



## Don L. Webber

November 1, 1931 - April 12, 2012

Donald "Don" Lee Roy Webber, 80, of Fort Collins, died April 12, 2012 at Poudre Valley Hospital from complications of his disease, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Mr. Webber was born November 1, 1931 in Longmont, Colorado to Henry and Rachel "Lesser" Webber. Don married Margaret Canfield in 1953 in Denver, Colorado.

Don began his teaching career in 1956 at Wellington High School. He was the superintendent of Poudre R-1 School District from 1971 to 1984. He loved the students who he and his colleagues served as educators. In 1991 Webber Middle School was named after him. Don was a 32nd degree mason and a member of the Ft. Collins Masonic Lodge #19.

It was always clear that Don loved his family. Don lived his life according to his principles: Work hard and have fun were among the most important of those principles. As those who know him well can attest, he always worked very hard at the things he believed in. In the healthiest twenty years of his life after retiring from education at the young age of 53 he and his wife Margaret worked hard at having fun. They laughed more with their friends, enjoyed their grandchildren often and travelled the world nonstop. Survivors include his wife, Margaret; son, Don Lisa Webber, II of Duxbury, Massachusetts; daughter, Margaret Michael Carvin of Washington, D.C.; grandchildren, Don Webber, III, Maximillian Webber, Diane and Joseph Carvin; brother, Robert Webber of Arvada. Preceding Don in death are his parents; and daughter, Diane Johnson, a Delta flight attendant, who died in a plane crash in 1985.

The family would like to give special thanks for the remarkable care that was given to Don at Poudre Valley Hospital and to the in home care givers and their special care of Don over the years. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church, 531 South College. A reception will immediately follow the service in Shepherdson Hall. There will be a Graveside Service at Grandview Cemetery on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Diane Louise Johnson Scholarship Fund or First Presbyterian Church in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524. Friends may send condolences to the family at [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com).

# Tribute Wall

EW

“ Don Webber was superintendent for the first seven years I taught at Rocky Mountain High School. In my experience he was always immensely supportive of teachers and the work that they do. He brought to the superintendent’s office his own success as a teacher and coach. That background gave him a unique perspective about what it takes to be a successful educator in this community. Even after his retirement in 1984, every couple of years I received a letter or postcard from Mr. Webber, often postmarked in Europe and always carefully crafted in his own unique handwriting. His message would contain a few genuine words of encouragement and end with a motivational sentence that usually went something like this: “May you always find only the greatest satisfaction in teaching young people.” Don Webber was a truly inspirational person and I am forever grateful that I had the opportunity to work with him.

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**Ed Waterman** - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Our thoughts and blessings to you and your family. How lucky you and Don were to have had each other and for the rich and wonderful life you shared. I know he was a great man, revered by all. We are here for you. Please let us help with whatever you may need. Sue and Steve

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**Sue and Steve Schell** - April 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ To Margaret & Family, Don was primarily known to me as Coach Webber while I attended WHS. He was an inspiration for all who knew him, known for his wisdom, intelligence, teaching and coaching skills, fairness, honesty and encouragement to others. We will sorely miss him but happy to know his suffering is finished and he now is with our Lord and at peace.

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**David & Lily Weber** - April 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Margaret, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. I became a friend of Don's when we had offices in the old Administration building. He was head of the bus service, and I was a lowly traveling music teacher who taught in the mountain schools. We were so young!! When he became Superintendent, I always felt he was still a personal friend. Don dealt with his illness with humor and grace, and he will be greatly missed. Marjorie Marjie Smith

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**Marjorie Smith** - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ To the Webber family, I have many memories working with Don. We worked together when I was president of classified employees. He taught me so much, he took time to talk to me and we shared many ideas and visons. I always appreciated his support, his birthday cards, postcards from Europe and Christmas cards. I had y first Brandy Alexander with him. Will never forget it. My love and support goes out to your family. Ann Reichert Chantler

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**Ann Reichert Chantler** - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ My condolences to the family. I had the wonderful opportunity to work with Don and always found him to be kind, and generous. I will always remember that whenever he was being acknowledged for his work, he always took the time to give credit to his beloved wife - what a wonderful man. May our Lord bless you with his grace of comfort and strength during this difficult time. God Bless

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**Opal Cordova-Baca** - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Don was supt. when I went to work at Poudre. I would see him walking to work and remember how our kids went to school together and the good times they had with your family. He was an open and honest man with a ready smile for everyone. He touched many lives and you should be proud of all the good both you and Don did. I think of you often and send my prayers to you and your family. God bless.

