

## Kenneth Roger "Doug" Douglas

March 20, 1947 - March 19, 2020

Kenneth Roger "Doug" Douglas, after a long and courageous fight died of kidney failure on March 19, 2020 on the eve of his seventy-third birthday.

He was born March 20, 1947 to Kenneth "Ken" and Lena Douglas of Saint Albans, West Virginia. Doug was a trail blazer in all paths he pursued. After leaving school he joined the United States Marine Corps where he was stationed in Vietnam for most of his three deployments. He served with honor and distinction and was awarded the National Defense medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation medal. After his return from military service he held various positions in sales including automotive, coal equipment and real estate until he settled on becoming a successful entrepreneur as an ERA franchise sales and service broker for four states. Doug was known for his story telling and his one-line sayings, that by all accounts would be a best seller if they were transcribed into a book. It would be a book for the ages. Doug's passion for motorcycles, racecars, gambling, painting, his family and his dog Dodge were things you could always count on being included in his imaginative and colorful stories. Doug lived life to the fullest and was always there for those he loved in both the best of and worst of times.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother James "Jim" Douglas. He has one surviving sister Linda Hunter (Colin) of Hurricane, WV. He is survived by his beloved wife Diana of Hamlin, WV., now Charlotte, NC. Doug has two daughters that he loved dearly, Sarah Berrard (Steve) of Charlotte, NC and Pamela Norris (Jason) of Charlotte, NC. He is survived by his boy Dodge Douglas, his beloved pit bull and his four grandchildren, Caiden Norris (15), Blake Berrard (14), Brooklyn Berrard (11) and Keaton Norris (8). He is also survived by his three bonus grandchildren, Michelle Foley (Jim), Charleston, S.C., Megan Mieke (Phillip) Charleston, S.C., Brittany Berrard, Fort Lauderdale, FL. and a great grandson Maxwell Berrard Mieke.

Our entire family offers a special heartfelt thanks to his primary physician, Dr. Marshall Silverman and the team at Signature Healthcare, the team at the England street Fresenius Dialysis center. Also, a special thanks to Joe Lawson and Bill Flenner of Saint Albans for

their many years of special friendship and many visits to see him when he was no longer able to travel.

In lieu of flowers, Doug has requested that a donation to St. Jude's Children's hospital be made in his name.

The service was held on Sunday March 22nd at Heritage Funeral Home in Weddington with burial following at Forest Lawn East Cemetery, and due to the Covid-19 virus it was a private ceremony. The family will plan for a celebration of life in the coming months.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Forest Lawn East Cemetery**

3700 Forest Lawn Dr

Matthews, NC, 28104-7366

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**Celebration of life**

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Heritage Funeral Home, Weddington/Matthews

3700 Forest Lawn Drive, Matthews, NC, US, 28104

# Comments

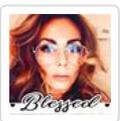
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“ It's been four months and it still doesn't seem real. The lack of closure from saying the words we wanted to say, to the absence of a funeral that would give you a proper send off. You had a lovely service but without all the friends and family to see it gives way to letting us believe that it didn't really happen. Grief is not a wave like you imagine it, rather a tsunami that comes slow at first then overcomes you over and over again. Such a force of life just gone. G-O-N-E My heart can not reconcile the hollowness of life without you in it. I wonder what were your thoughts, were you scared? Did you just not want to say the words because it to was too much for you to allow infiltrate your mind in those final hours? Miss you, that is not how I would express it. Will I ever be the same? Were the best parts of me highlighted by your presence in this life? You have all these feelings and you don't know what to do with them. I am suppose to move on, your in a better place all the cliches that people say, it is of little use, You walk around with a lump in your throat and hope that when the dark thoughts come you aren't consumed by its vacuum. Living through grief during a pandemic when everyone else is hurting and feeling anxiety isn't something you could prepare yourself for. Taking your grief and adding the weight of "What can I do to mitigate my risk to this virus?", "How can I be an example for my children in grace and not fear?". I need to vent and let my feelings be expressed during isolation, it is very hard to do. You also feel bad to add to anything negative in anyones day. All you have to do it is turn on the TV and you can get your dose of negativity on almost an hourly basis. I realize that after four months maybe nobody will read this (except maybe my Mom & Sister) but it isn't in vain. I know that just getting this off my mind will let me take a small step toward even within the confinement of my own mind. I love you always & forever MO.

