

Stewart Ross Doughty, known to all as "Ross," died on March 28, 2019, at age 72, from complications of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's disease.

A native of Skippack, Ross attended Collegeville-Trappe High School (Class of 1964), and later graduated from Ursinus College in 1968 with a degree in history. He studied abroad at the University of St Andrews, Scotland, and later went on to earn master's and doctoral degrees in European history from Harvard University.

In 1975, after three years teaching at Boston College, Ross returned to join the faculty at Ursinus, where he remained for 42 years. He served as history department chair on two occasions totaling 19 years, and taught a wide range of courses, though his specialties were modern European and military history. Ross also had a strong interest in international education and relations; during his career, he coordinated the Japan summer exchange program for Ursinus; held a visiting professorship at Tohoku Gakuin University in Sendai, Japan; served as the director for Butler University's Australia and New Zealand study abroad programs in Sydney, Australia; served as co-director of the Ursinus in Tübingen, Germany program; and helped to establish Ursinus' East Asian Studies minor. In 2004, he received a grant to participate in a summer seminar in military history at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. He also was instrumental in bringing the Bucks and Montgomery County chapters of the National History Day contest to Ursinus, where it was held from 1996 to 2018. Ross was also a member of the executive council of the Speaker's House in Trappe, Pa.

Ross was a passionate educator who held himself, his colleagues, and his students to high standards. Countless former students had their lives and careers shaped by Ross, often commenting that he was one of the toughest, but perhaps the best teacher they ever had. He was recognized by Ursinus with the 1980 Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching and, in 1993, was among the first inductees into the newly created Tau Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Most recently, Ursinus honored Ross with the 2019 Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin Educator Award for outstanding contributions in the field of education.

Friends, family, colleagues, and students alike remember Ross for his kind heart, sharp wit, endless body of knowledge about seemingly everything -- and ardent support of Philadelphia-area sports teams. He spent his final afternoon with loved ones watching the Phillies defeat the Atlanta Braves 10-4 on Opening Day.

Ross is survived by: his son Robert Andrew (Andy) and his wife, Ana; his son Ian and his wife, Cynthia; his daughter Megan and her husband, Alexander Shaine; his half-brother Stephen and his wife, Kathy; his nephew, Graham; and seven grandchildren: Alexandre (Alex), Gabriela, Bronagh, Benjamin, Lucy, Samuel, and Theodore. He is predeceased by his parents, Stewart Edward Doughty and Anne Ross Doughty.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 1 p.m. on the Ursinus College campus in Bomberger Hall, with a reception to follow in Myrin Library. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Hope Foundation or the S. Ross Doughty '68 Endowed Scholarship at Ursinus College (please note the scholarship

name when sending to Ursinus College, Attn: Advancement Office, 601 E. Main Street, Collegeville, Pa. 19426).