



Douglas Lee Horning

April 25, 1943 - February 23, 2019

Douglas Lee Horning, of Ann Arbor, died in Jensen Beach, Florida on February 23rd at age 75. He was born in Ann Arbor on April 25, 1943, to Walter and Ruth (Mitchell) Horning.

Doug is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lorrinda (Metcalf), their five children: Robyn Horning, Stacy (Bill) Harris, Tammy (Wade) Crandall, Kym (Jim) Augustine, and Troy (Lana) Horning, and their sixteen grandchildren. He is also survived by his three brothers: Don (Skip) Horning, Bob (Linda) Horning, and Dick (Judy) Horning. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Doug graduated from Ann Arbor (Pioneer) High School in 1961 and from the University of Michigan four years later with a degree in physical education. He was an accomplished wrestler in high school and college, finishing as the Big 10 runner-up when he was a senior at the University of Michigan. He later coached wrestling and taught at Pioneer High, before buying Stein and Goetz Sporting Goods, which would later become the M-Den.

Two of Doug's greatest loves were softball and golf. He played fastpitch softball for a number of years before devoting himself to coaching his daughters and countless others. In 1997, Doug was named to the Michigan ASA Softball Hall of Fame for his meritorious service. His love for the game continued into his retirement years as he gained yet another softball family playing near his home in Florida. He loved golf, and spent much of his time on the course with family and friends, whether it was in Ann Arbor, or on his beloved yearly golf trips with his closest friends in Las Vegas.

Though his life and business revolved around sports, the true center of his being was his family and friends. He was a man of integrity and generosity, always devoting himself to others. He led by example and made all those around him feel better about life and about themselves.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in remembrance of Doug to one of the following foundations to benefit Parkinson's research:

- University of Michigan Parkinson's & Movement Disorders Fund for Discovery – Donations can be mailed to 1000 Oakbrook Drive, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or made at the following: <https://victors.us/douglaslhorning>
- Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research – <https://www.michaeljfox.org/get-involved/donation2.php>

Cemetery

Events

Bethlehem Cemetery

2801 Jackson Ave
Ann Arbor, MI, 48103

MAR 4 Visitation 05:00PM - 09:00PM

Nie Funeral Home Inc
3767 W Liberty Rd, Ann Arbor, MI, US, 48103-9014

MAR 5 Funeral Service 11:00AM

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
MI, US

Comments



“ Doug Horning was one of the finest men I had the pleasure of going to school with at Ann Arbor High. He will certainly be missed by many.

Douglas Schumann - March 02 at 08:29 PM



“ RIP Mr Horning you were a great teacher to us at Pioneer and a better man.

Joe Patterson
Ken Caryl Ranch CO.



joseph patterson - March 01 at 03:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas Lee Horning.



March 01 at 12:27 PM



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



March 01 at 10:18 AM



“ John Wangler and Top Cat Sales purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Douglas Lee Horning.



John Wangler and Top Cat Sales - March 01 at 09:49 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Doug's passing, and want to send my condolences to the entire Horning family. I remember Ruth and "Pork", who were good friends of my parents, and their four sons, who were quiet, respectful, and well-behaved even as youngsters. Doug was in my sister's high school class, and Bob graduated with me, but we also saw them when we went with our dad, Norm Burnham, to the Ann Arbor YMCA and the "Y" Camp at Silver Lake. "Pork" Horning and my dad were teammates on the YMCA Volleyball Championship Team, who won many awards from 1928-1957, were Michigan State Champs 12 years in a row, and two times National Veterans Champions. It is no surprise, then, that Doug was so devoted to sports, and clearly a champion in his own right. May your memories and well deserved pride give you peace.
With sincere sympathy, Marcia Burnham Bennett

Marcia Bennett - February 28 at 04:45 PM



“ Gregg and Cheryl Herning purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Douglas Lee Horning.



Cheryl Herning - February 28 at 04:21 PM



“ Love, Dick and Anita Freeman and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Douglas Lee Horning.



Love, Dick and Anita Freeman and family - February 28 at 12:21 PM



“ Doug's presence brought both kindness and a gentle calm to anyone in his midst. Such an exemplary life cut short by a dreadful disease. Our thoughts are with dear Lorrinda and her beautiful family. Like others, we will treasure the moments and memories that we enjoyed with Doug. Gregg and Cheryl Herning.

gregg herning - February 28 at 12:12 PM



“ To the Horning Family,
So very sorry to hear of your loss. For many years I played softball with or against Doug down in Florida. I always found him to be an outstanding teammate or a fierce competitor, whose ability was admired and I for one wished I had. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tony Tripoli

anthony tripoli - February 27 at 08:05 PM



“ The Thomashefski Family sends our deepest condolences to the Horning clan. Many of us have fond memories of Doug because of our jobs at the M Den. We pray for God's peace that passes all understanding as we mourn with you.

Lucia C Thomashefski - February 27 at 07:23 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, Horning Family. Doug was such a great man and mentor to many. I am sorry that I live so far to not able to say this in person.

Jeff W



“ Lorrinda & Family: Hopefully you know how I enjoyed my playing days with Doug. He will be missed on our teams here in FL. Our thoughts & prayers reach towards you in these trying days. I've always been of the belief that God never places more on our plate than he knows we can handle, he's walking along holding your hands through this journey. Love BO

Buford McBee - February 27 at 07:09 PM



“ To the Horning Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Doug was one of a kind. A man of integrity, honesty and great character. He hired me to work at Stein and Goetz in the eighties and was like a father to me. He taught me so much about life and was an example of what I wanted to be as an adult. He loved Ann Arbor, the community and the University. Working with him during Art Fair was a treat. He would say, “shorts, two dollar, no holler!”

I am a better person for having known him and he was the best boss ever.

I loved him like family.

God bless you all.

Patti Ceresa - February 27 at 07:16 PM



“ What a loss to the Ann Arbor Michigan family and community. Simply put he was a great man. Countless number of kids were mentored by Doug, he was a living example of how a man should live his life. God Bless him and his family.

Ken Magee

Ken Magee - February 27 at 07:21 PM



“ Doug was a man of compassion, honesty and integrity. He was a family man. We loved to hear him talk about his children and grandchildren. He was so proud of them. His love for Lorrinda was so evident by the twinkle in his eyes and the smile on his face. We'll always remember his love of cookies, softball and the beach. Proud to call him our friend!

Vicky and Rusty Elberts - February 27 at 08:03 PM



“ It was my absolute honor to have known Doug for over 40 years. And to have had the opportunity to work for him for over thirty years was truly a blessing. Simply put, Doug was the BEST.

John Bertz - February 28 at 06:26 PM



“ To the Horning family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. My family and I have had the privilege and honor to have known Doug for so many years. What a joy it was talking with Doug about so many things. He had incredible patience answering my questions and I shall miss him very much.

Dan Neff - March 01 at 06:52 AM



“ Doug,

Thank you for being my friend.

Love, Dan Slee.

Dan - March 03 at 11:37 AM



“ My gym teacher, a great softball player (Lightcrete) that I loved to watch, a great friend and a hero to many...an important person in my life...God Bless..I salute you...

dave skala - March 04 at 10:32 PM



“ We are so deeply sorry for your loss. We have such fond memories of Doug and Lorrinda and their children. Doug had such a huge heart and it always showed in all that he did and accomplished. Bill working for the M-Den is what brought us back to Ann Arbor and a wonderful growth and experience for us both. Doug had such a gentle Spirit and great integrity. What a beautiful legacy he is leaving behind. May God be with you all and give you comfort and a peace that passes all understanding. Love to you all. Bill & Kris Boyer

Kristine Boyer - March 05 at 12:23 PM