



Timothy "Doc" Robert Dockry

April 26, 1959 - January 5, 2016

Tim Dockry of St. Ignace, Michigan passed away on January 5, 2016 with his wife by his side. He was born on April 26, 1959 to Robert and Marlene Dockry in Green Bay, WI. Athletic, active, inquisitive and curious Doc spent much of his life searching and traveling eventually settling in beautiful Mackinac Island, Michigan. Born and raised in Green Bay, he was class president of his graduating class at East High '77. As a young man he participated regularly in baseball, football and golf, lettering at East High. He was very active in his congregation at Grace Lutheran Church becoming a National Youth Leader travelling to Washington D.C. as a member of Lutheran Youth Congress. It was this early experience that led him to St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN graduating with a Philosophy and Religion degree in 1982. While at St. Olaf he discovered the joy of his life-travel. Signing up for a global semester, Doc traveled to five different continents and fifteen different countries over six months. He climbed the great pyramid at Giza in Egypt, motorcycled the Himalaya's in Tibet, swam in the Bay of Bengal in India, visited ancient gardens in Japan and reveled in the cultures he experienced soaking up the customs and being profoundly moved by the people he met. He never lost that abiding love for his fellow man no matter where they were from. Also at this time he taught himself guitar. Possessing a beautiful voice and a natural talent he would go on to perform for several years. It was during his summers in college that he first ventured to Mackinac Island for work. He fell in love with his surroundings, dreaming to one day own a business of his own on the

island. Full of wanderlust, Doc spent the next fifteen years traveling the U.S. living and working in many different states. A ski resort in Breckenridge, CO, a golf resort in Hilton Head, S.C., a camp in Washington, a tropical resort in Key West, FL, a restaurant in Tucson, AZ and a summer resort in Block Island, ME. The common thread through all of these stops was the friendships he forged. He was a larger than life character. Nobody who ever met Doc forgot him for he never failed to leave behind part of his big heart and ready smile wrapped in a great big hug! In 1997 he returned to Mackinac Island and in 2005 he realized his dream when he opened up Doc's House of Magic which quickly captured the attention of the tourists who flocked to the island every summer. Embraced by the community Doc became the de facto ambassador of children who crowded his shop with their inquisitiveness, curiosity and joy at the big man who would perform magic before their wondering eyes. He said himself his greatest legacy will be all those kids whose lives he touched. His greatest trick though was meeting Melissa (Styes) on the Island and marrying her in 2006. He had found a safe harbor where his heart was embraced. They resided in St. Ignace and Mackinac Island, MI. An avid outdoorsman, Doc embraced being a "Yooper". He loved to hunt and fish throughout the year, golf and ride his motorcycle in the summer and always cheered mightily for his Packers and his St. Ignace Saints. He will be missed by hundreds whose lives he touched. He is survived by his wife, Melissa (Styes) Dockry, his mother, Marlene Dockry, four sisters Diane (Pat) Ford, Cindy (Dennis) Butterfield, Kathy (Joe) Bartel and Judy (Gary) Franz, also three brothers, Chris (Gail) Dockry, Dan (Melisa) Dockry and Drew Dockry, his mother-in-law, Cindi (Brown) Styes and two brothers-in-law, John (Jamie) Styes, George (Mandy) Styes, twenty four nieces and nephews, Melissa Ford-Greathouse (John), Christy Ford, Joe Butterfield, Erin Butterfield, Ashley Dockry, Shawn Dockry, Sarah (Paul) Bagstad, Heidi (John) Lompfrey, Nick Dockry, Max Franz, Sam Franz, Kenzi Franz, Addy Franz, Satchel Dockry, Sequoyah Dockry, Cecilia Dockry, Taylor Styes, Jack Styes, Charlee Styes, Brett Bufford, Jourdan Bufford, Riley Styes, Caleb Styes and Jacob Styes. Remember him by the

lines of his favorite Robert Frost poem: I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence; Two roads diverged in a wood, and I- I
took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference. A visitation
will be held from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at Little
Bear East in St. Ignace, Michigan. A funeral service will begin at 1:00 PM at
Little Bear East with Pastor Mike Lane officiating. Burial will be at Lakeside
Cemetery later this spring.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ My kids and I are going to miss you doc. We bought a lot of magic stuff from you and always loved the tricks you showed us !!! Your a treasure that will be missed and you will always be remembered in our hearts!

Mark Stewart - October 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I recently learned of Tim's death and am most saddened by it. Tim was Huckleberry Finn and I was Sereny Harper in the play "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" at Ecison Jr. High. I will never forget how nice he treated me during play practice! He was the most likable guy. I am sure he will be greatly missed by all. My deepest sympathies to those who knew and loved him.

