



Louis Douglas Stoner Jr.

May 27, 1931 - January 2, 2020

Louis Douglas Stoner, Jr.; age 88, affectionately known as “Doug” passed away on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at his home in Charlotte, NC. Doug and his beloved wife of 66 years Theresa moved to Charlotte in 2008 after living in Canastota, NY, Skaneateles, NY, Baldwinsville, NY and Greensboro, NC.

Doug was born on May 27, 1931 in Beckley, WV, son to the late Louis Douglas Stoner, Sr. and Thelma Lantier Stoner. He graduated from Alfred State College and proudly served his Country in the Navy from 1950 – 1953. Doug was a construction manager for an architectural firm in Syracuse, NY for 39 years before retiring. He enjoyed wood working, construction, traveling and was active in the Catholic Church in various capacities wherever he was living. Doug was a kind and strong man with strong Christian faith and was a man of integrity. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather with a wonderful sense of humor.

Survivors include his beloved wife and best friend Theresa; children Louis, III (Katherine), Paul (Diane), Elizabeth, Gerard (Carol) and Mary; 9 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and his sister Dorie.

Services are private.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care, Charlotte Region at hpccr.org or at donatehospice.org.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home, Ballantyne Chapel.

Comments



“ My Dearest Dad (aka Pop):

We were so blessed to have you as our father. Thank you for:

--Your love, support, integrity and providing a stable home for our family.

--Making Christ the center and foundation of your life.

--Respecting and loving Mom for 66 wonderful years – a true love story!

--Your beautiful smile – you would light up a room!

--Making us laugh – if we ever felt overwhelmed, Dad would gently say: “let’s pray and sleep on it. Things will be better the next day.”

--Giving us the confidence that we can accomplish anything.

--For your inventions and carpentry work.

--For helping others.

Jesus said: “You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.” (Matthew 5:14, 16)

May your legacy live on....we miss you so much, but know you are with Jesus.

Love you forever xoxoxo

~Beth~

Beth Stoner - January 11 at 11:54 AM



“ As I read through these memories of Grandpa, it is clear how much his smile and genuine kindness made an impact on so many people. You can see that these things were his gift to the world. It is rare that people are real and true to who they are, but Grandpa, you were one of those. Thank you for shining bright and loving us the way you did.

I will always remember his immaculate shop in Syracuse, and most of all I will remember the artwork from his grandkids that he hung on the back of the garage door. I loved that he liked my artwork enough to hang it up! I will also always remember how he would take the time to talk with us while we sat on his knee, and I loved to give the top of his smooth head a good rub!

I will cherish our final phone conversation, and I am grateful to have had that opportunity. Sending my love to Grandma and the entire Stoner family.

Much love,

xox Sarah

Sarah Allen - January 11 at 11:00 AM



“ Dear Dad (Pop), As I reflect over my 63 years, I have to say I am thankful to have been blessed with such a wonderful Dad.
I am thankful for your example of love to both Mom and to each of us. If you had favorites, I'd say all five of us were your favorite!
I am thankful for all you taught me (life skills, woodworking, camping, learning to drive a standard, the value of hard work).
I am thankful for your wise advise and encouragement while raising my own family.
I am thankful for your Godly example by sharing your love and faith in Jesus in both word and deed.
And finally I am thankful for the years we had with you until it was time to say goodbye (for now). I will miss you Dad. Love you always, Paul

Paul Stoner - January 09 at 08:18 PM



“ My dad was a very talented, kind, compassionate, and loving man. He loved and honored the Lord Jesus Christ, his wife (our mom) and his family. He dedicated his life to providing for us and showing the love of Jesus to others by volunteering at a street kitchen to feed the less fortunate and delivering "meals on wheels" for a number of years.
He was also involved in leading a number of bible studies with mom. After retiring he was available to help each of us with various renovation projects on our homes. The red carpet was always rolled out when any of us came to visit and family time together was a high priority.
You ran a great race Dad and are truly missed for now. We look forward to greeting you on the other side with Jesus our Savior!
I love you and will miss you greatly.....

lou stoner - January 09 at 04:32 PM



“ I met Doug on the weekend I was to meet the whole Stoner family for the first time in 1982. He and Theresa were so kind to me and immediately made me feel welcome. Doug had the most amazing smile, was so wise and treated everyone the same. He set such a wonderful example of how to be a loving husband, great father and a Jesus follower. After I met Doug I knew he had instilled in his children the same values and I was so honoured when I became part of the family as Paul's wife. Doug had such a caring nature and poured so much love into our children that I will be forever grateful to him for that. He and Theresa continually prayed for everyone in the family by name and we felt that prayer support even though we lived many miles away. Doug was an integral part of laying a base for the heritage we all enjoy today. We will miss you Doug but we know that you are in a better place now. Love always, Diane

