



DOUGLAS W. PYKE

April 21, 1953 - September 5, 2023

Douglas W. Pyke, 70, of Syracuse passed away peacefully on September 5, 2023, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Born April 21, 1953, Douglas was the Eldest child of Elmer W. (Treeman) Pyke (2011), and Iona A. Deacons Pyke (1993).

Douglas graduated from West Genesee H.S. with high honors in 1971 and from Oberlin College and Conservatory in 1975 with a Bachelor of Music degree. Douglas's love of music was evident in his life's work. Douglas's professional journey included working in the family tree business with his father Elmer W. Pyke, ADP, per diem at SU and Lemoyne College, and retired after more than 25 years from Saint Rose of Lima Church in North Syracuse, as music and choir director. Douglas's musical talents graced many local schools, churches, weddings, funerals, and numerous theaters including many years at the Salt City Center for The Performing Arts. Douglas was a devoted educator, providing music and voice lessons, and imparting knowledge and inspiration to his students, colleagues, friends, and his beloved choir. Beyond his dedication to music and teaching, Douglas was an avid reader, had a passion for computers, and was a dedicated PC gamer. Douglas's legacy will live on through the countless lives he has touched with his music, teaching, and unwavering commitment to a life well lived, and will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Douglas is survived by his siblings Sandra (Daniel) Hmiel of Liverpool, Raymond (Jean) Pyke of Syracuse, Kathy (George) Pyke, Holden of Manlius,

and Melinda Pyke of Syracuse, and several nieces and nephews including Richard M. Lawless III, whom he thought of as “the son I never had”, Richard’s significant other, Brittiny Obit, who held us all together, and their children.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, September 23rd at 11 AM, at Amboy Belle Isle United Church, located at 6190 Airport RD, Syracuse NY 13209. Please share online tributes and memories at bagozzitwins.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Amboy Belle Isle United Church
6190 Airport Rd.
Syracuse, NY 13209

Tribute Wall



“ 33 files added to the album Douglas



Richard Lawless III - September 25, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of DOUGLAS W. PYKE.



September 20, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of DOUGLAS W. PYKE.



September 20, 2023 at 09:37 AM

SH

“ My brother Doug was very kind, I can't wait to reunite with him in Heaven with Jesus.

sandra hmiel - September 19, 2023 at 07:06 PM

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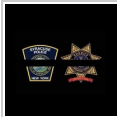
“ I first encountered Doug from the pit in Salt City Center for the Performing Arts. He was on stage performing in their production of Most Happy Fella. I was amazed at his talent - he was a real triple threat. That began many years of working in the pit orchestra with him at Salt City and other venues. He was the entire orchestra it seemed, playing string, wind and brass parts on a huge synthesizer, making our sound more than the sum of its parts. He also happened to be the nicest human being on the planet. I will miss him for all those reasons and more. If ever there was one who lived the Holy Spirit, it was him. Bless you in Heaven, Doug, may we meet again.

Larry Luttinger - September 19, 2023 at 09:51 AM

SH

Sherry and I are both trying to like your very special comforting comment but thumbs up not working ☐ . Thank you

Sandra Hmiel - September 20, 2023 at 09:14 AM



Thank you. He definitely was dedicated! I think I remember watching you play with him during the many shows that I attended while he watched me.

Richard Lawless III - September 21, 2023 at 07:17 AM

JS

“ James S. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of DOUGLAS W. PYKE.

James S. - September 19, 2023 at 09:36 AM



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Richard Lawless III - September 19, 2023 at 08:45 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of DOUGLAS W. PYKE.



September 19, 2023 at 07:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of DOUGLAS W. PYKE.

September 19, 2023 at 07:25 AM



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Richard Lawless III - September 18, 2023 at 12:38 PM



Beautiful picture—so sweet □

Eileen Mueller - September 18, 2023 at 01:28 PM