Annette (Schmitz) Wilkinson - August 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Just got the news of Doc's passing and am so saddened. My condolences to Melissa and the rest of Doc's family. I have many good memories of Doc through the years on Mackinac. He was always quick with a smile and to pat you on the back when he saw you. He was passionate, compassionate and intense. His countless friends from Mackinac and around the world will miss him. I will always think of him as I pass by Doc's House of Magic. Godspeed, Doc.

Stu Stuart - January 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Stu Stuart - January 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Marlene and family, Please accept our deepest sympathy upon Tim's death. We hope that great memories of fun times spent together will help during this difficult period. Babs and Jay Robitshek

Babs & Jay Robitshek - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Doc was my best friend for a couple of years in the early '80s. We met at St. Olaf and ended up living together for a brief while in a house at the end of Hennepin Ave in Minneapolis after we graduated. We eventually went our separate ways, but I will always remember Doc as being genuine, fun-loving and warmhearted. For the short time that our lives crossed paths, he rocked my world. I am honored to have known him.

Pablo Brisance - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Doc was my pal for two summers on Mackinac Island in 79 & 80. We hung out listening to music & conversing many an afternoon. We partied like crazy many an evening! He was wise soul & a great friend. He'll never be forgotten!

Phil Hutter - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Dear Cindy & the Dockry family, So sorry for your loss. It seems Tim lived life to the fullest! In my eyes he will be that cute kid in the neighborhood! In sympathy, Holly

Holly Hayden Huntley - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ It is said so well in the Obituary, his great big heart and great smile. I will forever remember Doc and the 3 years having worked with him at the "Chip." May the Love of those he touched and memories he has left be a source of comfort to you now. I pray that God will covet you with Love and allow you to feel a Rainbow in your heart. My sympathies to you and your family.

Jamie Calder - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My heart goes out to your family. I remember him up at Georgia's 80 acres. He certainly lived life to the fullest!

John Rivett - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Melissa, I know we've never met and Doc probably never mentioned me, but I spent a very intense summer with him back in the early 80's right after graduating from College at the Univ. of Minnesota. I met him through Curly and we hit it off immediately. We spent the last summer of my being a bachelor painting sorority houses at the U, and then painting Doctor Hardy's home in Neenah Wisconsin (right before my wedding). It was the summer of the Walkman portable cassette recorder and I remember having to shake the ladder to get Doc's attention because he used to play it so loud on his headset. I believe he was the one who coined the phrase: "I am suffering from a lack of tune-ology." He was always up, happy, and excited to do any and everything. I will miss him. I will also always remember him with a smile. Doc was one of the good guys in a world where there seem to be fewer and fewer. I cannot imagine your feelings of loss. I only hope that his love will endure in your heart, and if/when you notice something a little odd or out of place, you might realize it is Doc trying to let you know that he's still around, encouraging all of us to live in the moment and to keep taking risks/the road less travelled. Jim Casey

Jim Casey - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“Melissa, our prayers go up for you and your whole family!

Joe and Janice Lenoir - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Tim was a good man. I met Tim in 7th grade at Edison Junior High in Green Bay. We played sports together and because we were of similar stature, we usually competed against each other. More often than not Tim came out on top. There were lots of card games, great stories and lots of laughs. Tim, I'm glad your going HOME, you will be missed down here and not forgotten. We'll still share your stories and the smiles will live on. God Bless.

Rob Holschuh - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Tim was a unique and very special individual.. I feel extremely fortunate to be able call him a close friend for over 50 years.. Doc, you will always be remembered.. Miss you buddy!! Our condolences to Melissa, Marlene and the entire Dockry family..

David and Jeannette Drier - January 08, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear about Doc!!!! My family was on the island about two to three years ago and stopped in Doc's Magic Shop. He was so funny with his magic tricks:))) He will be missed. Prayers are with the family!!

Dorothy Paytas Fritz - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ There will be a giant void in the life of Mackinac Island and in the hearts of all that knew him. He touched many. RIP old friend.

Robin Enterline - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Our deepest sympathy to Doc's family during this time. Over the years, we've visited Doc's magic shop numerous times and met with him at the Pink Pony this October. We enjoyed seeing the outpouring of love for Doc which was wonderful. We've been praying for him and will continue to pray for all of you. Rest knowing that Doc is now swimming in the ocean of God's everlasting love.

George and Brenda Piliouras - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ My condolences and sympathy to this gentlemans family! Although I did not know him, I read his obituary and came to the conclusion that Doc was very well liked and loved by many, and I know he will be missed dearly! I pray for all the family members, and with Gods help, you all will stay strong and just remember all the fine memories that Doc gave you!

