



Douglas G. Lavigne of St. Johnsbury, longtime physical education teacher, suffered an aneurysm and died very unexpectedly November 9, 2015 at the age of 63. He was born in Newport, Vermont on Jan. 29, 1952, the son of Valmore and Doris (Page) Lavigne.

Doug attended St. Johnsbury Academy and graduated from Burlington High School with the class of 1970. He furthered his education at Lyndon State College, graduating in 1974. It was during his college years that he met and married Dianne; they recently celebrated their 44th anniversary. Mr. Lavigne worked as a physical education teacher in St. Johnsbury schools until 2007; he continued working part time at Cal North and also as an After School Coordinator at West Burke. This year he had fully retired.

Doug enjoyed spending time with his family, walking around town, running into former students whom he usually knew by name, and of course enjoying his sports. He spent many years coaching various teams in St. Johnsbury.

Doug is survived by his wife Dianne (Yole); daughter Jill Lavigne and Steve Fanelli of St. Johnsbury; son Kevin Lavigne and wife Christy of Somersworth, NH; four grandchildren: Jill's two children Ava and Don, Kevin's two children Shaylee and Kayla; brother Brian Lavigne and wife Jane of Burlington; sister Mary Sleeper and husband Kerry of Jericho; sister-in-law Betty Lavigne of New Hampshire; and nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his oldest brother, David Lavigne and his father-in law, Donald Yole.

Visiting hours will be held at the Sayles Funeral Home this

Friday, Nov. 13 from 5-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held in St. Johnsbury at the Grace United Methodist Church this Saturday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions could be directed to either: The Good Shepherd School (where Doug's granddaughter attends), 121 Maple St., St. Johnsbury VT 05819; or to The Grace United Methodist Church, 36 Central St., St. Johnsbury VT 05819.