



## John J. Dalton

January 2, 1931 - October 4, 2014

John J. Dalton, 83, son of Justin (Jess) Dalton and Florence Sherlock Dalton. Graduate of Onondaga Valley Academy (1949). Varsity ice hockey team, 4 years. His first game as a freshman was against Colgate University. U.S. Military (1954 – 1956) assigned to Southern Germany, Army of occupation, during the Korean War, 9th Infantry, Signal Corp Division. Attended Niagara University, graduated from State University of New York at Oswego, Syracuse University School of Education and Maxwell School of Citizenship. While at Oswego, he lettered in varsity baseball. John's teaching career was at Marcellus School District grades 6 – 11, specializing in Geography, History and World Cultures. Because of these interests, he and his wife Suzanne became world travelers. Ice hockey was always part of his life. As a charter member of the Snow Belt League based at Meachem, he coached Pee Wee Hockey for 15 years and led the team to a state championship. A wonderful coach who taught more than the game of hockey. He also coached little league baseball in The Valley. A representative of St. James Parish on the Diocesan Pastoral Council, another 15 years. A master storyteller, John's fondest wish, anyone he met, could go away with a smile. John is survived by his wife of 53 years, Suzanne (Kaley) Dalton; sons, Patrick (Kari) Dalton of Onondaga Hill, NY and Sean (Jamie) Dalton of Camillus, NY; brother, Robert Dalton of South Onondaga, NY; six grandchildren, McKenna, Julia, Emily, Jacob, Ryan and Garrett; many nieces and nephews. John was predeceased by his sister, Florence Murphy and his brother, Francis Dalton.. A Mass of

Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, October 9, 2014, 10:00 a.m. in St. James Church. Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery. Calling hours will be held Wednesday, October 8, 2014, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205. In lieu of flowers, contributions to St. James Church, 4845 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Just learned of Mr. Dalton's passing. I had the honor of being in his History class. He was truly one of those teachers that made a difference. My sincere condolences to his family.*

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November 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *John was assistant principal of Driver Middle School when I first began teaching in Marcellus. He was an incredibly kind and caring man and supportive of my efforts as a new teacher. He became an administrator, but his heart was always with teaching. I will always remember his help, his sense of humor, love of hockey, teaching and family.*

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October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Dalton Family,

*“Discover Marcellus” Facebook page posted a link to Mr. Dalton’s obituary. Couldn’t believe it mentioned his “wife of 53 years.” Why, I remember when Mr. Dalton and Miss Kaley got married! It couldn’t have been...but of course it could.*

*I also remember Mr. Dalton as a challenging and inspiring Geography teacher. He literally opened the world up for us.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Dalton even invited me and a classmate to dinner at their home when I was in 9th grade, a surprise and an honor. I learned a lot about hockey at that dinner.*

*John Dalton was a man who was both strong and kind, both wise and humorous. May his memory live on.*

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October 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ to the family of john dalton am sorry for your loss he was my social teacher could never forget him awesome teacher may he rest in pease went to marcellus class of 64 janet burch farrell

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October 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but find comfort in knowing John was a special part of such a well-lived life. My heart is broken but the wonderful memories of tennis at Drumlins, our Disney adventures and how John loved "a Small, small world", and the great piano player Bob" at the resort, oh how we laughed and sang to his antics. John's pumpkin carvings and beautifully decorated cakes will never be forgotten. What a wonderful man and revered friend. I will miss him. Sue, Patrick and Sean, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

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October 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ John was a great hockey coach and a great man. My boys learned a lot from John about hockey and life when they were playing and carried the lessons as they went to college and out into the world. I'm sure that he will be missed. My sympathy to Suzanne and the family.

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October 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you Mr. Dalton. Because of you, 6th grade and then 10th grade World History have inspired me all of my life!

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October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I saw Coach Dalton's obituary posted on facebook yesterday by a former teammate and it brought all of those great memories of Valley Hockey back. \"Yesterday\" when we were young and Coach taught us about winning and losing as a TEAM!

We, as Valley Hockey Players, send our sincerest condolences to our Coach and family.

Thank you for sharing your husband and your father to the rest of us for all the ice time we shared as a TEAM! Those lessons were never forgotten and we believe that he was proud of the boys he helped make into men.

Wishing your family strength and peace,

Long live Valley Hockey!

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October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue dalton and family...sorry for your lost of John. So many good memories at Marcellus in the 50's and 60's.

Coach Bill Syke

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October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *A gentleman and scholar, beloved husband father and grandfather, long time friend to many, highly regarded colleague to many others, committed to his community and parish, sports fan and world traveler who shared adventures through detailed stories and stunning photography.*

*John Dalton was a truly a special person and we were happy to have known him.*

*Our deepest sympathies to those who will miss him always,*

*from Bob and Denise Heater*

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October 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers are with John's family. We grew up across the street from each other, were never 'companions' as he was older than I, but he was never too busy to stop, say Hi, and spend a few minutes with you. Even in our adult years, when we ran into each other, he still always had time to 'catch-up'. A really great guy who will be missed by many.*

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October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to John's family in their loss. My husband and I graduated from OVA with him in the class of '49. My husband played hockey with him, many cold winter nights the team flooded the rink together and the friendships lasted forever. May wonderful memories help you through this sad time in your lives and God be with you.*

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October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue and family,

*My sympathies are with you all at the loss of John, husband, father and grandfather. I have lots of memories our our days at MCS. I am sure you all have many good memories of John and those are the things that help in times like this.*

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October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ To my "Miss Kaley", sincere sympathy on the loss of Mr. Dalton. He was a terrific teacher and always well-respected. Both of you were a significant part of the school in my time period. May you soon find peace.  
Daphne Bedford, MCS Class of '65.

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October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Many, many years have passed since I last saw John but I have many fond memories from our high school years.  
My sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

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October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue, Patrick and Sean,

*My heart is broken. My friend, my colleague is gone. So many wonderful conversations not to be anymore. Fellow traveler, curious mind. Always the gentleman. Sue and his boys were everything to him. Patrick and Sean: I have known you since diapers and you know how much your Dad loved you. Things will never be the same for you or for me.*

*Sue: your pain is great as well I know, but you had such a long and wonderful life with John and hockey, with your church, with family. Incredible memories that will help reinforce the sad days ahead.*

*I love you all. And I loved you John so very much.  
Your buddy in history and geography,  
Cynthia*

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October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy Suzanne and family. Mr. Dalton was my history teacher and you my gym teacher before you married. Loved running into you in Wegmans over the years. I think you always thought I was Raylene at first. Last time we saw you both my husband and I were at his 45th HS reunion at Inn of the Seasons. He graduated from OVA also. Again my deepest sympathy. Carolyn*

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October 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Sue, Patrick and Sean,

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“ Our prayers go out to you, Suzanne, and your beautiful family...John will be missed. I'll remember your visits to Poughkeepsie, which always gave us a chance to experience John's great storytelling (I especially remember a slide show of your African safari!). John always brought something special to share and we were lucky to spend time with him. God bless.  
*Michael & Peggi Kaley*

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October 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ It's hard to write about John, because he was so many good things. He loved his family...I am remembering when we went to the hospital after one of his sons were born to look at what John called ice hockey feet. He loved Suzanne. When he spoke about her, his eyes glistened. He was a dedicated, a scrupulously prepared teacher. He love his church. God speed to John and my love to his family.

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October 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the family. I grew up with John and remembered him and the whole Dallton family on Dorwin Ave. He was a very good man. God bless his soul

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