



Doug Robertson

October 7, 1939 - October 22, 2019

Douglas Robertson, 80, died October 22, 2019 at Vista Woods Care Center in Ottumwa. Doug was a lifelong resident of Ottumwa, Iowa, where he was a funeral director at Robertson-Jay Funeral Home for over 50 years.

Douglas Emery Robertson was born October 7, 1939, to Willis and Milre (McCoy) Robertson. Although he started school two years late due to illness and injury, he graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1959. Doug continued his education, graduating from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman State University) with a degree in chemistry and Gupton-Jones College in Dallas, Texas, with certifications in embalming and funeral directing.

Doug married Diana Harper on August 6, 1966, and they had a daughter, Paula, in 1975.

Doug was active in the Ottumwa community as a member of the Ottumwa Noon Lions and Rotary Club and serving on civic boards such as the Southeast Iowa Blood Center (now the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center), Hospice, and Ottumwa Ambassadors.

Doug is survived by his daughter, Paula Buck, son-in-law Dan, and grandchildren Kate and Craig of Anamosa, Iowa. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Frances Robertson of Deer Park, New York, four nieces, Kaysi (Robb) Morse of Honeoye, New York, Linda (Sam) Welsh-Lyckholm of Crestline, California, Deb (Jim) Vernice of Smithtown, New York, Jill (Adam) Shilling of Wilmington, Delaware, a nephew, Scott (Doris) Robertson, of Huntersville, North Carolina, ten great-nieces and nephews, and Jim Wehr of Liberty, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Phillip Robertson, his sister and brother-in-law Peggy Jean and Darrell Welsh, and his wife, Diana.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at the First

Presbyterian Church in Ottumwa. Burial will be at the Ottumwa Cemetery. Visitation with family present to greet friends will be from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the church on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Serving Davis and Wapello Counties or Heartland Humane Society. Wagler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and online condolences may be directed to www.waglerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery

Ottumwa Cemetery

Ottumwa, IA, 52501

Events

OCT 26 Visitation with Family Present 11:00AM - 01:00PM

First Presbyterian Church
228 W 4th Street, Ottumwa, IA, US, 52501

OCT 26 Funeral Services 01:00PM

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Comments



“ I knew Doug from his work at the funeral home but didn't really talk with him until he was at the Nursing Home where my Dad, Bob Carr was living. I talked with him often there and know we both enjoyed the conversation. He was always smiling and a joy to visit with. He will be missed.

Cathy Carr Ashmore - October 26, 2019 at 11:43 PM



“ Hi Paula. I am Joyce Kramer, formerly your Kindergarten teacher, and I wanted to share with you my husband Bill's memories of Doug. He said that your Dad was one of the toughest and strongest 120 pounder that he ever coached in football. He also said that Doug danced with Millie Horribin's dance classes and could lift some girls above his head.

As lion, Bill noted that he collected pins and had quite a collection as well as being a faithful Lion to collect glasses, go to National conventions and do something about taking eyes from people who had passes. [All of this gets "iffy" in the translation. However, Bill was very complimentary about your Dad.

I just remember him as being quite gregarious. with a smile, he could talk to anybody at any time. And..he was sooo kind and helpful when Bill's son committed suicide.

I am sorry about this loss and the recent loss of your Mom, Paula. It is hard for you to have lost both parents and I know how proud they were of you and your children. They will miss knowing these loving grandparents. . Joyce

Joyce A. Kramer - October 25, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ Paula and family, So very sorry for your loss. I always liked your Mom and Dad. Very sincerely sweet people. They will both be truly missed. Hugs and prayers for you.

Crystal McCarty - October 24, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ Doug was a wonderful person. He was so kind and helpful when mom died. He made her passing so much easier as we shared funny stories about mom's dancing school. Doug was a great dancer, but he was also the strong guy ... he did the amazing lifts with the girls. I loved watching them practice.

I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.

Connie Horrabin Cross

Connie Horrabin Cross - October 24, 2019 at 01:08 AM



“ Doug was one of the most positive and uplifting people I knew. He was my diving coach in High School and used his positivity to push us divers to the edge of our abilities. Praying for Dougs soul in Heaven.



Tom Brickey - October 24, 2019 at 12:33 AM



“ Oh Paula, our thoughts and prayers are so with you and your family. Your parents were wonderful neighbors and wonderful friends. We are so lucky to have known them: Doug never failed to make me smile!

sandy guiter - October 23, 2019 at 10:12 PM



“ Doug and Diana were friends to everyone.They always had smiles on their faces and would help anyone.They are what people would say as good people .So very sorry to hear of Doug passing on to join his lovely wife Diana.Prayers to all the family and friends.

Kathy and Stephen Craft

Kathy Craft - October 23, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ Jill lit a candle in memory of Doug Robertson



Jill - October 23, 2019 at 07:07 PM



“ Uncle Doug could always make me laugh, he was so full of joy and it was contagious. I will always remember our summer trips to Ottumwa growing up and him taking us fishing and chasing snapping turtles or staying at the cabin by the lake or going up to the country club pool. He reminded me so much of my dad that it was such a comfort to be around him or talk to him, love you uncle Doug, Rest In Peace!

Jill - October 23, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ I am sooo saddened to hear of Doug's passing. He was such a kind man & firmly believed everyone deserved to be shown dignity in death. Robertson~Jay Funeral Home was the only funeral home in Ottumwa that would accept pmts instead of giving you 30 days to pay off a funeral, which many residents didn't have if they didn't have insurance to cover funeral expenses. Both Doug & Diane were so very generous & understanding when it came to this sensitive matter. Many of my family members were shown such "dignity" in death. Because of this, I developed a friendship more than a business relationship w/Doug. He was ornery, always had a smile & a hug for you, while maintaining professionalism. You will be greatly missed. Condolences to his daughter, Paula on the loss of a great & gentle man ~

Janice Bailey - October 23, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ Growing up my entire school age years with Paula, I always enjoyed seeing Doug & his big ole smile... He like my own mother was never short on words (Lol) & was kind to all.

... I am so very sorry Paula for your loss & I know exactly what you feel right now... Six months since my mom passed & I still feel like it was yesterday, but you somehow just keep living another day & another...Etc... I am thinking about your family Paula right now & I always will remember Lil Doug's Huge Smile !!! :)

Nicole McElroy - October 23, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ Doug was the cousin I looked up to, respected, and loved so much from when I was a little girl on up. He was always upbeat, funny, warm. He and Phil were the big brothers I never had as a young girl. Loved watching him do his Russian dance, it was amazing. So good hearted. Heaven got a good one this time for sure!!

Vicki (Robertson) Baty

Vicki (Robertson) Baty - October 24, 2019 at 02:27 PM



“ Doug was an old dance partner at Millie's. I have a wonderful picture of the two of us as Russian dancers in boots & hats. He was so strong & always happy & supportive. We were also neighbors long ago for a brief time when I lived in the curve on Wapello. I learned to dance to his mother on the piano. We dance people were like family. Paula, your mom & I were friends in 4 o'clocks, church...so much time together. I am so sorry for your loss. He was. Very good, caring man & they were both good friends.

Juliana Hill Howard

juliana howard - November 01, 2019 at 10:18 PM