



## Peter G. Dolloff

April 22, 1935 - April 26, 2020

Peter G. Dolloff, longtime resident of Hudson, New Hampshire, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family on April 26th, 2020, at the age of 85. He was born April 22, 1935, to Francis W. and Jenny Sarah Dolloff of Waltham, Massachusetts. Peter was predeceased by the love of his life, Leona A. (Rousseau) Dolloff, whom he married on September 10, 1960, at St. Charles Church in Waltham.

Peter is survived by his sister Frances Orland, who resides in Santa Cruz, California, with her husband Ted Orland. His children include his son Peter and wife Laura Dolloff, of Manchester, New Hampshire; his son H. Francis Dolloff and wife Pamela Dolloff, of Concord, New Hampshire; his son Christopher Dolloff and wife Theresa Dolloff of Scottsdale, Arizona; his daughter Dr. Jennifer Dolloff and husband Richard Zampieri of Brookline, New Hampshire; and his daughter Elizabeth Dolloff Grundhoefer and husband Michael Grundhoefer, of St. Paul, Minnesota. Peter will be dearly missed by his eleven loving grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, who called him "Pop": Ashley Stiles, Stephanie Cotito-Dolloff, Brittany Dolloff, Samantha Sanchez, Adam Dolloff, Michele Mehrabian, Sarah Dolloff, Isabella "Bella" Zampieri, Giovanni "John" Zampieri, Anna-Beth Grundhoefer, and Theresa "Tess" Grundhoefer; great-grandchildren include Nathaniel, Eva, Matthew, Logan, Dayana, Walter, Rosamond, Frederick, Bentley, Jack, Greyson.

Peter graduated from the College of the Holy Cross with a Bachelors of Science Degree in 1956; he received a Masters of Education in 1961 from Boston State College; he received a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Educational Administration from Boston University in 1969.

Peter served his country in the United States Army for two years before embarking on a professional career in education.

He started his career as a teaching Principal of Brookline Elementary Schools from 1961 to 1964. From 1964 through 1966 he served as the Principal of Bedford Memorial School and McKelvie School. From 1966 through 1971 he served as the Assistant Superintendent to School Administrative Unit (SAU) 27, and Superintendent from 1971 through 1997. During this time, the School Administrative Unit 27 included the towns of Hudson, Litchfield, Bedford, Merrimack, Windham, and Pelham.

During his career, Peter served as President of the NH School Administrators' Association and the New England Association of School Superintendents. He was awarded the New Hampshire Superintendent of the Year in 1990. Peter served as the Chairman of the Board of the New England School Development Council and Chairman of the Board of NH School Insurance Trust. He was a founding member of SERESC (Southeastern Regional Educational Service Center). Peter was a Charter Member of the Hudson/Litchfield Rotary Club and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the NH Rotary Club. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Nashua Adult Learning Center, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Nashua YMCA, for which he also served as Trustee. Peter was an active member of the Alvirne Trustees from 2010 until the time of his death.

A sports enthusiast who loved the outdoors and being active, Peter enjoyed hiking, camping, skiing, tennis, and golf; he was committed to running or walking daily. He ran in multiple road races, including the Milwaukee Marathon and the Hollis Half-Marathon. Early in his life, he was a skilled baseball player and bowler.

Peter was a voracious reader and lifelong student. He and Leona were fond of traveling with the Road Scholars, as well as other educational groups. One of his pursuits was to visit as many Presidential Libraries as possible across the country. From their travels Peter collected a large number of the United States Presidential biographies and loved nothing more than reading about our Presidential history.

"We make a living by what we get; <sup>we</sup>we make a life by what we give"  
Winston Churchill

A private memorial service for the family will be held in the Dumont-Sullivan Funeral Home in Hudson, NH. This service will be live streamed for the public and take place at 11:00am EST on Friday, May 1st. Please use the link below for Facebook Live at  
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In lieu of flowers the family encourages those choosing to make a donation in Peter's name, please consider the following charities:

Doctors Without Borders:  
<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/support-us>

Catholic Charities:  
<https://www.cc-nh.org>

Nashua Soup Kitchen:  
<https://nksk.org/make-a-donation/>

Massachusetts General Hospital Leukemia Treatment program:  
<https://www.massgeneral.org/cancer-center/treatments-and-services/leukemia>

## Comments



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Brittany Dolloff - May 14 at 06:00 PM



“ As an employee of the Hudson School District for many years, I had the privilege of working with your Dad, Mr. Peter Dolloff, for several years. I want you to know he was one absolutely amazing leader.. a class act in every sense of the word. I always had so much respect for this man, who, in his quiet gentle way, ran the district like clockwork. He was a man of the highest integrity, always with a pleasant smile, knowing the name of every employee he came across....even ME, a paraeducator! THAT is how I will always remember Mr. Dolloff, your father, a truly gentle, gentleman.

