



Frederick Alan Menghini

September 30, 1938 - March 10, 2026

Frederick Alan Menghini, D.D.S., affectionately known as “Doc” was peacefully called home on March 10, 2026. He was 87 years old. Fred was born September 30, 1938 to Ferdinand and Erma (Nizzi) Menghini at Lammie Hospital in Walsenburg, Colorado. He attended St. Mary’s Catholic School throughout his elementary and high school years, graduating in 1958. Following graduation, Fred was accepted to Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska to pursue a degree in Dentistry. While in Dental School he married his high school sweetheart and love of his life Marlene Carella on July 1, 1961. Fred and his wife made the decision to move back to Walsenburg to pursue his profession, raise their children, and be close to family. He started his Dental practice at 134 West Seventh Street on August 2, 1965, purchasing it from the late Dr. Charles Brunelli. He served his community and multiple surrounding area successfully for 35 years. Doc was known to tell a few jokes to his patients over his 35 years of practice. He retired on August 1, 2020. Fred was highly active in the Walsenburg community. In his younger days he enjoyed competing on city league teams including volleyball, basketball, and softball. Fred was a proud member of the Walsenburg Club, Walsenburg Lodge NO. 1086 B.P.O Elks, Knights of Columbus #2139 and Fraternal Order of Eagles #145. He was an advocate for further education and supporter of Walsenburg High School Athletics establishing the Walsenburg Booster Club, raising money for school activities. In 1979, Fred was elected to the Huerfano School District RE-1 Board of Education and ended his last 2 years of service

as President of the Board. Fred constantly kept busy and in his elder years was President and assisted in maintaining the St. Mary's North Cemetery. After retirement, he and his wife began their travels throughout Europe, vacationing in multiple countries throughout the years with family and friends. They enjoyed cruising through the Panama Canal, Mexico, and Alaska. Fred and Marlene also frequented Las Vegas and Black Hawk as he enjoyed a bit of gambling and eating at his favorite restaurants.

Fred was an avid fly fisherman and spent summer evenings with his father-in-law at Martin and Horseshoe Lakes. He enjoyed spending hours in his man cave tying flies and building clocks for family and friends. Every day one could see Fred and his "little green truck" pulling up to Corine's to have coffee with friends.

Fred loved being surrounded by his family. One of his biggest pleasures in life was traveling to North Dakota with his son and friends for their annual pheasant hunting trip.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years Marlene (Carella) Menghini, children, Lori Menghini, Gina (Michael) Drury, and Dr. Fred Menghini Jr. (Dr. Vanessa Menghini).

The light of his life, his grandchildren, Captain Zachary (Valerie) Drury, Joshua (Nicole) Drury, Joey Beezley, Kelsey Beezley, Alexis Menghini, Anthony Menghini, and Sophia Menghini

Fred is preceded in death by his parents Ferdinand and Erma Menghini, father and mother-in-law James and Francis Carella and William Beezley.

The family would especially like to thank Dr. Donald Dutton, Erin Helbing, NP, Barbara Trujillo, Director of Med/Surg/ECU and Spanish Peaks Regional Extended Care Unit Nurses and CNA's for their compassion and wonderful care given to our beloved father during his final months. Our family is blessed and grateful to all.

At the request of the deceased and his wife, private services will be held for immediate family. Burial to follow at a later date.

Doc could light up an entire room with his smile and personality. He will be

forever missed by his family and forever remain in our hearts.

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frederick Alan Menghini.



March 30 at 11:21 AM



“ Dr. Menghini, always the consummate gentleman, always with a genuine, friendly smile and greeting, a stable force in our little town. May he rest in peace, and may the family feel his love and closeness in every memory. Prayers to you all. Gaylene Garbizo

Gaylene Garbizo - March 26 at 10:54 AM



“ Jack Laney lit a candle in memory of Frederick Alan Menghini



Jack Laney - March 24 at 12:39 AM

DM

“ I remember Doc first as a little girl going to the 'dental' office. As I grew I hated the small split (diastema) on my front teeth, so he gave me little rubber bands to help bring the gap together (enough for me to be ok smiling, and avoid braces) I tended to swallow the bands, and had my mom call him after midnight because I was sure I was going to kick the bucket after my sister told me if I swallowed more than two in two weeks I would end of 'croaking'. Of course none was true, but Doc saw me the next day. Growing up with Lori, Gigi, seeing Freddy as the Panther mascot along with my younger sister, it was, as I look back-part of growing up in a small town where people 'take care of each other'. Marlene, with her "Oh honey.." is pure heaven to hear. I was in HS when the Panther basketball team was unstoppable. Three out of four years we went to State, and Doc and Marlene were always a huge presence and so supportive. Fred always spoke to me in such an encouraging way. Making me feel I had such potential. So, I can imagine what a magnificent grandfather he was. I know how hard this is. (I lost my father 13 years ago and it's still brutal). Yet, Fred and Marlene raised smart, strong, kids, and they all have wonderful kids. So, as a family look to each other for strength. Look and see who Doc loved who still is here. He took a part of his family with him, but he left a part of him with family, and friends. Cry, grieve for it's crucial, and Fred is worth all of this. You'll never be the same, but there is a reason-you had a magnificent husband, father and grandfather. He was something else-I love you all. Dee Ann

Dee Ann McKedy-MacBride - March 23 at 01:53 AM

JB

“ I’ll always remember the summers and holidays spent at the house in Walsenburg with my papa and grandma. He taught me the importance of keeping your car clean and serviced, as well as how to keep your lawn and home in good condition. We did wood working projects in his shop; I can still smell the lacquer and wood shavings in my memory. His jokes and sense of humor: “Southern comfort will put hair on your knuckles” or “There are those who eat to live and those who live to eat. I for one, live to eat!” All this and more, he taught me about life and how to be successful. What it means to be a man. And to never give up, no matter what. I love you papa



Joey Beezley - March 20 at 09:23 PM

RL

“ RoseAnn and Lesli purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Frederick Alan Menghini.



RoseAnn and Lesli - March 20 at 08:13 PM

NR

“ Marlene, Lori, Gina, Fred, and family Fred Sr. Will be missed by many. I have many wonderful memories from childhood to the present of time spent with you all at family gatherings throughout the years. Deepest sympathy and condolences on your loss. Nancy Curto Runco

Nancy (Curto) Runco - March 20 at 06:24 PM

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“ *Marlene, Lori, Gina and Fred: we remember all the wonderful times growing up with Fred Alan and loved visiting him in Walsenburg, and only wish it could have been more often. He did indeed light up a room and had a wonderful sense of humor. So many good memories! Fred Alan’s and Marlene’s wedding was so beautiful. My dad, Art, was so proud of his nephew! We caught up by phone occasionally, and we will miss him and those calls. Our thoughts and love are with you all. — Ellen, Carolyn, and Cookie*

Ellen Nizzi - March 20 at 06:08 PM