



## Dalton A. Blodgett

July 5, 1935 - October 8, 2018

Dalton A. Blodgett of Londonderry, NH died on October 8, 2018. Dalton was born on July 5, 1935, in Rockingham, VT to Stanley C. and Ola (Allen) Blodgett.

Dalton grew up in Claremont, NH and graduated from Stevens High School. He attended Keene State College and graduated with a Bachelors' Degree in Education. He later earned his Masters' Degree in School Administration from Rivier College.

Dalton was an avid Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots fan. He loved marching bands and he delighted in practical jokes his entire life. Except for orange soda, his favorite beverage was a pine tree float.

Dalton's passion was serving the students, parents, and staff of Hudson Memorial School and the Town of Hudson, NH. Before his remarkable career in education, Dalton worked for a funeral home and as an Ambulance Driver. Understanding that he had a different calling, Dalton began teaching at Dr. H.O. Smith School.

During his 37-year tenure with the Hudson School District, Dalton was an English, Music Appreciation, and Social Studies teacher, the Social Studies Department Chair at HMS, the first Athletic Director at HMS, the Director of Intramurals for HMS, a middle school baseball coach, school bus routes coordinator, scoreboard operator for Alvirne High School Basketball games, chaperone for the 8th Grade class trip, and referee for many intramural and athletic events.

Dalton's dedication to Hudson and the students of HMS extended far beyond the school day. He served as the part-time Hudson Recreation Director for a decade. In that role, he worked countless hours to provide opportunities for local children to engage in supervised play activities including: supervising the town pool, creating and developing the Recreation Basketball Program, supervising and developing the Summer Recreation Program, and refereeing weekend athletic events.

For 21 years after retiring from the Hudson School District, Dalton compiled over 1,000 hours of volunteer time each year to the HMS community without missing a day. In recognition of his service, Dalton was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Annual New Hampshire Partners in Education Blue Ribbon Awards Ceremony in 2008, and in 2017 HMS dedicated the annual “Dalton A. Blodgett Award for Civic Action and Responsibility.”

Dalton is survived by his twin sister, Darlene (Blodgett) LaPlante, his nieces Raelene LaPlante and Alison (David) Schoales, and his great-niece Molly Schoales. He also leaves many friends and his Hudson Memorial School family. Dalton’s kind, gentle, and giving nature combined with his passion and dedication to his calling in life earned him the honor and respect of an entire community. He will be deeply missed.

Visiting hours will be on Thursday, October 11th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home, 50 Ferry St. in Hudson. A graveside service will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Bellows Falls, VT on October 12 at 11:00am. All may meet at the cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a scholarship fund which is being established in Dalton’s memory. Checks should be payable to The Dalton A. Blodgett Scholarship Fund and mailed to Raelene LaPlante, P.O. Box 704, Wilder, VT 05088.

# Events

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**OCT** **VISITING HOURS** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home Hudson, NH  
50 Ferry Street, Hudson, NH, US, 03051

# Comments

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“ I was a neighbor of Dalton's. I am looking forward to the time when Dalton will be called out of the memorial tomb by Jesus as Lazarus was. Dalton was a dear sensitive man. He will be missed.  
My sympathy to his family. He spoke of you often.

**Patricia Kozinczak** - October 18, 2018 at 03:22 PM

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“ To the family my deepest condolences on your loss. My wife and I have 5 children and many of them had Mr. Blodgett as a teacher in their earlier days. He will be missed in a large way. The holy scriptures especially can be such a source of comfort in knowing about the wonderful hope of seeing our loved ones again in the near future. The account about our Lord Jesus at John chapter 11 where he raised his dear friend Lazarus back to life gives us comfort for the hope ahead. Once again my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

**Timothy Bruen** - October 18, 2018 at 08:02 AM

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“ Dear Family~~ Our sincere sympathy on the passing away of Mr. Blodgett. He was a brilliant dedicated educator for the school district in Hudson NH. May he rest in our Lord's heavenly kingdom where there is no pain, suffering nor sorrow but life everlasting.

Memory Eternal  
John & Maria Economou  
Homosassa, FL



**Maria Economou** - October 11, 2018 at 03:34 PM

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“ Such a dedicated individual. I had Dalt in Social studies 1968 at HMS. Later in life I became friends with Rob Yarmo as we lived close to each other in Phoenix AZ. When we moved back to Hudson I got to know Mr Blodget as Dalton, or Blodge through the close relationship he had with the Yarmo family. He was so much fun to be around. So much to smile about & the humor was endless. Those are great memories of Dalton. A great teacher, person always. RIP Salt

Kevin Berard



Kevin Berard - October 11, 2018 at 10:24 AM

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“ One of the reasons I became a history teacher! I still remember the projects we did about Canada and Mexico in 6th grade (1983) He was kind and a good teacher.

Debi Peters Graham - October 10, 2018 at 07:26 PM

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“ Commonly known as "Mr. B." at Suzie's Diner, was a delightful customer and friend of ours that will be greatly missed. The servers, cooks, dishwashers and fellow customers will truly miss having the pleasure to have Mr. B. a part of our daily routine. Rest in peace Mr B  
-The entire staff at Suzie's Diner

William Neault - October 10, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ Dalton was my 7th grade social studies teacher and from there, became a friend for life. He was even the best man at my wedding to Dana. He was always a special person in our lives and the memories will last from here to eternity. Such a loving, giving, remarkable person with such a great wit for humor. He will be missed tremendously.

Lill McCoy - October 11, 2018 at 09:00 AM

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Alison - October 10, 2018 at 06:14 PM

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“ Dalton was a decent, generous man with a good soul. We are thankful that he became part of the Yarmo family for many years, (especially at dinner time)! Appreciative of his willingness to always lend us and our School Street neighbors a helping hand on a moment's notice. Most grateful that his kind-hearted dedication outweighed his vast trove of terrible jokes.

So Dalton, “Guess what? .....You guessed it!” We'll take some of the goodwill you provided, pay it forward, and make things a little better. That alone is the most valued lesson you ever taught. Forever grateful and indebted, God Speed Salty Dalt!

The Yarmo's  
John, Rob, Paul and Jackie  
Mom, Dad and Poco in spirit!



John Yarmo - October 10, 2018 at 03:33 PM

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“ Mr. Blodgett was one of my favorite teachers at Memorial. I played on his intramural flag football team and had him for history. He was a great man and I will never forget the kindness he showed me.

Kirk Guimond - October 10, 2018 at 01:27 PM

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“ Warm and sincere condolences to the family and friends of a very memorable / well-regarded teacher.

Laurie (Molkentine) Nehm  
HMS alumna

Laurie (Molkentine) Nehm - October 10, 2018 at 12:24 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album DALTON'S RETIREMENT!



Cathy - October 10, 2018 at 12:01 PM

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“ I will always remember him reading to us in 8th grade history....he would let us pile ourselves on top of sweatshirts and bags in the back of the room and just listen. 8th grade story time! Then I would see him in the halls while my own kids went to school there, always with a smile on his face. What a great man and educator. RIP Mr. Blodgett.

Emily G. - October 10, 2018 at 09:15 AM

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“ If we missed what was going on with the Red Sox or Patriots, we never had to worry. Dalton would update us all with the latest scores, and he wasn't shy to let us know who stunk the night before. It was a blessing working with him.

Ross - October 10, 2018 at 08:25 AM

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“ He was a great teacher sorry for the loss R.I.P. Mr Blodgett

Shawn G Gannon - October 10, 2018 at 07:21 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album HMS will miss Mr. Blodgett!



Cathy - October 10, 2018 at 07:09 AM

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“ Always enjoyed Dalton's smiling face and our discussion about the Alvirne Marching Band. He was a great supporter of our program. A definite loss to the Hudson Community.

Gerry Bastien - October 10, 2018 at 05:00 AM

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“ I don't know what to say except God is blessing Dalton right now. I helped him with things in the supply room for over 15 years, and can't believe he won't be there anymore. Such a kind gentleman, and always with a smile and a joke. Blessings and prayers for his family.

Jan Walsh

Janice Walsh - October 09, 2018 at 09:54 PM

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“ Best history teacher ever he made learning history fun and loved the stories he would tell. RIP Mr Blodgett

Janet Donah Reeve - October 09, 2018 at 09:48 PM

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“ Best teacher ever!!! My parents also had him when they were in school and loved him. I can remember the smell of old spice in his classroom, and the way the desks were always perfectly placed. And how clean he kept his desk...I also have memories of him walking by my aunts old laundromat with his paper under his arm headed to what was Kay's Diner at the time. Such a great guy! Heaven gained an amazing soul  
Thank you for all you did  
Kimberly (Bonnette) L'Etoile

Kimberly L'Etoile - October 09, 2018 at 09:03 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers for his Family.

Steve, Pamela & Dalton Shumsky

Steve Shumsky - October 09, 2018 at 08:27 PM

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“ What a Phenomenal Guy, Best Teacher Ever. Always joking and teasing us students.... Like it was yesterday, I remember he announced to us that he was engaged and getting married, It was Thursday April 1st 1982.... He told us she was the most beautiful Lady he had ever know... Unfortuneatly being 13 year olds we didn't make the connection of her name to the date he announced it.... the next morning, April 2nd, he copped to his April Fools Joke.... I think he chuckled until 5th period.... Rest In Peace Mr. B

**Dave Blinn** - October 09, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ Rest in pease. God bless his family prayers for them All.

**Jacqueline Tate** - October 09, 2018 at 07:32 PM

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“ I have always remembered our softball summers on the Blue Sox. I look back with gratitude for Mr. Blodgett. He always had a calm, matter-of-fact demeanor and a wonderful sense of fairness. However one could always tell whether or not he was pleased. Without his commitment and sacrifice, we would not have had those wonderful experiences to remember. Thank you, Mr. Blodgett. RIP.

**Susan Brinker** - October 09, 2018 at 07:10 PM