Sarah Berrard - July 22 at 06:47 PM

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“ It's been two months since you have been gone and the loss is still so hard to even believe. I miss you so much and can't believe I will never get that call when you say Hey Mo it's Dad give me a call. Your stories and your zest for life. I love you.

Sarah Berrard - May 22 at 12:21 AM

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“ I've been to this site no less than 6 times and each time, it's become harder to find the words to write....

Knowing Papa "D" 30+ years of my life and witnessing the rock he has been and will continue to be for my Bestie Sarah, Pam and Mama "D", I'm heartbroken for them and I can't seem to find the words to say goodbye....

Papa "D" was one of a kind in so many ways. I have so many childhood memories of him and over the years. Some of his unfiltered stories and expressions will forever

bring smiles to my face. :) When I think of him, I remember the look he use to give my Bestie and me from across the room. A bit of a "scowl" and without having to say anything- we knew he meant business and we better not step out of line. :)

I always admired my Bestie for having such a cool dad growing up! Papa "D" was the guy all our guy friends wanted to hang out with it. He had all the cool toys, great jokes and conversation- And most importantly, he had a gentle spirit about him. He was a very proud "dad" to his girls and a very proud "papa" to his sweet grandchildren. He was a great "husband" that kept Mama "D" no doubt a bit stressed out over the years- but a manageable stress. :) :) He walked through his lifetime as a bit of a rebel, but we all know now, the Angel he has become and now watching over all of his loved ones.

To my second family, my heart, my love and prayers are with you each day. Papa "D" will forever be loved and missed. In my absence of the ceremony, the kids and I are going to light a candle this evening. I'm going to show them Papa "D"s picture and tell them a few stories, ending with a prayer....

Much love to all of you,  
Mia, Austin, Amelia and Andrew



**Mia McClure** - April 25 at 06:38 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss!! I am truly blessed to have known him. He sure did bring some laughs into my life that I will never forget! He was a treasure and his spirit will live forever in each one of you. I hope his memories will bring you comfort! My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Begee** - April 12 at 10:20 AM



“ Thank you for recapturing Dougs personality. He was a people person.

**Diana Douglas** - April 17 at 06:22 PM

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“ Doug was a masterful story teller. His adjective filled, colorful tales were never disappointing. A huge presence who always grabbed a moment to tell a tale. I am grateful and thankful for the opportunity to have known him. Peace and love to you all. XOXO.

Kathy Cunningham - April 11 at 04:23 PM

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“ I miss Papaw and his crazy stories. He was such a great guy and knew how to light up a room every time he walked in. He was able to command the attention of a room like no other. I feel so lucky to not only know him, but to have him as a role model in my life. Growing up without a blood-related grandfather was always hard, but Papaw but made me feel like he was my very own. He made each and everyone of us feel so special and loved. One of the things I admired most about him was that he would always speak his mind and held back no fury. He made me laugh till my stomach hurt. Papaw loved his family more than anything and that truly showed. I always felt his strong connection to Sarah, Pam, and Mamaw. Papaw and Mamaw's love is one that was and will continue to be so powerful. They were each other's everything and they truly did do everything together. Their love was another one of the many things I am able to feel inspired by. They show that there really is true love and that it doesn't go away. They are both people that I will continue to be inspired by. Papaw taught us all so many lessons and will continue to. I can only think through all this darkness and sadness, he is teaching us more lessons. He was a trailblazer in all that he did and was a true man of service. We will all miss him dearly and look forward to the day we are reunited with him. The greatest gift Sarah ever gave me was her family. I feel blessed beyond belief to know and to love them all. So thank you Sarah for not only loving me unconditionally, but allowing me to be loved in return by your family.

Brittany Berrard - April 09 at 08:22 AM



“ Papaw loved you

Diana Douglas - April 17 at 06:23 PM



“ So sorry for your loss Sarah and family !! I first met your dad at Brooklyn's birthday party and it was a blast talking with him!! He was kind, caring and very funny!! Being from upstate NY, I loved his accent and could listen to it all day; he reminded me of my wife's (Lynn) relatives from WV, absolutely wonderful people !! As we talked at the birthday party the discussion included guns - he brought me to his car and showed me several that he always carried with him, he said "they don't go anywhere without him" - smile - we both shared the same passion. Wonderful memories !!

