



Douglas Graham Christie

December 3, 2009

Douglas Graham Christie, 85, of West Hartford, CT, the husband of the late Margaret Brown Christie, died Thursday December 3, 2009 at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, CT. Doug was born in Florence, MA, the son of the late Rev. Ralph A. and Isabel Sutherland Christie. He attended high school in Middletown, CT and was a graduate of Middlebury College, Class of 1949. Doug served in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II on the U.S. McGowan. He had lived in West Hartford the past 35 years. He dedicated his professional life to education, including service as principal of Conard High School and Director of Continuing Education in West Hartford, CT, principal of Parish Hill High School in Chaplin, CT, and teacher at Roger Ludlow High School in Fairfield, CT. Doug devoted himself to various environmental and political causes and to sharing his passion for the outdoors through hiking, camping, trails work, and Vermont. He is survived by his children: Anne S. Christie and her partner Craig James of East Middlebury, VT; Jean Christie Mejia and her husband Otto Mejia of Arlington, MA; James G. Christie of Hartford, CT; and his grandson Tano Mejia of Arlington. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Dorothy Christie and Elizabeth Christie; and his nephews David, John, Rod, and Matthew Christie and their families. He was predeceased by his brother John A. Christie. Friends are invited to join Doug's family at a Memorial Service on Saturday December 12th at 11:00 a.m. at the Unitarian Society of Hartford, 50 Bloomfield Ave., Hartford, CT 06105 with a lunch reception to follow. Donations in his memory may be made to the Appalachian Trail

Museum Society, c/o Richard Evans, 2125 Church Road, Mountain Top, PA 18707, www.atmuseum.org or the Upper Valley Land Trust, 19 Buck Road, Hanover, NH 03755. Online remembrances may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ I was privileged to know and work with Doug these past ten years as a member of the Unitarian Society of Hartford. Doug had two main passions in life, besides his family; conservation of our natural and wild places, and fighting for a more just society. I will miss the twinkle in his eyes, his quick wit and his loving nature. My deepest condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Carol Shoemaker##imported-end##

December 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm sorry to hear of Doug's passing and extend my deepest sympathy to his family. I have some fond memories of Doug's infectious passion for trails, including a particularly fun day spent walking and talking with him as he showed me some favorite spots along the Connecticut A.T. He will be missed.

Heather Clish

AMC##imported-begin##Heather Clish##imported-end##

December 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ To Doug's family, I am very sorry to hear of his passing. Back in 1971 Doug hired me as a first year teacher at Parish Hill High School in Chaplin, CT. He was the school's first principal and I was just out of college. I loved and stayed at Parish Hill for 35 years and recently retired. Of all the educators and principals I have known, I never met one that had Doug's passion for education. I also remember how good he made me feel as a teacher. I will never forget the start he gave me. He was a remarkable gentleman that will be missed my many.##imported-begin##Kevin Dunne##imported-end##

December 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Christie family. Doug was a West Hartford neighbor and could always be counted on to give me a break from yard work by stopping to chat on his way to an evening walk.##imported-begin##Tanzia Turkali##imported-end##

December 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Jean, I'm so sorry for your families' loss. My prayers are with you today and always.
Caban family##imported-begin##WANDA CABAN##imported-end##

December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I will always remember Doug from my days teaching at Conard High School. He was very amiable and I enjoyed talking to him about the outdoors. He has made the world a better place.
My condolences are with the family.##imported-begin##Flo Dickie##imported-end##

December 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug taught me "all I needed to know" about trail maintenance on the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut. He was famous for insisting on "natural" materials for all our construction projects and for not quitting work until the trail was too dark to see.

Harlan Jessup
AMC/CT Trails Committee##imported-begin##Harlan Jessup##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I share many fond memories of Doug on the Appalachian Trail, which I will not forget. Our deepest sympathy to all of Doug's family.
Paul and Cathy Palmer##imported-begin##Paul and Cathy Palmer##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug and I worked on AT issues at the time I was living in VT. His contributions to the discussion were always a cut above the the others - thoughtful, insightful, and caring. Anyone who knew him was lucky, I certainly was.##imported-begin##Pete Richardson##imported-end##

December 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“*Doug's was a role model for all educators and his deep devotion to education will never be forgotten. He will be missed by his former colleagues and students.##imported-begin##West Hartford Retired Educators Association##imported-end##*

December 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“*When Doug was principal at Conard I was at Hall. His dedication to sportsmanship contributed to a healthy rivalry between the two schools. Gladys had an opportunity to work with him when he was principal at King Philip Middle School.*

We are sorry to hear of his passing and extend our sincere sympathy.

Gladys and Bob Dunn##imported-begin##Robert and Gladys Dunn##imported-end##

December 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“*Anne - You've had a rough few years. There was a nice story about your father in the brattleboro Reformer today I'll send to you I looked at his face and wondered if I remembered him from Middlebury. You've done the best you could for your mother and father and need have no regrets. I'm sorry your father is gone now too. I'll write a real sympathy letter. Stop on your way up and down. Love, Marty##imported-begin##Marty Fenn##imported-end##*

December 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM