but know that he is not suffering anymore. Please know that we are here for you anytime you need us. Your friends always, Bob and Myra Brown###imported-begin###Bob and Myra Brown###imported-end##

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June 23, 2010 at 11:51 AM