Tony Tommasecchia - April 07 at 11:36 AM

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“ Diana, Sarah and Pam, I am so sorry to hear of your loss!! Doug was such a great guy and HILARIOUS!!! I'm sure your heart is aching!! I'll be praying for you and your family!!!! Love to you all!!!!

Amy Cutrona - April 04 at 12:43 PM

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“ Doug always loved giving me a hard time in a playful way. I remember thinking he was such a cool dad when I was young. The motorcycles and cars were the coolest and it was so obvious how much he loved his girls. I'm praying for all of you and so very sorry for your loss. RIP Doug, you were a great man!

Amy Curtiss - April 02 at 11:24 PM



“ Thank you Amy. We sure had some great memories. Probably the slumber parties and football games being at the top of the list. I hope you are well and thanks for posting this.

Sarah - April 03 at 10:50 AM

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“ Sarah we are praying for you and your family during this time. I never had the opportunity to meet you sweet dad but feel privileged that I have been able to pray for your family during this time. I know how special he was because of how you have always talked about your sweet family. Please know we are praying for you all. The Topalians!

kim topalian - April 02 at 04:02 PM



“ Thank you sweet friend. I wish you had the chance to meet him you would have loved him.

Sarah - April 03 at 10:50 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Daddy Doug's passing. Boy will I miss the big laughs. I could always count on him making me blush with one of his off color jokes! He talked like a sailor and had a heart as big as the sun. You could tell instantly the passion and pride he had for his family. His adoration for his wife, daughters and grandchildren was immeasurable. He will surely be missed! My most sincere condolences. Glenn and Sally Perry

Sally Perry - March 31 at 08:30 PM



“ Thanks Sally. He loved cutting up with you. I appreciate your friendship and for taking the time to make this post. Hard days we face and memories like these make it a little easier.

Sarah - April 03 at 10:52 AM

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“ Doug was and always will be my Papaw. I miss him dearly but I know he is always with me. Him and I had so many great conversations, laughs, and memories. We will make even more memories when I see him again. Our unbreakable is not broken even in his absence. I love you Papaw. Sincerely the favorite grandchild

**Brooklyn Berrard** - March 27 at 05:47 PM



“ I meant to put unbreakable bond

**brooklyn** - April 11 at 03:43 PM

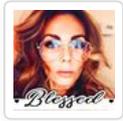


“ Bill Flenner

12 hours ago

so sorry that another comrade has fallen, he fought a tuff battle and was determined to win it. I will never forget the great times we had while growing up and think of them a lot, Doug certainly has a wonderful family and loved all of them dearly. you will be missed my friend BUT not forgotten. rest in peace brother and may the Lord comfort your wonderful family

**Sarah Berrard** - March 23 at 08:55 PM



“ Bill I posted this so mom could see it. I saw it tagged on my cousins comment. I know mom needs all the words and memories she can get since that is what remains.

**Sarah** - March 23 at 08:56 PM



“ thanks Sarah, I still hope to come down for a visit as soon as this virus goes away, Joe and I would like to visit with all the family and go to the grave site.

**Bill Flenner** - March 24 at 10:26 AM



“ Ruth Burns sent a virtual gift in memory of Kenneth Roger "Doug" Douglas



**Ruth Burns** - March 23 at 11:36 AM



“ Such a story teller he was! I know he's up there with my husband Ralph laughing and sharing their stories! RIP Doug!! You will be missed by all who knew you!

**Ruth Burns** - March 23 at 11:40 AM



“ My condolences to you and your family. I pray that the wonderful memories you shared with your husband ,will help to get you through each day.... You'll are in my prayers and thoughts

**Keva Adams** - March 23 at 06:22 AM

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“ Joe and Pame Lawson want to send love and (WV hugs) to Dianna Remembering the jokes, the laughter and the many stories told! Keep faith that God will be with you through tough times. He was there when good things happened - Pam and Sarah - and those grandchildren! Love you, Dianna.

**Joe Lawson** - March 23 at 05:17 AM

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“ My uncle who loved to give me a hard time but I know he always cared. He was definitely one of a kind. I will cherish the memories of the vacations and holidays we all had together when we were young. We will miss you. Gone but never forgotten.

**Shannon Fearing** - March 22 at 05:25 PM



“ My heart is broken. Doug will definitely be missed and remembered. Fly high my friend!

**Rhonda Presley** - March 22 at 06:32 PM



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**Bill Flenner** - March 23 at 08:44 AM