



John Francis Driscoll

September 10, 1964 - July 31, 2023

John Francis Driscoll age 58, of Longwood, FL died on July 31, 2023 at Adventhealth Hospice Care Inpatient Unit after a hard fought fight with cancer. John grew up in Barnegat, New Jersey and attended Southern Regional High School. He is a graduate of Rutgers University.

After graduation, he tried on a few careers, but once he began teaching, at St Phillips Academy in Newark, NJ, he found his passion. He exemplified the expression, "If you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life".

There he taught math and coached basketball and a national championship chess team. He was a favorite of students, parents and administrators alike, because not only could he make a mathematician out of almost any student, but he managed to make it fun along the way.

He moved to Florida in 2000, to take a position at Sweetwater Episcopal Academy, and continued teaching math and coaching Chess both there and at Trinity Preparatory School.

In 2018, he began teaching at Park Maitland School. He loved being a part of that school, because it was more than just a center for education, it was a community. They rallied around him and his family through his battle with cancer, making it possible for him to continue teaching right up to the end.

John is survived by his wife, Ann; stepsons Emery Mullen and Adam Mullen; and his sister, Kim Driscoll. He was preceded in death by his mother Carole Driscoll; father, Bruce Driscoll and stepson Ian.

There will be a private funeral for John. A memorial is being planned to allow all those whose lives he touched to celebrate this beloved husband, father, friend, teacher and mentor.

Tribute Wall



“ Today would have been John's 60th birthday. He never missed sending me birthday wishes, even when he was dealing with his own health issues. He was a dear friend and his presence is missed; I would have surely been talking with him today about the Jets and the Bills, the debate and what films we recently watched. He is always in my thoughts-the world is a poorer place without him.

Anthony Apostolico

Anthony Apostolico - September 10, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ John and I enjoyed meeting at Starbucks about once every 3 months. He was so happy to be able to continue his teaching at Park Maitland an very complimentary of the support shown by the school and the staff.
Our last meeting was May 18 and our last correspondence was July 17th.
We were so different but just enjoyed meeting and talking for 30-40 minutes.
John was a great guy and I will miss his optimism and hearing about the students and the job he loved.

Chuck Barry

Chuck Barry - September 08, 2023 at 06:26 PM



Thank you for posting this Chuck. He really thought highly of you and always enjoyed your chats. I'm sorry we didn't get a chance to meet. Take care. - Ann

Ann Mullen - September 13, 2023 at 10:56 AM

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“ Hope you are teaching everyone their math facts, chess and spit in heaven... you had such an impact on the students you touched..RIP

Heidi Durda - September 02, 2023 at 12:56 PM

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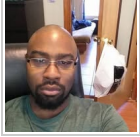
“ Rest in peace, Mr. Driscoll. You will always be fondly remembered by my son and daughter as their favorite math teacher ever. You made a difference and you will be greatly missed by all the kids and families you have impacted.

The Lous - August 09, 2023 at 08:39 PM

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“ John was a fellow teacher while I taught at Sweetwater Episcopal Academy. He was loved by students and staff. He could balance fun and work. I still remember the day he offered me opera tickets he couldn't use one day. I took a new friend who is now my husband of 18 years. John was a very generous man too good for this world. I pray peace for his family and friends.

Suzan Wilson - August 07, 2023 at 11:22 PM



“ *It comes with a heavy heart to see this and to speak. I send my condolences to the Driscoll family.*

For 8 years I knew him as Mr. Driscoll, the man who was my math, chess, computer, social studies/history, and physical education teacher. I'm not used to calling him John, but John was a pillar for St. Philips and a mentor that touched the hearts of many. It has been 23 years and I can still remember the past vividly. He was the person that showed me the in and outs of being in the weight room after school and the one to by far influence the way I debate and write.

I will never forget all those times of yelling "point of information" in class, the hordes of 100/200/500/1000 word essays I had to write for disciplinary reasons, the times he did the sideways head tilt with the slightly confused look, his "you can't be serious" stare that comes with a forward head tilt, his dry humor, and the big white/pearl colored Bills mug that sat on on his desk. There are so many other mannerisms and memories that come to mind. In fact, I've taken up on some of the mannerisms.

