



Douglas "Doug" J. Gebhart

June 6, 1955 - September 14, 2019

Loving husband, father, pawpaw, brother, son, uncle, cousin and friend of many, Douglas 'Doug' J. Gebhart of Edwardsville, Illinois passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, September 14th, 2019, after a courageous battle with leukemia.

Besides the love for his family and friends, Doug enjoyed tinkering in his yard and garden; fixing up his house, watching the world pass by from his garage; going up to Grafton and hanging out at the Loading Dock, and most importantly being a pawpaw to his two grandsons.

Doug wore many hats in his life. He operated a local watering hole in Carpenter, IL known as Doug's Place where people would come from miles around for his famous Friday night fish fries. The business was truly family run with Doug doing a majority of the cooking, and various other members serving and tending bar. He worked for many years at the former Klueter Brother's Concrete and eventually became a part owner in the business. He worked there from the time he was 18. After retiring from Klueter Brother's, Doug kept busy working various odd jobs from Lowe's in Glen Carbon, to being a courier for Abstract Titles and Loans of Edwardsville, and driving a forklift for Progress Rail in Alorton, Illinois. (Where his co-workers said he was the best lift driver they ever had) He also worked hard to receive his realtor's license and HVAC certification.

Doug was born on June 6th, 1955 to the late Delmar and DeVera (Meikamp) Gebhart of Edwardsville, IL. Doug is survived by his wife and best friend of 40 years, Nancy (Nelson) Gebhart of Edwardsville, Illinois, daughter Andi Gebhart and fiancé Matt Limestall of Edwardsville, son, Brian, and his wife Mandy Gebhart, and grandsons Ryan and Mark (the heir and the spare of the Gebhart name) of Edwardsville. He is also survived by his brother David and Terry Gebhart of Edwardsville, and sister Diane and Mark Knowles of Glen Carbon, as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins, all of whom he loved very much.

He is also survived by his 'Guardian Angel' Heidi Thorsen of Denmark, who gave the gift of life to Doug in December of 2015 with the donation of stem cells. Doug was able to meet Heidi and her family this past June. He had lived three more healthy years due to the gift from Heidi, his 'blood sister.'

Doug will be cremated per his wishes and a celebration of life will take place from 5 p.m to

8 p.m on Saturday, September 28, 2019, at the Edwardsville Knights of Columbus on Marine Road. He will be buried at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Glen Carbon, IL.

Arrangements are being organized by Weber & Rodney Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in Doug's honor to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (who helped with various expenses during Doug's treatment) and Eden Church in Edwardsville (which Doug attended for 40 years).

Cemetery

Sunset Hill Memorial Estates

50 Fountain Drive

Glen Carbon, IL, 62034

Comments



“ Nancy, Larry and I are so sorry to hear about Doug our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Doug was such a wonderful man he will be missed. Larry and Pam Flaughner

Pamela Flaughner - September 22 at 02:42 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Doug. He was such a wonderful man. Prayers to your family.

Keith and Linda Sedlacek - September 20 at 07:10 AM



“ Nancy
So sorry to hear about Doug did not know he was sick. Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. What beautiful memories you two created together!
Ann Neuendank

Ann Neuendank - September 18 at 10:12 AM



“ My sincerest sympathy to Nancy and the rest of the family. I was lucky enough to meet Doug and Nancy in the Cancer Care Clinic as one of his nurses from time to time. I'm sad that we never got to meet up at The Loading Dock for a beer, as we had talked about doing many times! Doug was an extra special patient in our clinic, kind and patient all of the time. We all enjoyed providing care for him when he came and will miss seeing him (and you too, Nancy!). So very sorry for your loss.
-Jennifer T.

Jennifer Triefenbach - September 17 at 01:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas "Doug" J. Gebhart.



September 17 at 08:57 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Old Days



Glen Neal - September 17 at 08:48 AM



“ It was always a fun afternoon with great conversation when we would bump into Nancy & Doug at the Loading Dock. Our deepest sympathy to Nancy and the Gebhart family.

Russell & Sheri Henke - September 17 at 12:35 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. We will miss his smiling face and always great demeanor. Doug loved his family and his country. Rest in Peace, my friend.



Mike Lochmann - September 16 at 09:25 PM



“ Special friend Doug was to us. So many memories of all the camping trips to Carlyle and Santa Claus Ind. Along with Cool Creek. Heaven gained a wonderful angel and he is at peace. Our sympathy to Nancy and family may God help you through this difficult time.

Greg and Susie Blume

Susie Blume - September 16 at 01:05 PM



“ Im sorry for your loss . He was a wonderful man. Im so glad he got to share and meet and be w his grandsons. He made memories w them. Pray for peace for all of you.

Annie - September 16 at 09:56 AM



“ Annie & Maurie Lehmkuhl lit a candle in memory of Douglas "Doug" J. Gebhart



Annie & Maurie Lehmkuhl - September 16 at 09:54 AM