



## Don Springman

August 28, 2013

Bluefield, WV- Dr. Don “Doc” Springman, 81, of Bluefield, WV, left this world on the morning of Wednesday August 28, 2013 to be with the love of his life, Carolyn Springman and the Lord. He passed away at his home, where he loved to be with his family, Patrick, Michelle, Zacary and Carolyn Springman. Left to cherish his memory are his children, Colleen, Don, Patrick and Sean Springman, and Kathleen Glink; daughters-in-law, Michelle, Tera and Linda Springman; son-in-law, David Glink; grandchildren, Carolyn, Zacary, Stone, Bailey, Laura and Audrey Springman, and John Glink. Don was born and grew up in Detroit, Michigan. He was a huge Detroit Tigers fan as well as a Michigan State Spartan fan. He loved to play golf and play poker with his friends. Don loved to travel, and for several years he went fishing at the Outer Banks with friends and family. He also enjoyed going on sports weekends with his sons to college football games and got to see his Detroit Tigers play in the World Series. Don attended Eastern Michigan University, Case Western Reserve and his beloved Michigan State University. He retired from Marshall University with 30 years of dedicated service. Don was an accomplished local business owner of Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Store and three local motels. In accordance with Don’s request, there will be no public services. Memorial contributions, if desired may be made to the Bluefield Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701. Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Dr.

Don "Doc" Springman.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Don Springman*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear about Don's passing. Don and I had a wonderful professional relationship at the WV Graduate College. He was a good person with a keen intellect.*

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**James Ranson** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM



“ *We at Best Western send our deepest sympathy to Patrick, Michelle and children. We know you will miss him a lot. He thought so much of you all.*

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**SUE WORRELL** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

TB

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. I have known Don for more than 30 years. He was my friend, a great teacher, and a very good man. While working for COGS/MU, Don's Bluefield State College office was located along with his secretary, Eleanor Shaffrey, next to the BSC Division of Nursing offices where my wife, Betty, was Chair and Director. The area was partitioned by paneling and open at the top in those days. Don and Eleanor were both loud, outgoing folks who shouted back and forth to one another. When I came by, he would invite me into his office and regale me with BSC stories from his days as VP Academic Affairs at BSC in the '70s. Later in life after his retirement, we would often meet at McDonald's and talk about BSC, the City, state higher education politics, etc. It was always a pleasure to see Don, to experience his humor, and his viewpoint on life's vicissitudes. He shared with me many teaching materials which I used in teaching graduate classes for MU in McDowell Cty. What a fine man. BTW, his major doctoral area was instructional technology, which was one also. I have some of his historical texts in my personal library. He called me over at retirement when we donated many books to the BSC library. What a wonderful man. I will sorely miss him.

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**Tom Blevins** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

SH

“ Colleen, Don and family, we are so sorry for your loss and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Take care.

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**Stacey and Mark Hodges** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KG

“ Thank you for all your kind words during this difficult time. Any endearing or heartwarming stories appreciated.

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**Kathleen Springman Glink** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CG

“ We wanted to personally thank Mary Lynn for her professional, compassionate, helpful and caring manner. She was a blessing and thoughtfully answered difficult questions. Special thank you to the Boyce family for compassion and understanding during a difficult time.

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**Colleen Springman & Kathleen Glink** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CS

“ Thanks to everyone for your kind expressions of sympathy and support. If anyone has an endearing or humorous story to share we would appreciate your contribution to this page. Thank you again...

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**Colleen Springman** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

KA

“ Patrick and family, I always enjoyed when Don would be in the bank and our talks. He was a true gentleman and will be missed.

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**Kathy Acord** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Your dad was a great guy and lots of fun to be around. He will be missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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**Joe and Karen Simon** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

NL

“ Just a note to the family to express our condolences and to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Nancy & Randy Lamb** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JY

“ *Dr Springman was an awesome guy. We loved spending time with him when we lived in Bluefield. He will be missed but will continue to live in our memories. God Bless*

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**JR & Debbie Yost** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

CP

“ *We are saddened to hear of your loss. We have happy memories of Doc and will remember him for his many talents in the classroom and his sense of adventure. Our sympathies to the entire family.*

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**Carmelita & Bill Peters** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

JE

“ *We are sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing him around.*

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**Jean and John Ewing** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM

RW

“ *so sorry to hear of the loss of your family member will be praying for your family.*

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**Ronnie and Phyllis Wyatt** - March 07, 2014 at 04:20 PM