



Daniel Roy McLaughlin

June 23, 1930 - October 29, 2020

Daniel Roy McLaughlin, age 90, of Naubinway, Michigan, died on October 29, 2020 in St. Ignace, Michigan. He was born to Edgar Roy and Noreen (Shean) McLaughlin on June 23, 1930.

Daniel graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He later obtained a masters and a doctorate degree. He had a long career in higher education administration. Daniel was the founding president of Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, Connecticut. He developed a sister relationship with a college in Taiwan during his time as president. He taught at Lake Superior State University as a member of the adjunct team. Daniel and his wife of fifty years, Karen, loved traveling throughout the United States as well as Europe and Asia. They retired to the shore of Lake Michigan in 1988.

No services are planned.

Tribute Wall



“ Daniel Roy McLaughlin

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Daniel Roy McLaughlin

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Daniel Roy McLaughlin

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“ *I owe so much of my career to Dan. He took a leap of faith when he hired me right out of graduate school as the founding library director at Asnuntuck. In my 50-year career (including 36 years at Asnuntuck), I met only a handful of other library professionals who ever had the same chance to build a library from scratch. Dan gave me innumerable leadership opportunities on campus and beyond. And I never had another boss who was more fun to work for, even while he always challenged me to do my best. Higher education is in sore need of many more Dan McLaughlins.*

Mike Moran - November 16, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ Thinking of you, Karen

Suz McLaughlin - November 13, 2020 at 03:38 PM

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“ Dan was a giant. He was a visionary leader, capable of encouraging others to grow and keep growing. He saw needs and stepped in to fix them or taught others how to solve problems solo or as part of a functional team. Dan encouraged each of us to be thoughtful academic practitioners who knew how to get our hands dirty with practical applications. Dan set the standards for ethical behaviors and asked us all to live up to them, too. He created a unique and special place at Asnuntuck Community College and I am so privileged to have been able to spend a career inside that legacy. Dan had a great sense of humor and could tell a wonderful story. He was a truly inspirational leader whose impact will be felt for generations in the lives of faculty, staff and students whose lives he touched. Rest in peace, dear Dan.

Jean Egan - November 06, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ Dan McLaughlin was a relentlessly enthusiastic man. A person ahead of his time, his vision was remarkable. He enabled me to establish live theater at Asnuntuck Community College and, really, Dan was a catalyst for my entire career. He was bold and fearless. I recall that one day I found him, in full “gear”, painting a rear wall of our theater black. I asked him what he was doing and he replied, simply, “You said you needed a black wall.” That was Dan.

Fred Sokol - November 06, 2020 at 11:32 AM