



Douglas Lane

May 27, 2012

Douglas Kenneth Lane, resident of Trinidad, passed away on Sunday morning, May 27, 2012, at Trinity Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler at the age of 70 years. He was born in Paris, Texas on December 23, 1941 to Shield H. Lane and Mary Viola Grimes Lane. Mr. Lane married Avon Basham on February 10, 1962 at the Pacio Baptist Church and had celebrated their 50TH wedding anniversary. He had been the Superintendent of Mildred I.S.D. for 24 years retiring in 2011 and was a respected educator. He is preceded in death by his parents, siblings Clyde G. Lane, James R. Lane, Gerald R. Lane, Shield H. Lane Jr., Mae E. Beason, Florence Usery, and Betty J. King. Survivors include his wife of 50 years Avon Lane. Daughter and son - in-law Amy Venable and husband Bruce of Corsicana, grandchildren Jordan Venable, Megan Venable, and Devin Venable of Corsicana. Siblings Mary Evonko of San Antonio, Dorothy Howard and her husband Bob of Longview, and Barbara Sue Harrington and her husband Lary of Richardson. He is also survived by his sisters - in- law Gertrude Lane of Paris and Polly Lane of Eules and a number of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Wednesday evening from 6 - 8pm at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home in Corsicana. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 3pm in the Lane Gymnasium at Mildred High School with his nephew Donald Preston officiating. Burial will follow at the Eubank Cedar Creek Memorial Park in Mabank. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Mildred School District Library at 5475 HWY 287 South Corsicana, Texas 75109.

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Lane*

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“ *Avon, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of your sweet husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

Patty Knauth - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *He was a wonderful man and educator. He will be missed by many. Special thoughts and prayers to Avon and family!*

Regina Casaday - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a really great man and did so much to help Chelena get to be the teacher she is today.*

Sandra Griffith - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Douglas Lane*

Barbara Basham Walters - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss, Doug was a great man and will be missed by all that knew him. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love Cathy, J.C. And Lacy Wyatt*

Cathy Wyatt - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Doug Lane has meant so much to our family through the Mildred Schools and through friendship over the years. He was so instrumental in his efforts to get a college scholarship for our son. We can never repay or thank him enough for his help in so many ways. We will miss him very much.

Steve and Robin Cavender - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Avon, and all of your family.

Dolores Jackson

Dolores Jackson - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Mrs. Lane and family,
Mr. Lane was a towering strength of a man and you were the rose in his garden. He will always be remembered as an honorable man, excellent character, a man of his word and of good disposition. May the Good Lord Bless and keep you until you meet again. He will be deeply missed.

Kim Marshall - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ To a man that spent his life for and at school.

Linda Rees - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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AH

“ Mr. Lane was one of those special people, from whom a kind glance or simple encouraging word in the hallway made you stand a little straighter and prouder. I remember in school he asked me to come to his office once and explain, on behalf of our senior class, why we thought we should be able to drive ourselves to "college day" at Navarro College instead of taking the school bus. Such a simple thing, but it was a big deal to us students at the time and he took the time to listen respectfully to each argument, never rolling his eyes or waving off our concerns (although they were coming from a 17-year old with a fairly new driver's license... so the latter reaction was probably more appropriate). He listened because he cared. I am sure many others have more intriguing memories of him, but that is one that has always stuck in my mind... a man of authority actually listening and responding to the "important" cares of a teenager. He will be greatly missed.

Ashley Hanna - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Just wanted say how much I respected Doug as a person and fellow superintendent. It was a joy to have known him and serve with him as a superintendent in Navarro County. I knew him for 13 years as I was the superintendent at Dawson ISD. May God bless your family in this great loss.

Larry Brown - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ So sorry I never got to meet Mr. Lane. My mother spoke highly of his parents.

Patricia Lane/Cole Badilla - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Avon, we are so sorry for your loss. If you are in the Paris area anytime, please contact us for a visit which we would love to see you. Pho # is 903*652-9412...we are still at our same home in Deport, Tx. since Feb. 1969.
We love you and wanted to let you know how sorry we are for your loss of Doug.
Donnie and Laura

Donnie and Laura Wright - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Mr.Lane always was way ahead of the game. He had commonsense and high values, he was a people person and cared greatly for students and the community. People loved working for him because Doug Lane was a man of integrity and was always moving forward. He help me greatly in becoming a better Coach, teacher and a man. I will miss him. Avon, you will be in our prayers and our hearts. We are sorry for your loss.
Bill & Merry.

Bill & Merry Howard - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Im so sorry Mrs. Avon.. we love you

Angelique Chapman - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OH

“ I know Doug will be greatly missed by all who had the wonderful opportunity to know him. Our family extends our deepest sympathy for the family and friends at this sad time. God remains in control and it is with our faith in Him that we are able to get through these difficult times.

Olivia Hagen - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Avon, you are in our prayers.

John & Sharron Collier - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Avon and family,

So sorry to hear about Doug. It has been so long since I have seen or talked to you--but think of you often. If you are ever in the area -- please call. I hope the days ahead are not any harder than they have to be --take care and know that I love you and I am thinking of you and yours.

Love --Peggy

Peggy Worthey Wilson - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Avon: I was so sorry to hear about Douglas and so sorry to hear about you. I talked to Fay Basham yesterday morning (5/29/12) and she told me a little about your illnesses. I apologize for not knowing -- I have no excuse; and I hope you will forgive me.

I have no e-mail and I tried to contact you by phone. If you have a moment I would love to hear from you.

I will always remember when we were "little girls".

Best Wishes to a complete recovery.

Our Love and prayers to you and your family.

Bonnie Spivey and the entire "NABORS FAMILY. We love you.

Bonnie (Nabors) Spivey - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Avon, my heart goes out to you and your family in this time of sorrow. My prayers are with you.
Becky

Becky Bramlett Black - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I will never forget my first Paddling in school. Thanks for making me a better person.

Glen Cooper - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ So sorry to hear about Coach Lane. He was a great coach and I will always remember him. Avon, you were always right there by his side...you made a good team. I know he will be missed by so many...he touched so many lives. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.....now and in the weeks to come.
Sincerely, Pam Marr Moss

Pam Moss - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Avon and Amy, so sorry to read about Doug's death. He was such a professional with a great passion for education. He made a big difference in countless kids during his career. May God bless both of you during this time of sorrow.

Elaine Ballard - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We wish we could be there. You were truly a wonderful person and touched the lives of so many.

Thelma, Eddie & Ann Meadlin - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Avon - you are in my prayers and thoughts. You won't remember me, but years ago when you worked at First National Bank in Paris, we were customers. I always admired you so much - your name and face has stuck with me all these years. When I read the obit in yesterday's paper, I kept thinking of you. I knew you moved to "South Texas" near Corsicana. My mother's family came to Lamar County from Navarro County. I am headed to work at the Episcopal Church in Paris. I wanted to send my condolences and thoughts.

Viola Broyles - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ What a tremendous, positive difference Doug Lane made in our world!

Dr. M. Joan Terry - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Our thoughts are with you and your family through this time of sorrow.

Dwight L Orr and Virgie L. Orr are the parents of Mildred High School Teacher

Deborah Orr Gullette. She thought so much of Mr. Lane and wished he had a longer retirement. He was a great person in her eyes the 15 years she was at Mildred. She spoke of him often.

Arik said to send his thoughts. He is on the coast working and can not attend. But his thoughts will be with you today.

Our prayers are with you.

Dwight L. Orr/ Virgie L. Orr

Deborah Orr Gullette

Arik Gullette

Dwight Orr/Virgie Orr - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family in this time of Sorrow.

Dwight L. Orr and Virgie L. Orr are the parents of Deborah Orr Gullette a Mildred High School teacher for 15 years. She thought a lot about Mr. Lane and spoke highly of him on every occassion. She wished he had a longer retirement and he will be missed by many. He was great in her eyes and a great Superintendent.

Arik Gullete a student and graduate of Mildred High school sends his thoughts and prayers. He is working on the coast and will not be able to attend. He said thank you for his years at Mildred School.

Thanks a lot for a great man.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you today.

*Dwight L, Orr and Virgie L. Orr
Deborah Orr Gullette
Arifk Gullette*

Dwight L. Orr/ Virgie L. Orr - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Virginia Terry Corner*

May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *So sorry for your loss*

Les Cotten - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We were blessed to have known Mr Lane. He not only was a very special man to my husband all through his school years, but also to our four sons as well. (Kyle and Chase Springer and Wesley and Clayton Neal) We all loved him dearly and have fond memories of time shared with him. We are forever grateful for all he did for this district and the community; for his knowledge and for the kind hearted, sincere man he was. He will be greatly missed, and forever remembered. God bless each of his family members during this time.

James Jr (Bubba) & Stephanie Neal - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ Avon & Amy, thinking of you at this time. So sorry we could not be there in person, Henry is unable to travel that far. But do want you to know that you are in our prayers, and our thoughts are there with you remembering the good times and when we talked to him last. God has a plan for all of us. We thank the Lord Jesus for his love daily as we battle Henry's lung cancer. He is doing pretty good, just can't breathe. I remember the old ball game days, amazing how often we speak of you. Please know that we have much love in our hearts for you and will always have fond memories. With love, Henry and Margie Davis

Henry & Margie Davis - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Avon and Amy, I am so sorry to hear about Doug. You all are a VERY special family to me! My thoughts are with all of you.

Connie (Kern Sullens) Gabriel - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To Avon and Amy I am sorry for your loss..Coach Doug Lane was such an inspiration for me and all of the players during my high school years..He was a great motivator and a great coach..He will be deeply missed and he has changed so many lives in the education and coaching career..One of the reasons I became a teacher and coach was because of great leaders like Doug..God bless you and your family during this time.

steve coker and family - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Mr. Lane was always the epitome of what an educator should be. He was always very involved with each and every student. He always knew your name and had a kind word for everyone. He will be missed as a wonderful person and an even better member of society.
God Bless the Lane family.

Sandy Malone-Martin - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Doug Lane was my hero. He was an inspiration in who I am today. As my basketball coach and high biology teacher, he encouraged me to be a biology teacher and basketball coach myself. After 38 years of a successful, satifying career, I can say he is my hero and I will always remember and love him for all he did for me. Avon and Amy---I love you.

Sheila Letwyn Daughtrey - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM