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Douglas (Doug) David Roberts, 78, passed away peacefully on June 13, 2022 in his home, after a courageous 5-year battle of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). Douglas was born on October 21, 1943 in Pittsfield, Massachusetts to the late Nicholas and Marjorie Roberts.

Doug was a part of the graduating class of 1962 at Palm Beach High School West Palm Beach Florida. Although Douglas's Journey started on June 13, 2022, we all know it truly got started when he met the love of his life Lee Roberts and were wed on August 30, 1963.

Douglas was a true warrior with a servant's heart. Family was everything to Doug so much so he packed up his whole life in Jupiter Farms and moved cross country to spend time with his kids & grandchildren to watch them grow in small town Erie, IL. One of his greatest teachings in life was that no project was too small or too complicated; for Doug if there was a will (and there were many for him) then there was a way. His mechanical abilities with engines and transmissions ranged from lawn mowers to SR71 jet engines and everything in between. His persistence and perseverance were just one of his many great qualities.

Doug's hobbies included being outdoors, whether that was boating/fishing, going for early morning walks, or simply enjoying a cold beer in his garage/porch. If you knew Doug then you knew the doors were always wide open for family and friends. Doug was often found riding his motorcycle whether it was back and forth to work or on one of his many bike trips with brother (lifelong friend), Michael (Mickey/Mick) Thompson and son, Jeffrey (Jeff) Roberts. He loved building and racing cars in his early years. As the years went on, he would share his passion by watching races with his kids/grandkids but nothing could compare to what he would call "the good old days of drag racing" that he and his wife shared. While his family and friends will miss him dearly, they know he is up there breathing easy and enjoying the bright blue skies heaven has to offer. He has now found new roads to explore along with new and old family/friends to catch up with. As for his pride and joy (his family), we know you are giving all of us the big thumbs up



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with a smile. For you Pop-Pop we will continue to “Keep Smiling” & you will be Forever in our hearts. We hope you are enjoying the golden streets heaven has to offer, you truly are an angel.

He was preceded in death by Nicholas (Father) & Marjorie (Mother) Roberts, Richard Roberts (Brother).

Douglas is survived by Wife - Lee Robert; Son - Jeffrey (Gai Crawford) Roberts; Daughters - Carol Roberts Howard & Christine James; Grandchildren - Joseph (Taylor) Howard, Bradley (Kimberly) Howard, Brandon (Ana Smith) Howard, and Tiffany (Jordan) Shippert, Michael (Sam Miller) James, Christopher (Shannon) James, and Jack James; Great Grandchildren - Hunter Howard, Payzleigh Howard, Hoyt Howard, Mason James, Bransen Howard, Walker Howard, Hallee James, Waylon Howard, Iris Shippert; Sister - Sharyn (Sherry) Roberts (Niece Kimberly); Brother's (family friends) - Michael Thompson & Bill Blalock.

Per Doug's wishes, the family will be celebrating his life privately within the arms of their own family. The Family would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to the Kindred Hospice Service for all their Amazing Care and Support. Heritage Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of his arrangements.



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MJ

Mike James posted:

I was lucky enough to have Doug as my father in law for over 25 years and grandfather to my kids. He was one of the most special men in my life. He was always there with words of encouragement or a helping hand a story you'll never forget and a laugh I still hear in my house. I really can't put into words what he meant to my life and how much I loved him. I miss him every day and will every day of my life.

June 23 at 12:15 PM

AM

Alicia Moore shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Once in awhile as you go about life, certain people leave indelible marks and/or a huge level of warmth and acceptance. Doug did both for me by always making me feel like I was like family and showing me what a real man should be like. He was remarkable in so many ways and he and Lee have the most beautiful family to reflect this contribution that Doug provided. I am sending so much love and prayers for strength and comfort to the Roberts family. Doug was a great man!

June 18 at 9:23 AM

JF

James Orville Fitzgerald June 18 at 9:54 AM

I first met Doug when he and his family moved to Riviera Beach from Massachusetts. Spent a lot of time visiting him when he worked at Bryan Henderson Auto Parts on Avenue E. I joined the police department. Which was right across from the auto parts store. Had a 64 Mercury Comet Cyclone that I drag raced. Doug really liked that car. He sold me lots of parts to put on the Comet. So many things have been said about him and all are true. Just a really good man to all that knew him. Enjoy Heaven and we shall see you there one day. Rest in eternal peace. You have earned it here on earth.



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Terri Battelene posted:

I met Doug when I was about 7 years old. My dad & he became great friends. We spent many nights with the Roberts family. I love all of them like family. We as kids said we were cousins. Doug was always so nice & always gave a helping hand to my family. We went in many vacations & day trips with them. Many nights at are house or there's just hangin as well. We always were smiling & laughing. Doug had the most beautiful handwriting, I know it is something weird to say but I really always thought it... in later years on Facebook he always had such kind words to say to me or about my beautiful grandkids. Just an awesome man. They broke the mold when they made him... heaven gained another great one. He will be missed but never forgotten. In all our hearts forever

June 17 at 7:01 PM



Dawn June 18 at 4:35 AM

Lee and family, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I worked with Doug at Empire in Geneseo. Doug was a great guy with a contagious smile. He will surely be missed by all those who new him. Heaven has definitely gained a wonderful angel.



Christine June 17 at 8:44 PM

Oh Terri we love you and your family so very very much ❤️



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Roberts family.



June 17 at 3:33 PM



Jean Scerbo posted:

A love like Doug and Lee's gives us all hope for a true Happily ever after!!! We are truly blessed to have crossed paths with Doug in this lifetime.... Thoughts and prayers to Doug and his family... until they all meet again... ❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏

June 17 at 2:54 PM



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Sean Helke posted:

Doug was the coolest guy I had the pleasure to work with and drink with. I was most impressed that when he told stories he remembered everyone's first and last names. I seldom heard a story over but if I did it was just as entertaining as before. He will always be remembered and missed, cheers my friend.

June 17 at 2:46 PM



Alma Wood June 17 at 5:19 PM

Sorry for your Loss. Hugs and Prayers.



Tom And Martha Andres Npb, FI June 17 at 3:13 PM

Lee and family please feel the love and hugs Tom and I are sending you. Doug was a guy you just loved being around, in all the years we have known each other I do not think I ever heard a neg comment about Doug. Please stay strong Lee. Doug loved you with all his heart from day one. Much love to you and your beautiful family.



Alicia Moore shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

June 18 at 9:23 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Douglas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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