



Nicholas R. "Nick" Doenges

December 6, 1941 - February 12, 2016

Nicholas Robert Doenges passed away Friday, February 12, 2016 at his home.

He was born December 6, 1941 in Lima, Ohio to Eileen (Hasson) Lawhead Doenges and Robert Lawhead. In 1948, his mother married his beloved "Pop," Vernon E. Doenges and they shared a very special relationship throughout their lives.

Growing up in the Wapak area, Nick attended St. Joseph Elementary School. Hoping to follow in the footsteps of his maternal uncle, Hugh Hasson, he attended Brunnerdale Seminary for one and half years before graduating from St. Joseph's High School in 1959. After a year at the University of Dayton, he joined the US Navy and while stationed in Japan, met Tomoe Fujii. They married in Las Vegas on February 18, 1963; Nick, a fan of amateur poker, always said it was the "best bet I ever made!"

After the Navy, he worked for appraisal companies and moved 18 times to various cities in Tennessee, North Carolina, Ohio and Iowa, eventually becoming the Woodbury County Assessor in Sioux City, Iowa. In 1979, he became the Davenport (Iowa) City Assessor. Upon retiring in 2008, he and Tomoe moved back to his hometown of Wapakoneta, Ohio.

In his spare time, he coached various sports for many years, but his favorite was the Holy Family 6th grade Blue basketball team (Davenport). He taught CCD for many years in both Davenport and Wapakoneta. He sang in the Resurrection Choir at St. Joseph's along with his "Pop." He also took over the

Wapak Daily-News "Looking Back" column from his father.

He enjoyed watching sports, and in his healthier days, riding his bicycle "Baka," on Mississippi River trails and around Wapak and often took the path of his childhood Wapak Daily News delivery route. Car trips to Las Vegas were a favorite but the very best were trips to spend time with his beloved grandchildren, the Blue Grass Boys, Jo-Jo and Sweet Pickle.

Nick was an imaginative and clever writer, a talent he shared with his mother. Once he discovered email he started sending entertaining stories to family and friends. These stories wove local history, family lore and current events into tall tales that amused and sometimes inspired. At one point, Nick requested a prayer for someone in need. Then a friend asked him to send a prayer request for another person in need. Nick felt strongly about the power of prayer and quickly turned his communication skills to sending petitions for spiritual assistance among his email correspondents. Today, that prayer line includes a growing group of people across the US.

He is survived by his wife, Tomoe, his children Vernon (Georjeanna) Doenges and Donna (Richard) Lindberg; grandchildren, Nicholas Lindberg, Daniel Lindberg, Jordan Doenges and Julia Doenges; his sisters, Nina Stuckey, Noreen Wise and Nell (Bill) Chadwick; nieces, nephews and many, many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother Eileen Doenges, his father Vernon Doenges and brother Hugh, in infancy.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30AM, Tuesday, February 16 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta with Father Dan Hunt officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00PM to 8:00PM on Monday, February 15 at Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, Wapakoneta.

Memorials can be made to the church or charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-7676
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

Service

FEB **16**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall

TL

“ We were neighbors in Iowa after they moved we spoke periodically and he would call and ask about my telephone poles were growing baby poles wonderful neighbors, and friends my prayers are with the family and Tom please keep in touch, God bless.

Teri Logan - February 26, 2016 at 01:11 PM

LZ

“ Dear Tomoe, Donna, Vernon, and family,
Cathy and I are wish to extend our condolences at the loss of Nick. Nick and I had many adventures over the 15 years that he was my boss. He was always willing to share his knowledge with me. Our trips to Rutgers University, New Orleans, Houston, San Diego and Las Vegas are the most memorable. I wish that I had tape recorded his descriptions of those trips because they always made me laugh. I will be retiring March 31st and take all of those memories with me. I am sure that Nick is in his heavenly home and patiently waiting to see us again.