Gail Sheridan - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Melissa - Sending you my deepest sympathies on your loss.

Charlotte Amaro - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I will never forget the water gun fights Doc had inside and outside the Pony when Rodney was young. He will be truly missed.

Mark, Tracy, Sam, and Rodney Winsor - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ He was a great guy. We loved it when Tim would be our babysitter!

Jacki Jensen - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ How sad to hear of Tim's death, but how heartening to see that Tim's life lived up to its potential. I grew up with Tim and the Dockry family. We knew each other through both church and school. Everyone knew Tim, and everyone liked or loved him. He was a natural born extrovert. The last time I saw Tim, he was just back from some trip or another and was visiting his family. We both happened to be back at our home congregation on the same Sunday morning. He came down from the balcony after the service, in tears. He gave me a hug and told me he just heard that my dad, his former pastor, had died. His tears for my dad touched me in a way I still remember after almost 25 years. That's the kind of person Tim was. My condolences to his wife and family. May you find comfort in the memory of his love and the tremendous capacity of his heart. He will never stop loving you.

Barb Kilgust - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I am so sad to read of this loss of such a dynamic human being. I knew Doc on Mackinac Island in 1978. What the obit says is true: no one who met Doc ever forgot him. He was a big, open, fun loving spirit and human being. My condolences to all his family and to the communities of Mackinac Island and St. Ignace.

Marianne Wilson - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I knew Doc. He was one of those people in the world who made things better wherever he was. I am glad I knew him. God bless Doc and his wife, and family. His memory is forever a colorful comet that forever shall encircle this Earth. Jim Bolone

Jim Bolone - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I knew Tim in grade school & jr. high, but lost touch when Tim wound up at East High and I went to Preble. I would ask brother Chris about Tim now & then, but never got around to connecting again. I do remember his good nature, which seems to be the typical Dockry way. My deepest sympathy to the whole family. Bob Singer

Bob Singer - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Chris & Gail, Our sympathy .

Judy & Ken Doersch - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Doc always made me smile. Such fond memories of the Bergehof Days when we were all much younger.

Kris and Ray Clark - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ Doc was the only person allowed to call me "patticakes" because I knew it was said with love.

Patti LaPine - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Doc, Thank you for gracing my life with your crazy, comical antics... Your wisdom beyond your years... And teaching me who Neil Young was.. (I was only 19.... Think I was into Disco when I moved to the Rock!! Lol) I will forever be blessed with your music in my heart!!! Sigh..... Till we meet again!! (Roebud) As JJ stud nicknamed me.....

Rose Schmieglitz - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *What a great man. I smile just thinking of all the nick names that used to come out when he greeted with a big smile and hug. ❤️ Him. I'm sorry for your loss Melissa.*

Donna Boughner - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Wow what an adventurous, fulfilling life. Thoughts and prayers are with you as you celebrate his eternal life, resting peacefully with the Lord. God be with you all. Rob and Pam Balsinger*

Pamela Balsinger - January 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Doc, you were a pioneer in the occupation of resort jumping. You started an entire generation of kids wandering this country's finest destination vacation spots working the bars and dining rooms. ANYBODY who lived on Mackinac Island between 1982-'85 ran around the country because you. And we did it with no money and no cell phones and had more fun than a Hollywood rock star. Thank you, sir.*

David R. Martin - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Doc I really enjoyed working with you at the Pony. My sympathies to your family during this time. You will surely be missed by many.*

Brian Reagan - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I never met him, but Melissa is my cousin. I'm so sorry for your lost Melissa. Prayers to you and your family.*

Carla Fry - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ I was on the Island, at your fun spooky house, with my granddaughter. Your words were so kind to her when we turned back in fright and she couldn't continue. I'll remember you always for that moment.

Glenna - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My heartfelt condolences to Doc's family. He was one of our planets treasures that will be remembered by the gentle wake he left on humanity's waters.

Geoff Rudolph - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ My deepest sympathy Melissa...you are in my prayers

Beverly DeMers - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Remember the Joyous times! So sorry for your loss.

Marleen Bedryk - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Rest in Peace Doc. You have left your mark on this big blue sphere, and in our hearts. Won't say good bye, but till we meet again.

Ken & Debbie Feldman - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ My sincere condolences to Doc's entire family. I worked with him on Mackinac Island the summer of 1979 at The Chippewa Hotel. He was an unforgettable guy, so full of life. He will be missed.

Sue (Tunney) Knox - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ We meet Doc a few times while he was visiting Judy and her family, he was always good for a laugh or two. Both my children have been to his store on the island and enjoyed it very much. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May knowing that he is at peace and in good hands and knowing that he is with you always in yours hearts bring you some peace.

Louie and Lynn Groleau - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM