



Douglas Williams

November 2, 2016

Douglas Leon Williams departed this earthly life suddenly, on Wednesday November 2, 2016, when his giant and loving heart failed him just 24 days short of his 66th birthday.

Doug was born on November 26, 1950, the son of David L. and Nancy C. Williams of Mableton, GA. He grew up in the Mableton area, attending Mableton and Skyview Elementary Schools, and Pebble Brook High School, where he graduated in 1968.

Following high school, Doug attended the Ringling School of Art and also received training as a radio broadcaster. His early love of music blossomed as he played drums, sang and composed with many bands in the Atlanta area. Also, he worked for many years as both a disc jockey for dances and as a radio personality.

In 1980 Doug met the love of his life, Julie, and “DougandJulie” quickly became a single word, as they went about living life to the fullest, together. Earlier this year they celebrated 34 years of happy marriage.

Doug’s uncanny ability to capture characters and to use his voice as an instrument led to a lifelong career as a voice talent, during which he helped to create numerous commercials for radio and television, and narrations for video productions. One of his proudest achievements was his vocalization of the role of Santa in the nationally syndicated TV production of “The Elf on the Shelf”. Another was a video production on which he collaborated with his brother David, a documentary commemorating the 70th anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Doug and Julie shared a great passion for Civil War reenacting, and spent many weekends together “in the field”, honoring their Southern heritage. Doug founded the Georgia Division, Signal Corps, which still is in the field in battle reenactments today, under the name “Williams Signal Corps”. He was also famous for his performance as Senator Toombs, reenacting the Senator’s battlefield speeches. Doug, and Julie were well beloved by their fellow reenactors.

Doug and Julie Williams truly lived their marriage vows, as the years of fun and excitement gave way to periods of incredible challenge. Doug’s character and devotion have never been more clearly demonstrated than through his love, care and devotion during Julie’s ongoing battle with cancer. Truly, there has never been a couple who were

better suited to one another. Each of them was the ideal partner for the other, and their family and wide circle of friends have over the years given thanks to God that each had the other.

Doug is survived by the love of his life, Julie, of Mableton, his brother David and Patty of Oak Harbor, WA, his nephew John and Vicky Williams of Renton, WA, his niece Lee Williams of Alameda, CA, his cousin Ed and wife Ann of Fayetteville, and Julie's uncle George and Pamela Little of Buford. He is also survived by his adopted family: Bill and Teresa Davis, Dave and Gina Haney, Rhett and Peggy Wynn, his lifelong friend Jim Griffith, and by the wide family of friends whose lives were touched by his warm and loving heart, his humor and spirit, and his love. He will be forever missed, and all he touched will be forever enriched by that experience.

A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday, 4:00 PM at Davis-Struempf Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tommy Chapman officiating. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 2:00PM to 4:00 PM prior the service.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM
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Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory
1975 East-West Connector, Austell, GA, US, 30106-8138

NOV **Celebration of Life** 04:00PM
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Davis-Struempf Chapel
1975 East-West Conn, Austell, GA, US, 30106

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - November 06, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ Doug, you made this world a little brighter. Your light, laughter and humor will surely be missed. You were loved!!!! RIP sweet friend!!

Janet - November 08, 2016 at 06:33 AM



“ Absolutely beautiful video of an amazing, caring, man and so devoted to his sweet Julie! RIP Doug Williams

Susan Cowan Craig - November 08, 2016 at 08:49 AM



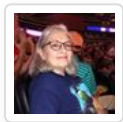
“ You will be missed by so many.

ilse sears - November 08, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ A life well lived..

Rob Stowe - November 08, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ There will never be another Doug. Thank you for your humor and kindness through the years. We will all meet again.

Patsy - November 08, 2016 at 09:31 AM



“ Thinking of you and your family. Until we meet again, rest in the shade across the river.

