



Dana Watson Tousley

March 29, 1948 - July 30, 2017

Dana Watson Tousley, 69, of Charlotte, died peacefully on Sunday, July 30, 2017. Dana was born March 29, 1948 in Lansing, MI, the son of Watson Junior and Opal Maxine (Baker) Tousley. He earned both bachelor and masters degrees from Michigan State University, where he met his lifelong love, Kris Kulas, to whom he was married for over 50 years. Dana paid his way through school working as a ditch digger and night watchman for the Lansing Board of Water and Light water department. He continued his career and transitioned into the accounting department after graduation, eventually rising to Chief Financial Officer. He retired in 2004 after 34.72 years of service. He and Kris moved from the city into the country side of Charlotte, where they renovated an old farm house, and later built their home in the country. Kris and Dana bred West Highland Terriers and travelled the country showing their beloved Westies in many prestigious AKC and specialty shows. Dana volunteered many hours to community service. Throughout the years, he served on the Delta Township planning commission and various committees for Charlotte Public Schools. He was a member of the Delta Waverly Rotary Club from 1988-2002, serving 11 years as club treasurer. He joined the Charlotte Rotary club in 2004 and started as club treasurer in 2006, a position he dutifully upheld into his final days. Dana also served nine years as the treasurer for Rotary District 6360.

Dana and Kris have a son, Dana Watson Tousley, Jr., and two grandchildren,

William and Anna Tousley, all of Lake Orion. He has a sister, Cathy Lentz; brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Linda Kulas; several nieces and nephews; 2 grandnieces; and 1 grandnephew.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2017 at First Lutheran Church of Charlotte with Rev. Timothy Olson officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, and from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, just prior to the service at the church. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the First Lutheran Church of Charlotte or the Charlotte Rotary Club. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Dana on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Lutheran Church
550 E. Shepherd St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Dana Watson Tousley



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 02, 2017 at 09:22 AM

RB

“ Rex Barker a Sheridan Road School mate who often walked a long ways to and from school with Dana, says, I proudly remember Dana as a man with a good heart who was always fair with me and who avoided being aggressive. Dana I will always respect! THANK YOU AND LOVE YA!

Rex Barker - August 02, 2017 at 07:14 PM

PW

“ I'm sorry to hear of Dana's passing . He was a good boss. Always supportive and slow to criticize . Cathy and I enjoyed going to his barbecues. We had several discussions regarding Apple versus Microsoft . Always fun and informative . Although I haven't seen him in many years , I always wished he had moved down to Arizona along with a lot of his contemporaries from the BWL. My sincerest condolences . Paul Wierzbicki.

Paul Wierzbicki - August 02, 2017 at 04:41 PM



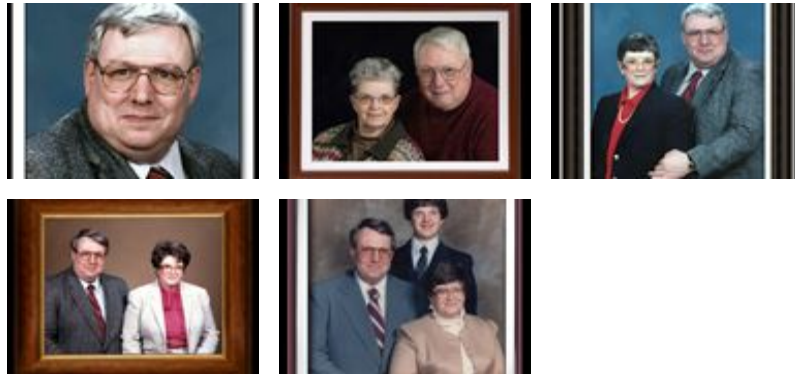
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“ *I had the privilege of getting to know Dana through Rotary. I appreciated his sense of humor, his willingness to share information and his attention to detail, as well as his dedication to his role as treasurer. Dana will be greatly missed! He has left some very big shoes to fill, and those suspenders! Prayers for his family and friends. <3 Diane Kirkham*

Diane Kirkham - August 02, 2017 at 08:46 AM

JL

“ Dana was my boss when he worked in Human Resources at the Board of Water and Light. Great boss! Always patient with me and always had my back. Taught me the importance of attention to detail which has served me well my whole career. I remember Dana had a hardy, infectious laugh. Haven't seen him since he retired, but think about him often.

Jean Gannon, Board of Water & Light

Jean Gannon, Board of Water & Light - August 02, 2017 at 07:57 AM

 Kay
McKinnon

“ I was so sorry to hear of Dana's passing. I worked with Dana at the BWL and watched as he progressed up the management ladder into the executive position he held at the time of his retirement. A truly fine gentleman. My thoughts & prayers to his family.
Kay McKinnon

Kay McKinnon - August 01, 2017 at 06:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dana Watson Tousley.



August 01, 2017 at 03:56 PM

BT

“ *Our prayers are with you, Kris, and family.*

Barb and Mitch Tousley - July 31, 2017 at 06:14 PM

DH

We pray that your strong faith and your wonderful memories will sustain you in this difficult time and in the days ahead. Our sympathy to your entire family.

Don & Darlene Husser - August 01, 2017 at 08:19 AM