A wonderful, loving Dad is a gift.  
He will remain forever in your hearts, of that I am sure.

Kathleen Walter - May 09 at 10:41 AM



“ Jennifer,  
Anne and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of the patriarch of your wonderful family.



Gregg Blanchard - May 06 at 08:52 AM



“ I was sad to read this morning of Peter's death. What a wonderful man! Peter was Superintendent of SAU #27 when I served there as Director of Special Services. He remains in my memory as the ideal example of a superintendent, leader, boss, educator, community contributor, and mentor. He is an example in my life of a compassionate, principled man who's integrity I will always admire. My thoughts are with his family.

Deborah Roody

Deborah Roody - May 05 at 11:57 AM



“ My condolences to Dolloff family. I worked with Frank. Reading the memories of your father shows he made the world a better place and there is no greater gift.

Frank Welton - May 05 at 09:17 AM



“ I taught at McKevie School 1965-70.  
Peter was Asst. Superintendent at the time. He was a wonderful administrator and caring and compassionate man. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Cornelia Callahan - May 05 at 07:19 AM



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Brittany Dolloff - May 04 at 01:13 PM



“ Leslie And Arthur Liakos lit a candle in memory of Peter G. Dolloff



Leslie and Arthur Liakos - May 01 at 05:00 PM



“ May God Bless the Dolloff family during this difficult time. How Blessed you are for having this great man in your lives. RIP Peter, a great friend and inspiration to all! Arthur and Leslie Liakos

Leslie and Arthur Liakos - May 01 at 05:03 PM



“ Peter was the reason I became a teacher. In 1970, I didn't know what to do next with my life, so I took an education course at Rivier. Then Hudson Asst. Superintendent Peter was the instructor, and that course and his advice pointed me toward what would become 30 plus years in the classroom.

David McNeil - May 04 at 04:09 PM



“ As you know, Peter was a Charter Member of the Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club. He also served two terms as President of the Club, 1993-1994 and again in 1998-1999. I had the honor of meeting him only once, when he spoke to the Club in December 2018, the 47th anniversary of the Charter Day of the then-Hudson Rotary Club. I found him to be a true gentleman and very gracious with his time. He provided us with insight on the founding of the Club and its a history, interspersed with anecdotes of his time as a member, all of which were enlightening and entertaining. He also provided us with written notes which will preserve the Club history. We named him an Honorary Member of the Club in 2019. For myself and the fellow members of the Hudson-Litchfield Rotary, who knew him far longer and better than I, the Club expresses condolences to his family and recognizes that he was a righteous man who truly served his community, in the tradition of the Rotary motto, "Service above Self".

Jack Madden  
President, Hudson-Litchfield Rotary  
2018-2020.

Jack Madden - May 01 at 09:19 AM



“ Peter was a great friend whom I admired and respected for the many years that I knew him. You just had to like Peter, he was such a great person. We enjoyed many years of friendly competition together on the tennis courts and more recently on golf courses. He loved our regular Tuesday morning golf game (with one mulligan allowed for each nine) at Green Meadow, almost always on the prairie. We both learned quickly to save those mulligans for the water holes. I will forever miss his company and friendship. Jim Garvey

James Garvey - April 30 at 09:40 PM



“ I worked fifteen years for Peter Dolloff when he was superintendent of schools in Hudson-Litchfield, New Hampshire until we both retired in 1997.

It was a pleasure working with him and knowing him and his children. My children knew his children and my condolences go out to you all.

Remember all the happy memories.  
Nancy Heiden

Nancy Heiden - April 30 at 08:36 PM



“ Mr. Dolloff hired me back in 1985. He was a man like no other. He taught me how family was first, have respect for others and always respond with “as few words as possible”. His guidance led me to a career in the school district that I am proud of.

With deepest sympathy to the entire Dolloff family. He was a person that all of you should be so very proud of.

Karen Burnell

karen burnell - April 30 at 07:32 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Dolloff - April 30 at 06:59 PM



“ Dear Dolloff family. It is with great sadness that I hear of Peters passing. He gave me the opportunity to become a school administrator back in 1985. Over the years he gave me great advice. " Bo, don't eat standing up, you'll get an ulcer."(He was observing me in the cafeteria during an eighth grade lunch. ) After I received a thumbs down in the local paper, " Bo, don't worry about it, controversies is what makes life interesting". And the best advice he gave me back in 1985, just start my career, " Bo, Litchfield is a great community, show up at a few ball games and they will love you."

I was so honored when he spoke at my retirement six years ago. We will all miss him and Leona too.

bo schlichter - April 30 at 06:38 PM



“ I had the privilege to know Mr. Dolloff while working at the SAU as Mr. Burton's secretary. Mr. Dolloff was a great leader within the district. He was always kind, fair and took time to listen. He cared about all his employees and was a wonderful man to work with. Mr. Dolloff was the best of the best! In all these many years, there has not been another superintendent like him. To this day, I have shared memories with those that knew him and respected him. He will not be forgotten. Memories will continue to be shared. My deepest condolences go out to the family. I am deeply saddened.

Leslie Pearce

Leslie Pearce - April 30 at 03:47 PM



“ Mr. Dolloff was a class act as a school administrator and all-around wonderful person. He made amazing contributions to the Hudson school district while raising a family to be proud of. My thoughts go out to all of the Dolloff family.

Georgia Brussard - April 30 at 03:09 PM



“ A good, kind man by every measure, Peter and his team gave me a chance when no others would. This allowed me to fulfill my dream as an educational leader and to raise a family in NH. I will always be indebted to him. He left us with his wonderful family and a phenomenal, professional legacy.

Kenneth W. Johnson

Kenneth W. Johnson - April 30 at 02:05 PM



“ I remember back in 1940 in the 1st grade I went with Peter to his home for lunch. That was the start of a long wonderful friendship that will never end. Scotty Yorston

Richard Yorston - April 30 at 01:37 PM



“ I have such good memories of Peter. The first time I met Peter I could since his kindness. Over the last dozen years I've been very fortunate to meet most of the Dolloff's and you've treated so kindly. You're parents did a great job with raising a family. Thank you for including me. I've been very blessed to provide service to you. Thank you.

Jerry Kerouac - April 30 at 12:52 PM



“ I remember when Claude Leavitt first appointed Peter as his Assistant Superintendent in the mid 1960s. I told Claude he had made an excellent appointment and I developed a personal friendship and professional relationship with Peter that spanned over 50 years. I will miss seeing him at "retired Superintendents" gatherings.

Dr. William Zimmerman  
Supt. of Schools Hanover & Wayland, MA (Ret).

William Zimmerman - April 30 at 12:22 PM



“ Uncle Peter was a soft-spoken person who was so easy to talk to and always made me feel special and heard. I'm comforted to know his family was together with him and he is no longer suffering and with Aunt Leona. Know we are thinking of you all and sending lots of love to you and your families.

Kathleen - April 30 at 11:39 AM



“ Mr. Dolloff, forever a gentleman, reached out to others warmly and generously. He was an accomplished educator and leader who I truly admired. I learned so much from Mr. Dolloff, it was my privilege to work with him as I started as an administrator.

To Peter's family: I hope the memories and love you shared will strengthen and comfort you more and more. He always spoke lovingly about his family. He was a blessing to the Hudson community. Thank you for sharing him, with us.  
Marilyn Martellini

Marilyn Martellini - April 30 at 09:53 AM



“ I served as an administrator at Alvirne High School for 26 years. During these years I benefited from the leadership and wisdom of Peter Dolloff. While Peter was an outstanding educator, he was even a more outstanding human being. He possessed character values worthy of emulation and his moral compass always pointed in the right direction. While he was justifiable proud of his educational accomplishments, he was even more proud of his family. He truly was a " family man."

Len Nase

Len Nase - April 30 at 08:55 AM



“ Wow. Reading this brought tears to my eyes, this is such an incredible tribute to my grandfather. Your words mean so much to me ❤️ Thank you.

Sarah Dolloff - April 30 at 11:13 AM



“ My sympathy to the Dolloff family I have many fond memories of the family.

Carmen - April 30 at 07:54 AM



“ my deepest sympathies and prayers to this very special family from Hudson, Mr. Dolloff will be missed.

Paul Parent - April 30 at 06:41 AM



“ Thinking of all of you at this difficult time. Your Dad was one of the nicest men I've known. He not only raised a wonderful family, he was also a fantastic leader and superintendent. My heart breaks for your family.

Debi Leary - April 30 at 12:57 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Dolloff family. I grew up in Hudson and loved the fact that Mr. Dolloff was not afraid to call a "snow day!" That sentiment includes the 18 years that I taught at Alvirne High School. Mr. Dolloff hired me in 1981 to teach social studies and this was a time that teaching jobs were scarce. Every interaction I had with Peter was pleasant and professional.

Michael Boulay

Michael R Boulay - April 29 at 10:01 PM



“ My sincerest sympathy to the family. One of the kindest families on Winnhaven Dr. -Tara Landry

Tara Landry - April 29 at 06:59 PM



“ Peter was a man of integrity who mentored so many of us in New Hampshire. He was an inspiration well ahead of his time. I am so blessed to have known him. Kathy Holt

Kathy Holt - April 29 at 06:28 PM



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Theresa Dolloff - April 29 at 05:53 PM



“ As a teenager, whenever I visited the Dolloffs' home, it was more likely than not, that Mr. Dolloff would be sitting in the "den" in a chair in the corner, with the lamp on, and a good book, or newspaper at this side. Mr. Dolloff always exuded this sense of calm, and well being...confidence...which I thought was a wonderful quality that he possessed. And me being me, whenever I said something not in the best of taste, which when I was younger was more likely the case...his eyes would roll back, shift his stance, and then walk into the kitchen to see what Mrs. Dolloff was up to.

Mr. Dolloff was a "gentle man" and he will be missed....my best to the Dolloff Family.

Shaun T McMahon - April 29 at 05:35 PM



“ Condolences to Peter's family. May the thought of he and Leona together forever be a source of loving comfort.

Elizabeth Byrne Dawes - April 29 at 04:48 PM



“ What a testament to being one of Hudson's Town Fathers. I remember when I was in grad school, there was legislation regarding an accrediting concern for my profession and I sought his counsel for advice. Mr. Dolloff provided me all the time and informatin I needed to be prepared for this task. Later when I graduated and set up practice here in town, he invited me his Rotary Club. Now that I am look back, he gave me quite a complement by this gesture. As kids, we were assimilating into the US and playing sports and English was our second language. The Dolloffs were very kind to my family by always making a point to say, hello strike up conversation with my parents and just being the genuine folks that their whole family is. Mr. Dolloff's legacy casts a long shadow.

Dr. Roger L. Gosselin - May 01 at 02:30 AM



“ My condolences to the family of a fine man. When I worked at the Nashua Soup Kitchen/Shelter in the mid-90's, I had occasion to connect with Peter about a family with 4 children in the Nashua shelter - the children were enrolled in the Hudson schools and by law were supposed to be transported back to those schools.He was delighted to comply, saying losing their home and stability was enough loss and that they needed their teachers and friends even more.

Eileen Brady - May 01 at 08:05 AM



“ I knew Mr. Dolloff as the Superintendent of the Hudson/Litchfield School District. He was so very personable. Mr. Dolloff would visit each of "his" schools and take the time to talk with all his employees. He had a knack of remembering something special about each person. After his amazing retirement party, he hand wrote thank you notes to everyone who attended. Sincere sympathies to the entire Dolloff clan. Jill DesLauriers

Jill DesLauriers - May 01 at 10:46 AM



“ When I think of Mr. Dolloff, I think first of his kindness and respect to all throughout the school district. It was my good fortune to be hired by him in 1985, and I will always be grateful for that opportunity. Peter Dolloff always had a kind word and smile for everyone. What a legacy he has left behind. May the Dolloff family be comforted by wonderful memories.

Lois Connors - May 02 at 01:15 AM



“ I knew Mr. Dolloff As a young teacher who did an incredible act of kindness for me and my family. We had just moved to Brookline in January in 1962 And I was enrolled in his fourth grade class. I had to have a TB test which registered positive And then I needed a chest x-ray. As one of seven children of a traveling salesman and a stay at home mom without a car, traveling to Leominster Ma. for that x-ray was a challenge. Mr. Dolloff took me himself in his own car. I remember my parents being so thankful. It was no surprise to them that he had a long and successful career in education. That early memory of his kindness to a scared little girl helped shaped my own career as a school social worker and counselor for over forty years...May his family be surrounded by peace and wonderful memories of a life well-lived. Dianne (Shutt) Green

Dianne Green - May 05 at 02:58 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Dolloff Family,

I was hired to teach First Grade in the Hudson School System in 1976 and Mr Dolloff was the superintendent. That was the beginning of many wonderful years in Hudson. You were always able to approach him and it was clear that he cared about the staff and students. He will be well remembered.

May his family find comfort in their wonderful memories of sharing his life.

Martha Horton

Martha Horton - May 06 at 10:14 PM