Honestly, he was akin to a father figure to me during a time in my life when I needed one. I am thankful that he was a part of my life. I believe I can speak for not only myself but hundreds if not thousands of people when I say, "John will be missed".

Stanley Molton - August 04, 2023 at 02:36 AM

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“ *Mr. Driscoll leaves a lasting memory and shared his gifts with so many. He made a significant difference in the lives that he touched. Sending condolences to his family and friends.
Hall family*

Patti Hall - August 03, 2023 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Mr. Driscoll left a lasting impression on me as one of the many influential teachers and staff at St. Philips Academy. I have very specific memories of him that still bring a smile to my face many years later. I'm wishing him and his family peace and comfort.*

Lucas Phillips - August 03, 2023 at 12:47 PM

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“ *Thank you for all you did for SEA children and parents. The Krummenacker family will never forget you. Love always.*

Loree Krummenacker Rogers - August 03, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Francis Driscoll.*



August 02, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Francis Driscoll.*

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“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of John Francis Driscoll.*



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“ Mr. Driscoll was my teacher at St.Philips and what a great teacher he was. I am so sorry to hear of his passing and send my deepest condolences to his family!

Kelli Koonce - August 01, 2023 at 12:24 PM

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“ Hello friends and loved ones of John, this is by far the most difficult obituary I have had to post. Me husband, James and I, were blessed to be invited to this very special wine tasting years ago (no last names) Lynda, Kenny, Ann , my husband James and John..... the wild card! It was crazy!!

These things can be fabulous or go off the rail. John was a tiny off the tail which was our first love of him. A total charismatic, funny , brilliant , sports enthusiast. He was fun and I guarantee he is already taking bets not sure on what up there!

I was afforded one of the greatest gifts in my life by Ann and John. It was to trust me to perform their marriage on March 18 at a veranda on the beautiful Florida New Syrmna Beach.

Family and a few guest were invited. It was magnificent. Please understand the extreme limitations. Everyone was there in heart and soul!

The commitment was their commitment to continue their love story. These two people did nothing throughout their relationship But hold tight together.

I hope in One tiny way I had the ability to make a difference. He was big loud smiles and he's giving us something to look forward to. We,,,,, will see you John ❤️

cynenax@gmail.com - August 01, 2023 at 04:29 AM

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“ Mr. Driscoll was a wonderful teacher, kind and patient. He changed lives. Our family will forever be grateful that our son had him for math at the time when he needed a teacher just like him. Our deepest condolences and prayers for your peace.



The Ratan Family - July 31, 2023 at 08:38 PM

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“ I taught with John briefly at St. Philips. He was an amazing teacher and an amazing person. We both shared a love of history and used to have animated discussions when I drove him home after school. He touched my life and the lives of so many others...I am so sorry for your loss.

suzanne moyers - July 31, 2023 at 07:54 PM

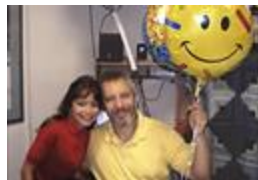
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“ Best teacher my child ever had. Any class, any school, any subject. He also a kind person who evidenced a complete intolerance of bullying, nipping any such misbehavior in the bud. We have lost a great teacher and a great human being.

dawn ruoff - July 31, 2023 at 05:56 PM

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“ Mr. Driscoll transformed so many children into mathematicians, including myself. He never gave up on anyone and always was determined to make them understand. From the daily math bees and winning the cheese to canoeing at Wekiva Springs, I will forever remember Mr. Driscoll in my heart as the incredible man he was. May he rest in peace with Our Lord in Heaven. Love and prayers to his family.



Brittni Rocanello - July 31, 2023 at 05:24 PM

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Mr. Driscoll was a favorite at St. Phillip's Academy in Newark, NJ. As one of the first set of teachers to set kids' brains on fire, he was remarkable - dry humor, adventurous and caring. My family and I remember him well and hope that all the lives he touched take his passion for learning with them. While we, I am sure that I speak for a lot of parents here, never met his wife and family please accept our condolences. Great teachers are gold pieces that we wear on our hearts - Mr Driscoll will rest with us forever💖. Sending good karma💖

Olivia, Adam Chang & Famiyy💎💎 - August 03, 2023 at 08:54 AM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Francis Driscoll.

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