



Douglas Vaughn McNeill

November 27, 1952 - October 1, 2024

Douglas Vaughn McNeill, 71, resident of Sarasota, FL, passed away October 1, 2024, after a short and courageous battle with leukemia. Doug was born, in Elmira, NY, but spent the majority of his formative years in Charleston, West Virginia. Doug was the fifth of six children, born to The Reverend Robert E. and Jeanne McNeill.

Doug loved to tell the story of meeting the love of his life, Michele Vigneault, riding tricycles in kindergarten. They began dating in junior high school, and were married 48 years at the time of his death.

Doug took great pride in playing defensive end and center on the Charleston High School Mountain Lion AAA State Championship football team, 1968-1970.

A graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Doug received a master's degree in safety management from West Virginia University after which he served as an executive in the chemical and textile industries.

An avid hunter of various game, Doug looked forward to his yearly hunts with his father, family members and dear friends who shared the same passion. Doug even had three dogs named Hunter—Hunter I, Hunter II, and Hunter III.

Doug loved the water, the mountains, Mountain Dew, the West Virginia Mountaineers, and the Pittsburgh Steelers. Other teams he followed avidly were the Pirates and Yankees.

Doug lived out his Christian faith as a member of First Sarasota and served the community in vital ways through his encouraging spirit and generous, giving heart. He and Michele spearheaded the homeless ministry at the church for many years. Doug and Michele also impacted the lives of their nieces, nephews and others where they saw a need.

Doug is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Michele, brothers, Robert E. McNeill, II (Robin), David B. McNeill (Kathy), Daniel C. McNeill (Darlene); sisters, Barbara Hitchcock (Jim), Bonnie McKinney (Ron); along with 13 nieces and nephews and 27 great nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, at 1:00pm, at First Sarasota The Downtown Baptist Church, 1661 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34236. Pastors John Cross and William Hild will share officiating at Doug's service. "Those who cannot attend the service may view it online at www.firstsarasota.org."

A Reception from 2:15-3:00 will follow the service in the Family Life Center.

Burial will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, at 3:30pm, at Palms Memorial Park, 170 Honore Ave, Sarasota, FL 34232.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Sarasota, 1661 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34236, or Samaritan's Purse, 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Sarasota The Downtown Baptist Church
1661 Main Street
Sarasota, FL 34236

Burial

NOV 2. 3:30 PM (ET)

Palms Memorial Park Cemetery
170 Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34232

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *I will always miss you*

Rhonda dillard - January 29 at 12:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Vaughn McNeill.*



October 29, 2024 at 01:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas Vaughn McNeill.*

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BK

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! Doug and I were in the same Geometry class at CHS. Dream Preston was our teacher. Sending prayers and love! 🙏❤️*

Bettie Kee - October 28, 2024 at 09:48 PM

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“ *Cindy & Terry Taylor purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Douglas Vaughn McNeill.*



Cindy & Terry Taylor - October 28, 2024 at 04:57 PM

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“ Cindy & Terry Taylor planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Vaughn McNeill.

Cindy & Terry Taylor - October 28, 2024 at 04:57 PM

TA

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I have fond memories of Doug from my childhood and high school years. He always had a great smile on his face. I was happy to see him at the CHS reunion a few years ago. I pray God grants the family comfort as you grieve his loss. 🙏🕯️❤️

Teresa Wiersteiner Ansell - October 08, 2024 at 06:43 PM

SR

“ Gosh, Doug was the very first person that I met on my first day in jr high school in 1965. He claimed me as his “soul” sister. I have never forgotten his total acceptance of me as a black woman in a predominantly white school. I loved and appreciated that about him in his sincerity.

Doug, thank you for never turning your back on me as a person. You exemplified God’s love, for sure!

Blessed to have this angel!

Sherrie RD - October 08, 2024 at 12:24 AM

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I remember Doug as a gentleman with a wonderful smile, kind hearted gentleman while we attended the Charleston High School, he was a great football 🏈 player and loved Michele. Condolences to his family.

Debra F. Harris CHS Class of 1971 - October 08, 2024 at 05:04 AM