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**Jodie Cannon** - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Webber Family, We were very fortunate to teach in the Poudre School District when Don was Superintendent. He will be remembered for his smile, the rose he always wore in his lapel and the contributions he made to the education of the students and community of Fort Collins. He was a caring person who promoted the culture of "family" in our district. "A life well-lived leaves behind a beautiful bouquet of memories." - Marjolein Bastin With special thoughts and deepest sympathy to all of you at this time. Sincerely, Jerry and Joyce Hubka

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**Jerry and Joyce Hubka** - April 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ER

“*Esther and I are thinking of Don's family and hoping you will find comfort in Special Memories. Don was a friend and leader for me when we worked for Poudre School District.*

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**Ernest Romero** - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“*To Margaret and family we send our prayers of strength for your loss. Don fought a tremendous battle these past years. He will be remembered. Tom and Margee Garton*

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**Margee and Tom Garton** - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“*I got to know Mr. Webber as a result of my friendship with his son, Don, during high school and after. I remember him as a very kind man who cared deeply about his family and the school kids he was responsible for. Mr. Webber, you gave me some very good memories. Thank you. Bentley*

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**Bentley & Betty Patterson** - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“*Dear Margaret and family, I was so saddened to hear of Don's passing. He was such a vibrant force and extremely supportive and helpful of my career in Poudre R-1. I will never forget his smile, energy, and the genuine interest he took in each person with whom he came in contact. Please know that I am thinking of you and am here for you.*

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**Bob Asmus** - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ My sincere condolences to you, Margaret, and your family. The school nurses always appreciated his support of our role in the overall picture of education of our children. I still smile when I remember the dozen red roses from Don when I retired the same year as Don.

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**Virginia G Febinger** - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I worked successfully with Don for a number of years. He was a good resource for community development and cooperative involvements. We had regular meetings and discussed how we could best work together. I enjoyed working with him and felt he was, as others attested, "a consummate politician," which he may not have liked to be called. But he made the world better. John Arnold former city manager of Fort Collins

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**John E. Arnold** - April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathy to Don's family and wife Margaret with his recent passing. Although we will not be there in person, we send our heartfelt thoughts and prayers for Don's family and friends during this very difficult time. My you find solace in the many great memories and friendships that you have experienced over the years. David Wakulchik and Deb Lawrence

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**David Wakulchik** - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Margaret, I will always remember how grateful my mother, Olive, was when you visited her after her cancer surgery..At this time I wish you peace and solitude with the death of your life partner. I know you will find strength from your siblings and children. God Bless

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**Roy Pearson, Betty PearsonMoore and familys** - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ The world has truly lost an amazing man of such wonderful character and integrity! I will always be indebted to Don Webber for hiring me in Poudre School District! Heaven is definitely rejoicing at their newest arrival!

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**Suzy Wells** - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Margaret, Don will always be "our" teacher. I know he grew to be a great superintendent of schools, but to us he was teacher of math, physics and our basketball coach including a State Championship. Not only that, but when I questioned if I could go to college Don sold me on the decision the changed our life. We will always be thankful for his energy, commitment, inspiration and passion for education. I know we don't have to tell you, but Don Weber was a great man who influenced the lives of thousands. He will be missed. Ruth and I won't be able to attend the funeral, but we will be lifting you in prayer and will be there in spirit. Margaret, We have a friend in Las Vegas suffering from PSP and I did not know that Don suffered from that disease. Since it is such a rare disease I know our friends wife would benefit from talking to someone who has more experience with it. If and when you fell up to it would you please call me at 702-612-6249 so I can put you in touch her.

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**Terry and Ruth Whalen** - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I remember Don's open door policy where anyone could stop by for a chat. I was a 24 year-old teacher new to PSD. Any time I was in the 'head shed,' and the door was open, I said hello to Don. It's the small things that one remembers. Don was a great man who will be missed. My deepest sympathy to his family. May your memories be a blessing.

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**Mary Carlson** - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Brother Don was a valued member of Collins 19 A.F.& A.M. He started our Public Schools Recognition program and will be missed.

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**Clifton Williams** - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Mrs Webber; Our deepest sympathy to you and the family. Bill and Lois Bruss

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**BILL & LOIS BRUSS** - April 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM