



Loren E. Dawley

March 15, 1942 - November 20, 2022

On Sunday, November 20th, 2022, Loren Edward Dawley passed away at the age of 80 in Naples, FL. Loren was born on March 15, 1942, in Syracuse, NY. His parents were Lamson Eldred Dawley and Beatrice Gummer Dawley, and he grew up on the Dawley farm in Fayetteville, NY. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Deborah W. Dawley; his son Sterling W. Dawley, his wife Danielle G. Dawley, and their two children Wyatt R. Dawley and Hunter B. Dawley; his daughter Sarah (Dawley) Cower, her husband Stephen R. Cower, and their two children Benjamin S. Cower and Logan B. Cower; his sister Caroline Dawley and her two children Derek and Heather.

Loren received his B.A in Liberal Arts and Social Studies from Syracuse University in 1964, and his M.A in Social Studies/Education from Syracuse University in 1969. He received the N.Y. State Outstanding Teacher of Social Studies award in 1978. He taught 7th-grade Social Studies at Onondaga Central Middle School and Jamesville Dewitt Middle School for 36 years. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and a recruiter for the United States Naval Academy. He also enjoyed singing in the choir and was an Elder at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in Naples, FL, and was a Deacon at the United Church of Fayetteville in N.Y. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America, was a youth fellowship leader at the United Church of Fayetteville, and coached soccer at Jamesville Dewitt Middle School.

Loren was an avid historian at the local, state, and national levels. He enjoyed playing tennis, bocce ball, boating, traveling, watching sports, gardening, and most importantly singing. Loren's infamous smile and helping hand to others will always be lovingly remembered.

A memorial will be held at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in Naples, FL (date to be determined). In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the music program at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in Naples, FL, the American Cancer Society, or the American Heart Association.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ Loren E. Dawley

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Sincere condolences to Debbie, Sarah, Sterling and all. Loren was an unquestionably outstanding individual, a role model in “how to be” and will be sadly missed by everyone whose lives he touched. With deepest sympathy, Morgan and Sharon Doyle.

Sharon Doyle - December 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ John newsom lit a candle in memory of Loren Dawley



John k newsom - December 01, 2022 at 10:49 PM



“ Mr. Dawley will always be one of my favorites from JD Middle School! He was the kindest and most caring person and I count myself grateful for having known him. He will always be remembered in our house as the teacher who had to turn me in when I tried to plagiarize a note from home over something silly. He called me out for it and I learned my lesson and to this day, tell the story to my own middle school students that I teach. He will be missed for sure!

Jennifer Latshaw - December 01, 2022 at 10:03 PM

RR

“ *Debbie, Sterling and Sarah*

Your Husband and Father was a special man. I had the pleasure to know him for many years as a fellow Phi Delt, his fraternity that he loved so much. He was the man who kept us undergrads in line when it came to keeping old Sibley's Lodge clean and livable.

After my graduation I recall fondly the several dinners the five of us enjoyed at your home. Getting to know Loren further outside of the fraternity was a pleasure.

He will always be remembered fondly by all the Phis who crossed paths with him in the late 70's and 80's.

My his memory bring you ease and comfort during these difficult times.

Rich Roberts - December 01, 2022 at 12:17 PM

“ JDP Memory of Loren Dawley, 1 of 2:

I first met Loren Dawley, or “Mr. Dawley” as we properly called him, when I had moved into ‘House 3’ at Jamesville Dewitt Middle School in 6th grade back in 1992. While I wasn’t a student of his that first year in House 3, I had heard about what a remarkable teacher he was for those 7th grade students fortunate enough to be enrolled in his class. The following year, I fell into that group of fortunate few that took Mr. Dawley’s 7th grade social studies class.

I remember him as a classic gentleman, typically clad in khaki’s, a button down, a tie during the cooler months of the year, and most notably an invariably warm smile and positive attitude. He was by far the most passionate teacher of social studies and history that I had ever encountered, up to that point and since. As a student intrinsically more fond of the hard sciences, Mr. Dawley sparked an interest in history that made it come alive even for me.

I fondly look back on learning about the Native American’s from the Central New York area, and even playing ‘Long Ball’, a traditional Iroquois game, in the side yard of the school. Mr. Dawley was also extremely enthusiastic about the civil war, and passed that passion down to many of his students.

While I was extremely fond of the way that Mr. Dawley taught and his drive to make it fun for all of his students, his impact on my own life went far beyond sparking an admiration for history. Mr. Dawley was a deeply patriotic man who loved his country and our freedoms dearly, which resonated with me. He would frequently tell stories of his son Sterling, then a fresh Ensign I believe, recently graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy. He would regale tales of Sterling’s experience at school and how challenging it was, but he always balanced that with his perseverance through hard work and determination. I always had a love for our military and thought I would serve in some capacity, but the stories of Sterling undoubtedly planted a seed.

As I moved into the 8th grade, I remember Mr. Dawley talking to me about what I wanted to do after high school. I had already started thinking about being a fighter pilot, and had, like many, thought I would try to attend the Air Force academy. It was the encouraging

comments that he made to me before or after class or passing in the hall that helped me believe in myself, and that I could accomplish anything I set out to achieve. That kind of impact can't be bought, and I was just one of the many students Mr. Dawley connected with over the years. I'm fairly certain it was Mr. Dawley who first told me that the Naval Academy produced more pilots than the Air Force Academy, and that Annapolis was a drivable distance from Central New York.

Jonathan Powell - November 27, 2022 at 06:56 PM

AR

“ *Debbie, Sarah and Sterling,
I have many fond memories of grocery shopping and chatting with Loren in the aisles of Wegman's in Dewitt. I am so sorry to learn of his death. He was a special person.*
Alison MacLeod

Alison Rattigan - November 27, 2022 at 12:48 PM

GS

“ *Debbie,*

I was very sorry to learn about Loren's passing. He was a great person and will be really missed. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

*God Bless,
Glenna Sibble*

Glenna Sibble - November 24, 2022 at 04:46 PM

DG

“ Experiencing life as a 7th grader is tough for most kids. But one thing I could always count on was how Mr. Dawley treated me. He was a kind hearted teacher, but even more so, he conducted himself in a manner that was calm, direct, and rational. He certainly impacted my life for the better and I have fond memories of being in Mr. Dawleys class (I'm 42 now). My deepest sympathies to Mr. Dawleys loved ones.

D.J. Grosso - November 23, 2022 at 12:28 PM

CB

“ May our dear friend, Loren, rest in peace and love. He filled our hearts with his care and concern for others. We shared seventy years of wonderful times together. We cherish our memories, especially of fun on the farm and at Class of 1960 reunions.

Carol Jillson Barker - November 23, 2022 at 09:44 AM

WC

RIP Loren, I'll always remember visiting the Dawley Farm and playing various card games at your house with '60 classmates.

William "Bill" E. Courtwright - January 11, 2023 at 05:57 PM