



## Donald E. Danser

October 29, 1945 - June 15, 2015

Donald E. Danser of Mount Holly died suddenly on June 15, 2015 at his residence. He was 69.

Born in Mount Holly, Don was a lifelong Mount Holly resident. He was a 1963 graduate of Rancocas Valley Regional High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from Montclair State College in 1967 and earned a Master's Degree in Latin and Classical Civilization from Trinity College.

Mr. Danser returned to his alma mater in 1972 to teach English and began his coaching career. After three years as a cross country assistant, Don became the Red Devils' head cross country coach in 1976. With a record of 81-36 over 10 seasons, his squads won two league titles and one county championship. Mr. Danser was also an assistant track coach for eight years.

Don also became a track and field official in the mid 1970s, and started directing many Burlington County and South Jersey track and cross country meets. In the 80's he became Program Director for the South Jersey Coaches Winter meets.

Don retired from teaching at Rancocas Valley in 1997 to take a position at the NJSIAA as project manager. He remained Tournament Director for cross-country, indoor track, and outdoor track. In addition, Mr. Danser became

responsible for championship souvenir programs. He was promoted to Assistant Director of the NJSIAA in 2001.

The son of the late Claude Danser, Sr., Mr. Danser is survived by his mother Susann Danser of Mount Holly; brothers: Kenny of PA, Tommy of Mt. Laurel, Jerry of Mt. Holly, & Roger of Pemberton; sisters: Lillian Rucker of TN, Susann Brosius of FL, & Beth Daley of Riverside and numerous nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late: Claude Jr., George, David, and Elaine.

Friends may visit with the family on Saturday from 9-11 AM at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. Funeral Service will follow at 11:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Baptist Cemetery, Mount Holly. Contributions in Don's Memory may be made to NJSIAA so that a scholarship fund will be created in Don's memory, which will provide an annual scholarship to a XC or Track & Field student-athlete to be presented at the NJSIAA's Annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon. Please make checks payable to: NJSIAA, Attn: Colleen Maguire, Director of Finance, PO Box 487, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

# Cemetery Details

## Baptist Cemetery

Pine St.  
Mount Holly, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High Street  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399  
info@perinchief.com  
<http://www.perinchief.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald E. Danser*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Donald E. Danser*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to Don's family at such a difficult time. Having just lost a dear family member, I know how challenging these days and the weeks to come will be for all of you. Don and I were in high school at the same time and later taught together for many years at Rancocas Valley. He was the one who indoctrinated me into the world of computers when few others realized what an impact they would eventually have on nearly everything in our lives. He was skilled; I was not. The learning process was slow and painful for me, but Don was the patient "teacher of the teacher," who readily made himself available whenever I faltered. Not a day goes by when I sit at a computer screen that I don't think of his guidance. I recall as well the days of his Roman celebrations with his Latin classes. He looked the perfect Emperor in his authentically-wrapped toga, that wreath of gold laurel circling his head. He was a very special person, and I will forever be grateful to him for his friendship, his wealth of knowledge, his mastery of so many arts, and his absolute devotion to high school athletics. "Vale, amicus."*

*Carol Graf*

Carol Graf - June 20, 2015 at 06:13 AM

GM

“ My condolences to the Don's family. Will miss our side of the house chats my friend and next-door-neighbor of 20 years. You must have received lots of Teddy and Bear kisses and hugs by now! Thank you Don for your time on this earth you shared with us.. Be at peace And may God's blessings be upon you.. ~ Gary Menzer and Family

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**Gary Menzer** - June 19, 2015 at 07:31 PM

JT

“ For Don.....sincere condolences to the family. Don and I were first year roommates in Webster Hall in 1963. A sports and sporting guy and a theatre major someone became a very strong unit, filling each other with stories of our very early years, finding our way together far from home (even though we were both from NJ), and learning to be what we were to become. Don was always confident.....and funny, and playful. We loved it when it would snow on the top of that beautiful mountain so we could not go to classes, sleep in, and just have fun in Webster Hall.

*I spoke with Don about two years ago.....and it was just like old times. I congratulated him on his many honors and his devoted and wonderful career.*

*I look at his picture today and know he had a great life, doing it his way, for the benefit of thousands who were lucky to have his guidance and unique spirit.*

*He was an angel. Sleep well, my friend.*

*Jay*

*Dr. Jay Teran  
Montclair State University  
Class of 1967*

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**Jay Teran** - June 17, 2015 at 02:10 PM

MM

“ Marc MacNaughton- on the Passing of Don Danser .

*This is saddening news! Don was a true asset and a gem to the sport of Cross Country & Track & Field in the state of New Jersey. Under his guidance & leadership we gave the student athletes rememberable championship experiences. He always said it is the work of all of us officials and the many volunteers, which ultimately makes the operation works. He never wanted the credit! We all felt so honored to work among such a tremendous colleague that dedicated his life and work to the sport! We will miss him dearly & our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time!*

*Marc MacNaughton*

*N.J.S.I.A.A A North 1& Group 4 Assistant Sectional Meet Director & NW Track & Field Carded Official & Meet Assignor*

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**marc macnaughton** - June 16, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JD

“ There must have been an opening in heaven for a track coach because Don would be the best candidate.



*Don was an icon as a Cross Country and Track & Field expert at the NJSIAA for 18 years. I always remember Don going out of his way to help Athletic Directors and athletes. He was renowned for calculating the Group classification enrollment numbers and Athletic Directors would wait patiently for the results over the summer. I personally loved and respected how much time and energy he spent on making athletics more successful for everyone. Don has taught me many lessons on sports and more importantly Life. We've had many great conversions throughout the years on how to make students more successful and the important bonds family plays in the roles of student development. I will miss all of his daily advice. Don will surely be missed but never forgotten. My prayers go out to the Danser family.*

*Respectfully,*

*John Deutsch  
North Hunterdon HS Administrator*

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**John Deutsch** - June 16, 2015 at 01:46 PM