Diane Stoner - January 09 at 01:01 PM



“ My dear grandpa, I am going to miss you so much! He was so kind, gentle and loving. His smile and laugh were so contagious and would fill a room. Watching him with my grandma taught me the meaning of a long, loving relationship and I aspire to be like them as I grow older with my husband. He wasn't able to meet his great-grandson that is due in May but he was able to send his love and prayers before he passed. I have such wonderful memories of him as a child that I plan to tell my son. I loved to sit on his knee, rub the back of his head and make him laugh. He will always be in our hearts and will never be forgotten. Love you so much, grandpa! I know you are looking down on all of us from heaven <3

Laura Hinchey - January 08 at 11:56 AM



“ I am going to miss you, Doug. I was proud to call you my father-in-law. You were the kindest man I ever met. Gerard and I have been married 33 years and you loved me as your daughter from the first day. You always gave me encouragement, and if I struggled with a spiritual matter, you gently and kindly directed my eyes and heart to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you, Doug. Your eyes were always smiling it seemed. I will miss sitting across from you at our table when we shared family meals. There are so many things I will miss about you. One of the many things I admired about you was your integrity. Your word was trustworthy. You were a sincere man that loved people and especially your family. How does one describe a person that has touched so many people as you have? Your love for Jesus shined through you. Thank you for that, Doug. You never 'preached' or talked down to us. You always counseled in a way that gave us hope and with a desire to seek God's will in all matters. As we held hands during our last conversation, you recalled these verses from the Bible:

John 14:2-3:

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Thank you for making such a huge impact on my life. I love you.

- Carol

Carol Stoner - January 07 at 06:53 PM



“ The best memory I have of Mr. Stoner was his ear to ear grin. He was always happy to see you. In his presence, you'd feel like the only and most important person in the room. I think he did that with every person he ever met. I deeply respected this man. It seemed he had his entire world together. His positive energy would fill any space that he was in. For me, he was a role model. Doug led by example and showed that anything could be fixed or made beautiful with one's own determined hands. Not only

that, he showed that this could be accomplished with a sense of joy. You could call him talented - but that would not give him enough credit - it really seemed that he could do anything. One day I would see him landscaping, then a couple hours later doing carpentry or on the roof. The next day, he'd be helping his sons fix a car, wiring the house, or on some project in his shop. To me, he was a Renaissance man. For decades after, I would tell the tale of Mr. Stoner to people who would never meet him. This kind and humble man would have been embarrassed by the praise that I lavished on him if he ever found out. This is only a small fragment of the Doug Stoner story. He was of course, a deeply generous and spiritual man who helped create a bonded loving family. His love, wisdom and strength will echo through generations to come. Generations that may never know that he was the root of their own happiness. That is one true test of a great man. His story will certainly stay alive within me.

Chuck Thomas - January 07 at 03:48 PM



“ My Dad will be greatly missed by family, relatives and friends. He was patient, kind and always had a smile. He was sincerely interested in hearing about the activities going on with each family member, even to the very end, asking me what projects I was working on and providing helpful advice when asked. When I was a boy growing up in Skaneateles, NY, I often worked on small projects in our basement workshop, eager to show Dad what progress I had made when he came home from work. Even after being away a night or two and making that tiring trip back from Buffalo, he would still be in his suit and tie, barely placing his briefcase down, when he was in our shop spending time with me. He never complained about that and was quick to give praises.

My Dad was a humble Christian man, serving others throughout his life. This included preparing meals in Syracuse for the homeless at a place called Unity Kitchens. He participated and sometimes led prayer groups at the Catholic churches they attended in NY and NC. In Charlotte Mom and Dad delivered Meals on Wheels to those in need. When my sister Beth would take Dad to the doctor's office, the nurses' faces would beam upon seeing my parents. And when Dad was in the hospital a few times in recent years, several nurses and even an EMS driver made a point to tell me what a "sweet man" my father was.

My Dad has been a great example to each of us how we should live our lives. I love you, Dad, and miss you.

-Gerard

Gerard Stoner - January 07 at 12:39 PM



“ My Dear Dad....what a strong man!!! He was strong in every way! Although he did decline physically, he remained as strong as ever mentally and spiritually right up to the end!

My Dad lead by example; he lived his life in a way that we could clearly see his Faith in God, love and respect for others, excellent work ethics and great integrity.

My Dad always showed his love, respect and commitment to my Mom. They have a beautiful love story that I will forever admire!!

My Dad's heart failed in the end but the abundant love in his heart lives on!

My Dad continued to flash his bright smile right up to the end.

My Dad was able to see or hear from all of us children, sister-in-laws, and grandchildren just before passing.

It is evident that my Dad has been a huge influence on all of us.

It is a privilege to carry on his message and live by those values he taught and exemplified!

Thank you Dad for everything!! My love to you forever!

Love, Mary

Mary Mckenna - January 06 at 01:00 PM