



Rockne Daniel Davis Ehle

September 18, 1935 - January 24, 2021

Rockne Daniel Davis Ehle, a longtime professor of history at West Liberty University, died Sunday, Jan. 24 at his home in Wheeling.

He was 85.

Mr. Ehle, the son of the late Ruth Esther Davis Ehle and Nicholas Ehle, was born Sept. 18, 1935 in Charleston, WV.

He excelled in track and field at Roosevelt Junior High and Charleston High School. He held state titles in the high jump and pole vault events and in 1953, set a state record in pole vault that had not been broken in 28 years.

Mr. Ehle earned a bachelor's degree in studies in religion at the University of Michigan, and a master's degree and doctorate in history at West Virginia University.

He taught at West Liberty from 1967 until his retirement in 2006.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed traveling in Europe and the U.S., and in retirement participated in West Virginia Senior Sports Classic events.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy J. Kadar; step-children, Mike and William Farms, Tina and Chris Freter, and Elizabeth Boggs; a nephew, Doug (Sharon) Ford, a great-niece Olivia Ford, and nephews Kevin, Bruce and Alex MacDonald.

He was predeceased by his wife, Charlotte Boggs Ehle; a sister, Sharon Ehle; and a brother, Nicholas Ehle.

Arrangements are private and are being handled by Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, Bethlehem, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made to Project HOPE at Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department, 1500 Chapline Street, Room 106, Wheeling, WV 26003; or another charitable organization.

Tribute Wall

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“ Rock and I became friends on the Kanawha River during the summer in the 1950s.
We learned waterskiing together all along the Charleston area of the Kanawha River.
Rock and I were also both interested in art, drawing, and did some cartooning.
Rock was multitalented, maybe me too, but he was a world class track athlete!
I just learned of his passing, RIP. Wonderful Rock!
Ltc USArmy Infantry William S.Gravely II, Retired.

William Gravely II - April 02, 2023 at 02:15 PM

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“ Rock and I spent many hours at the Howard Long Wellness Center sharing stories about sports, American history, destination locations, and comparing thoughts on books. I still have a list of my reading recommendations I shared with him. Smart guy who always knew the importance maintaining a fit mind and body. Whenever I walked upstairs at the HLWC, and we exchanged greeting, I knew I was in for an interesting and informed conversation. Life well lived. Wayne Barte

Wayne Barte - January 30, 2021 at 01:43 PM

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Rock and my husband, Jim started at West Liberty nearly together and did retire together in 2006. They were scholarly friends and social friends on the tennis courts , wherever one was open! Their careers in history and political science complimented each other and along with colleagues Mike Strada and Bob Fleis, both of whom passed recently, a tenure at West Liberty was well served by these gentle men. Jim joins me in sending you our sincerely sympathy.
Carolyn Forrester

carolyn forrester - January 31, 2021 at 04:24 PM