Your friends
Lew and Cathy Zabel

Lew and Cathy Zabel - February 17, 2016 at 08:37 AM

JS

“ Very sad to see Mr. Doenges' obituary in the QC Times today. I was a member of the Holy Family 6th grade blue (Go Blue!!) basketball team. Mr. Doenges was a great coach.

Mr. Doenges also taught me something wonderful - the game of poker. At Holy Family when I was there, the last six Fridays of the school year had an accelerated schedule to allow for an extra class period at the end of the day. They were called "Mini Mods" and a host of volunteers (mostly parents of students) taught classes that could be chosen by the students, things like rollerskating, pottery, cooking, astronomy, etc. Mr. Doenges taught poker. We met in the room behind the media center. Those of us who chose Introduction to Poker would be waiting in the room for Mr. Doenges to come from work. He'd be nicely dressed from his office when he'd walk into the room. Without saying one word he'd put his black briefcase on the table, put his suit jacket on the back of his chair, and loosen his tie. Then he'd open his briefcase and take out a big, green poker visor and carefully place it on his head and say, "It's time to play poker!" and he'd hand out the chips. It was dealer's choice. He taught us all the games. He kept a running tally over the weeks in a detailed ledger. He made us call our hands as we laid down the cards. It was an absolute blast.

Rest in peace Mr. Doenges. Thanks for all the time you volunteered for me and my schoolmates. To Donna and the rest of the family I offer my sincere condolences and prayers.

Joe Stratman

Joe Stratman - February 16, 2016 at 06:41 PM

TM

“ So sorry to the Doenges family for their loss. Nick was a good man and a good boss. I truly enjoyed working for him in the Davenport Iowa Assessor's Office and I would not be where I am today without Nick hiring me years ago as an entry-level appraiser. Nick was very intelligent about the appraisal of real estate and the appraisal industry altogether. He and I shared a bond of both having served in the U.S. Navy and also both serving in Japan. After his first email machine quit, I remember helping get Nick setup on his second email machine so that he could type letters and put his thoughts on paper, but mainly so that he could stay in touch with his prayer group email list that was so important to him. My condolences.

Tom McManus

Scott County Iowa Assessor

(formerly: Davenport City Assessor's Office employee)

Tom McManus - February 16, 2016 at 04:31 PM

DB

“ I learned how to play pinochle from Nick. I enjoyed his company. He always had a smile and a laugh to share. I extend my condolences to his family and friends. He was a good guy.

Dave Burrows

Dave Burrows - February 16, 2016 at 09:31 AM

BC

“ Dear Tomoe and Family,

I will never forget the day that Nick and Tomoe came to share our evening with the Confirmation teens! When they came to class, everyone knew him as Mr. Poo! We introduced Tomoe as Mrs. Poo - and we all got a big chuckle out of that!

Nick had a gift for sharing his faith! He talked to our teens about the lows and the highlights of his life. He was proud of being Tomoe's husband (He even bragged to our class about her being a beauty queen, and how he she was the best bet he ever made!)When his witness talk was over, I asked if there was anything that I could do for him. "Just pray the Rosary for me!" was his request."

I will be praying the rosary for all of you too.

*Prayers of comfort and peace for all of you,
Beth Crouch*

Beth Crouch - February 15, 2016 at 09:34 AM

MD

“ Dear Tomoe & Family,

Mark & I offer you all, our Sympathy. We have had so much joy in our hearts, thanks to Nick being a big part of our lives. He has brought us much laughter over the past years with his funny emails, and so much comfort in all the prayers he has brought to our family and friends, through the efforts he put forth, with running the computer prayer group.

Nick has truly been a work of God, which allowed him to have, a peaceful death. We are all so thankful of that. Nick worked hard, to find his way into Heaven, and there is no doubt in our minds, he has succeeded in doing that. Now we have a very "special" angel in Heaven, looking over all of us.

Rest In Peace Nick (Mister Poo)!

Mark & Terri



Mark & Terri Doenges - February 13, 2016 at 06:57 PM