



## Frank J. Dodson

January 21, 1945 - March 13, 2022

Frank J. Dodson, 77, of Shamong, NJ, passed away on March 12, 2022, at Lions Gate Long Term Care from complications due to a stroke. He was born January 21, 1945, in Kingston, PA to the late Frank and Margaret Dodson. Frank attended Dickinson University on a General Motors Scholarship. He honorably served in the US Army from 1966-1968.

Frank was an educator for 34 years at Highland Regional School District, in Blackwood, NJ. He was a gifted teacher of Mathematics and was the department chair, as well as the chair of Science and Business. He coached freshman basketball and was one the Highland's track coaches for several years. Frank left coaching at the high school to coach all three of his children in soccer until they started high school. He was an adjunct professor at Camden County College and Gloucester County College.

Frank was an avid reader, as well as an athlete and sprint runner. His interests were many, but he especially loved reading and discussing the many battles of WWII and the Civil War, with whoever would listen. Throughout his life, he enjoyed traveling, skiing, hiking, backpacking, golf, and family vacations in the Outer Banks.

Frank is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Ann M. Dodson, nee Allocca; his children, Eric Dodson (Jill), Jillian Dodson Russ (Brent Lovett), and Mark Dodson (Season); his granddaughters, Alaina, Madelyn, Brielle, Rose, Lily, Iris, and Juniper; his brother, Paul Dodson; and his nephew, Paul Dodson.

Cremation was private and at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Mathis Funeral Home, Medford, NJ. Condolences for the family may be left at [www.mathisfuneralhome.com](http://www.mathisfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ Frank was a great, dynamic, no nonsense teacher and coach at Highland HS when I knew him. Thanks for being an approachable good guy. Thank you for your service. My deepest condolences to your family. Rest in peace .

Michael B Bonnette - April 01 at 01:14 PM

DB

“ I'm so very sorry for the family. My condolences. Mr. Dodson was my math teacher back in 1971. I always looked forward to going to his class. He was funny, extremely personable, and fun. Made the class so easy. Rest easy Mr. Dodson. Thank you for being a great teacher. Debbie B

Debra Bartha - March 27 at 07:45 PM

RO

“ So sorry to hear of Frank's passing. He was absolutely my favorite teacher at Highland HS from 1974-1977. He gifted us with his presence a few years ago at a reunion get together. He will be missed. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. RIP. Rose DePalma Matthews

Rose - March 26 at 12:40 PM

DC

“ We extend our deepest sympathies to Frank's family. He was a marvelous individual, and we are so sorry that he passed. God bless.

Dennis and Sue Courtright - March 21 at 06:41 PM

JD

“ Ann, Jill, Eric, Mark and families, we are truly and deeply saddened by Franks passing and send our love and prayers Joanne and Ed Dragun

joanne dragun - March 21 at 02:08 PM

TS

“ Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

Tribute Store - March 21 at 08:40 AM

KC

“ Mr Dodson was an inspiration to so many. I haven't seen him in over 25 years, but hearing about his passing left me sadder than I would have ever thought. He helped shape who I am today and while I am not a math teacher, I am a statistician by training and his math department and AP Calc in particular are a big part of that decision. May his memory be a blessing.

Kelly Chelnik - March 18 at 06:22 PM

CG

“ Mr. Dodson was my calculus teacher in high school. He was such an inspiration to me and I loved how he always had so much fun with us even when the content was so difficult. He is one of the reasons I became a math teacher and even though I had him in class over 25 years ago, I use one of his silly quotes with my students all the time. He truly was one in a million and I am so thankful he was a part of my life.

Christina Gailliout - March 18 at 04:28 PM

KW

“ Mr. Dodson taught me calculus. This photo is from 1995. I was so in love with math after taking his class that I actually got a calculus tattoo. I can't tell if he is pleased in this photo or not. But I certainly am. I owe a great deal to Mr. Dodson. I am now a math teacher myself and I love my job. Thank you Mr. Dodson. You will be missed.

Kevin Weis - March 18 at 12:09 AM

MP

“ I will always think of Mr Dodson and Mrs Dodson for their kindness towards me and their ability to make my wife and I to try to be good dancers!!

Mike Payne - March 17 at 09:49 PM

LF

“ We are deeply saddened to hear about Frank .He was a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless your family.

Love, Mike and Phil Fogli - March 17 at 11:22 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear that Frank had passed. He was a year ahead of me at Dickinson and our fraternity houses were next door to each other. But I really got to know him at Highland, working to provide the best math program for all students. As a teacher and supervisor, Frank set high standards for his students and faculty, and then he helped them succeed through his encouragement and support. He will be missed. - Dick Hollinshead

Dick Hollinshead - March 17 at 10:42 AM

PW

“ So sorry to read of Frank's passing. We worked together for many years in the Math department. It was a long time ago, but good memories don't go away. Pat Whitby

Pat Whitby - March 16 at 07:01 PM

AL

“ I worked at Highland HS when Frank was Chair of the Mathematics Department. He was the consummate professional and a great teacher to both of our daughters in the honors math classes. They looked up to him and attribute to him for their learned knowledge of the subject matter. May Frank Rest In Peace and we offer our sincere condolences to his family. Alice Hinderliter

Alice - March 15 at 06:48 PM

KW

“ Frank, “Mr. Dodson”, was my first real boss. He was tough but also very funny. He really looked out for his teachers and had our backs. He was a guest at my wedding and took the time to come see my daughter when she was born. I have many fond memories of Frank. He was a good man. Karenlynn Williams

Karenlynn Williams - March 15 at 03:36 PM

AG

“ I will always remember Frank and Ann cutting a rug at the weddings we attended.

Adam Goldberg - March 15 at 02:50 PM