



Douglas Merrill Cook

December 20, 1946 - September 4, 2019

Douglas Merrill Cook died peacefully September 4th, 2019 in the same hospital where all of his children were born and where his dad worked and began his career as a medical doctor.

He was born on December 20th, 1946 in Emery County to Marcella and Bryan Lorenzo Cook. He lived a life full of service. It didn't matter if you were family, friend or an acquaintance he was always there to serve in whatever capacity he was able. After the death of his father Bryan, when Doug was just 3 years old, his mother with her strong wonderful will took Doug and his two older siblings to Provo where she planned on attending the nursing program at BYU. That is where his mother met her future husband and the person Doug called dad, Doyle Barrett who was studying to become a doctor. After Doyle finished his residency they settled in Pleasant Grove where Doug was raised, worked and graduated from high school. During high school he went by the name of Douglas Barrett while he was involved in track where he excelled and held the PG High School track record for fastest mile until his eldest son Eric Cook took it over as a senior 20 years later. Track wasn't the only club Doug was involved in, he also loved acting and participating in the thespian club which made his mother very pleased. Doug was also the drummer in a band called 'The Shandels'. They played at Stake dances in many of the surrounding communities. Practices were held in the basement of the Barrett home because it was easier to get the instruments there than to move the drum set. A popular song at the time was called 'Wipeout' and Doug really got into that one. After high school he enlisted and served in the National Guard and changed his last name back to Douglas Cook.

Everyone that knew Doug knew of his love for cooking and enjoyed the fruits of his labors because Doug never passed up an opportunity to feed others. He learned at a very young age, from his parents, how to prepare and serve wonderful meals. It didn't matter if he was camping, barbecuing, or in his home kitchen, his meals were delicious. Throughout his life he worked at several restaurants at all capacities. When Doug was 19 he served an honorable mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Alaskan

British Columbia Canadian mission. When he returned from his mission he finished his service in the National Guard for six years where he was given a sharp shooter badge and was the supply specialist. He served honorably and was discharged on the 16th of November 1970.

Doug loved learning, while he attended Brigham Young University he studied all about entomology, zoology and astronomy. Which served him well as he worked in the oil fields of Cheyenne WY where the nights were black as black and the stars would fill the heavens giving him the opportunity to revel in its beauty. He often shared his love of these things with his family. It was after his time on the oil fields that he and his wife at the time, Shauna and their three children, returned to Utah where he started working for Geneva Steel as a boiler room operator and where he and Shauna welcomed into their family three more beautiful children. He enjoyed his time at Geneva and was grateful for their layoffs which allowed him to go back to school and get his degree in refrigeration and air conditioning. Although he worked another 12 years for Geneva, while working the power house, it was after they closed their doors for good in 2002 that Doug opened his own refrigeration company called Cooks Appliance Services and was voted the best appliance service by the Daily Herald in 2011. His customers loved him because they knew to expect honesty, job well done and a friendly serviceman who always brought his trusty best friend Annie, his pet Chihuahua. Once a customer of Doug Cook you were always a customer, he believed in great service at an affordable price and never took advantage of anyone always leaving a service call with a happy customer.

On August 4th, 1994 he married Janet and they began their life together where they enjoyed camping, scouting, their dogs, gardening, taking care of their beautiful yard and serving others. Doug was a season ticket holder for BYU football and enjoyed taking his wife and family members to games. He was Silver Cougar Donor in 1982, back when the Cougars were good!

He served 40 plus continuous years with the Boy Scouts of America at both district and unit levels. He received his wood badge, second miler, silver beaver and various other awards and helped with the organization and registration of the Jerimiah Johnson day camp for several years. Scouting was a very big part of his life and brought him great pride. He and his wife Janet Cook loved serving together in the scouting program and were well known for their many years of service.

Doug's life was full of service, hard work, and kindness. He will be greatly missed by his 11 children, 44 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and especially his wife Janet who has done a wonderful job, alongside his daughter Rana, taking care of him through these past

difficult years of dementia.

Doug is preceded in death by his daughter Leslye Cook, granddaughter River Ackley, brother Bryan Cook, brother Alden Barrett and his mother, father and step father. He is survived by his children Eric Cook, Colby Cook, Shanae Cook, Rana Shaw, Josh Cook, Jana Lee Spencer, Douglas Peterson, Rebecca Cook, Deborah Hansen, Brian Morgan and their spouses and children. His sister Diana Barnett, sister Annelle Hager, brother Scott Barrett, foster sister Maria Frazier, and dog Annie.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 10:00 am at the Battle Creek 8th Ward Chapel (1250 E. 200 S., Pleasant Grove, Utah). Viewings will be held at the same location on Sunday, September 15th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and prior to the service on Monday, September 16th from 9:00 to 9:45 am. Interment will be in the Pleasant Grove City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Pleasant Grove City Cemetery

600 North 100 West
Pleasant Grove, UT, 84062

Events

SEP **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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SEP **Viewing** 09:00AM - 09:45AM

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SEP **Funeral Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I knew Doug when he was on his mission in Canada. He was a favourite with my parents and spent many hours working with my father and brothers. In July 1967, Doug and his companion, Jerry Spears, baptized and confirmed me. Doug baptized my mother a month later. He was always very dear to our hearts. In October, 2016, my cousins and I went to the Mt. Timpanogos temple to seal my parents to each other, and my deceased brother and myself to our parents. I invited Doug and his lovely wife Janet to attend, since they lived so close, and was very happy that they were able to do so. It was wonderful to see Doug again and to meet Janet, whom he called the love of his life.

Linda Fredrickson - June 23, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ In high school I ran the mile with Doug. He was a great athlete and very kind to others. My sympathy and love to his family. Dr. Mark Bezzant

Dr. Mark Bezzant - September 25, 2019 at 07:53 PM



“ Doug was always willing to help me with my appliances and got them running smooth again. I will miss his smileing face and the way he always made Janet smile when he walked in the room. His kindness and service will be missed here on earth, But now he went home to help those on the other side. My Thoughts and Prayers are with you Janet and Family, Love you Karen Gardner

Karen Gardner - September 16, 2019 at 07:29 AM



“ Doug repaired my appliances for many years. He was kind, gentle, skilled and generous. I missed him dearly when he retired - and will truly miss him now. Prayers for his dear family. May you feel God's love and comfort. Thank you Doug - you made life brighter for everyone you served. Kathy Campbell

Kathy Campbell - September 14, 2019 at 07:37 PM