Dana Shaffner - November 08, 2016 at 02:07 PM



“ doug you will be MISSED

DC turner - November 08, 2016 at 06:22 PM



“ Oh what sad, sad news to hear about our dear friend Doug. Julie our hearts go out to you. There's a hole in our hearts now that only wonderful loving memories can fill. Doug you were the sweetest, kindest, most gentlest person we've ever known. What an honor to have known you and to have had you and Julie as part of our extended family. We will miss you my friend! Julie we love you both very much. Love Always, Baby Sis-Taryn & Gary...Savannah, GA

Taryn & Gary Montgomery - November 09, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ Doug was such a kind, funny, smart friend. His gift of music & voice was a gift from God. His love for Julie is truly unconditional. Such a lesson to be learned by all. Hope you are playing with the best of the best today. RIP sweet friend!

Vonda Smallwood - November 09, 2016 at 01:31 PM



“ I miss you my sweet friend. I feel very fortunate to have known Doug. He was everyone's biggest cheerleader. Always had a smile for you. The world isn't the same without him.

Till we meet again, sweet Dougie.

Holli

Holli - November 10, 2016 at 06:02 AM



“ We still can hardly believe he has gone from our sight. So many fond memories of our reenacting days together with Julie and Doug that is hard to count them. We will treasure the times we shared with Doug: Camping in the blazing hot and the cold and the rain, sleeping in the fort quarters at Fort Pulaski and remembering our past.

Doug, I am sorry that Gene and I didn't get to have that dinner with you and Julie we talked about not long ago. Till we meet again, LaVanda and Gene Gibbs (Shellnutt)

LaVanda Gibbs - November 08, 2016 at 10:35 AM



“ You were one special soul put on this earth and we are so blessed to have known you. Spread those beautiful wings and soar high sweet spirit. May God be with your wife Julie at this time. The love you had for each other shined so brightly. See you on the other side.



Jayne and Alan Jones - November 08, 2016 at 09:19 AM



“ Bill And Teresa lit a candle in memory of Douglas Williams



Bill And Teresa - November 08, 2016 at 07:55 AM



“ David, Jackie, Tommy and Linda, Savannah family purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Douglas Williams.



David, Jackie, Tommy and Linda, Savannah family - November 07, 2016 at 05:19 PM



“ Gerberas and Palms Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Williams.



November 07, 2016 at 04:33 PM



“ Chanda, Christa, Carol, Tara, Chad, Cathy and Ken purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Douglas Williams.



Chanda, Christa, Carol, Tara, Chad, Cathy and Ken - November 07, 2016 at 04:21 PM



“ Rhett & Peggy Wynn purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Douglas Williams.



Rhett & Peggy Wynn - November 07, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Williams.



November 07, 2016 at 01:51 PM



“ Doug was such a talented in so many ways. He was a great friend to us and many and we loved his bigger than life spirit and happiness that he brought to us and others. We have known him and Julie as wonderful friends for many years. We also had a few opportunities to play music together with Doug over the years and had always had the plan to get together and play together again in the near future. He will be greatly missed by all who were family or blessed enough to know him as a friend.

Sending our prayers, love and deep sympathy to Julie and Doug's family and friends.

With much love,

Allen and Sheri Dresser

Sheri Dresser - November 07, 2016 at 12:25 PM



“ Holli Bouchier and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Douglas Williams.



Holli Bouchier and Family - November 07, 2016 at 11:09 AM



“ Kim Bishop lit a candle in memory of Douglas Williams





“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - November 07, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ So sorry Julie! It would be nice to know where to send donations. I know that there is a Go Fund Me account, but I would rather go direct. Thanks!

Joe Neil - November 07, 2016 at 09:09 AM



“ We just learned a few hours ago of the passing of our dear friend, Doug. Our hearts have been very heavy this day. Doug has been one of our best friends for nearly 50 years and to say that we will miss him does not even begin to express the emptiness in our hearts. We have many memories of Doug with us, his Savannah family. We have had many family experiences, and his interaction with our children as they came along. In the early days we spent many musical hours which is what brought us together back in the 60s. Doug was one of the sweetest, positive people we have ever known. We loved him all these years and we love him still. Our prayer is that he is finally at peace with our loving Saviour now that he is free from the trials and tribulations of these past few years. We pray that Julie will continue to improve after all the effort they both put into her recovery. We love you, Julie. We love you, Doug. We will see you again our friend and we will never forget you. With all the love in our beings . . . know that we mean it when we say you blessed our lives beyond measure. From David and Jackie and your Savannah Family, rest in peace . . .

David and Jackie Hall - November 06, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ Mary Coffee Bready lit a candle in memory of Douglas Williams



mary coffee bready - November 06, 2016 at 06:38 PM



“ 69 files added to the album LifeTributes



Davis-Struempff Funeral Home & Crematory - November 06, 2016 at 03:51 PM



“ With love, Olivia and Henry Newton purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Douglas Williams.



With love, Olivia and Henry Newton - November 05, 2016 at 01:19 PM



“ Faye Higgins lit a candle in memory of Douglas Williams



Faye Higgins - November 05, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ Sure gonna miss you big guy. First met Doug off Old Cascade Rd he was a drummer playing behind a guy named Eddie with a friend of mine on bass. What a kindness & joy exuded from him. A person I've never forgotten and a champion of the human spirit. It's been a pleasure to know you and for your life on this planet I have to say job well done, Doug.

Brad Moore - November 05, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Williams.



November 05, 2016 at 12:54 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Williams.



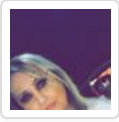
November 04, 2016 at 09:49 PM



“ Scottie Bates lit a candle in memory of Douglas Williams



scottie bates - November 04, 2016 at 09:17 PM



“ A big drum roll echoed from the heavens.

Susan Quinn-Beard - November 04, 2016 at 07:57 PM



“ There are not enough kind words to describe Doug....but the one that comes to mind first was Love...everyone of us who were privileged to know Doug loved him and he loved very one of us. He has not left...he has arrived! He has seen the face of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. He is no longer bound to earthly things. He is free!

Susan Cochran O'Neal - November 04, 2016 at 07:18 PM



“ I've known Doug since 4th grade - 9 yrs old - we were in Miss Hayes' class at Sky View Elementary, and we graduated from Pebblebrook in 1968. Doug was one of the smartest, sweetest and most talented people I've ever known. I'm so deeply sorry that he's gone and my heart and prayers go out to his sweet wife, Julie.



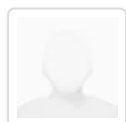
Linda Hendricks - November 04, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ Sheila lit a candle in memory of Douglas Williams



sheila - November 04, 2016 at 05:48 PM



“ Julie, SO very sorry to hear about Doug. You are in my prayers.

sheila - November 04, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ Our hearts are with you, and Doug is forever in our hearts, one of the greatest humans on this planet, I love you Julie, wishing I could be there <3

I give you this one thought to keep -

I am with you still - I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond glints on snow,

I am the sunlight on ripened grain,

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the sweet uplifting rush,

of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone -

I am with you still in each new dawn.

Gini - November 04, 2016 at 06:42 PM



“ What can we say, but that Doug was a very special a loveable human being, a loving an attentive husband, a true friend, a multi-talented man who will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him and being his friend. He will never be forgotten. Julie, our love and prayers are with you!

Donna & John Yavelak - November 04, 2016 at 08:03 PM



“ I'm SO Sorry. What a great guy Doug was.

Dale Spratlin - November 04, 2016 at 08:28 PM



“ My prayers are with the family during this hard time. I only knew Douglas on Facebook but he influenced me to keep at learning the drums. I am praying for his wife who he was so devoted to in her fight. God bless the family. Alfred Britt.

Alfred Britt - November 04, 2016 at 08:34 PM



“ I went to school with Doug , he was such a nice guy. May Gods grace surround his family and friends as only he can do.

Pat - November 04, 2016 at 11:30 PM



“ Prayers for peace and comfort for Julie and all the family and friends. John Boger

John Boger - November 05, 2016 at 05:13 PM



“ Oh my goodness...I just found out about this tonight. What a loss...what a light gone. My heart hurts. I haven't seen him in a long while but the thing about Doug was....you knew if you saw him again after a long while he would welcome you as if he had just seen you days before...and love you and think of you all the way through to the next time he saw you. He cared, really cared deeply about people. Many blessings on his soul and God's strength and love to Julie. I will pray here on my farm tomorrow night and light candles thinking of how he touched my life. Justine Albree, Fayetteville, Georgia

Justine Albree - November 07, 2016 at 07:18 PM