



## Douglas Kaisler

February 3, 1970 - September 21, 2012

Douglas J. Kaisler

MILWAUKEE- Douglas J. Kaisler, 42, formerly of Racine, jumped into the arms of Jesus on Friday, September 21, with his family by his side. He was greeted in heaven by his father, Jerome, and his grandparents Joseph and Dolores, Alvin and Henrietta. Beloved husband of 18 years to Gina (nee: Junior), loving son of Norrine (Ken) Kaisler-Block, devoted son-in-law of Armando and Barbara Bras, supportive brother of Sarah (Mario) Bilotti and “dad” to his fur-son, Sammy the bulldog. Doug was the proud godfather of Jordan and the playful uncle of Michael, Lucas, Francesca, and Marissa. He treasured being a part of their lives. Doug will also be greatly missed by his many aunts, uncles, cousins, ten brothers and sisters-in-law, and myriad friends. His constant smile, sweet spirit, and positive nature touched everyone he met.

After graduating from Shoreland Lutheran High School, Doug attended both Wisconsin Lutheran College and Oral Roberts University. He joined the Naval Reserves in 1990 and served during the Cuban/Haitian Refugee Crisis. He spent many years as a correctional officer before putting himself through the academy to pursue his dream of becoming a police officer. In 2000, he became a Racine police officer and proudly served until 2003 when the department retired his badge due to his illness. Doug’s life surrounded sports - he grew up bowling and playing basketball, football, and baseball. He was a pure homer – supporting all the teams from Wisconsin and fervently waited

every year for March Madness. He was quite the card shark, playing Sheepshead every week, and spent many hours with his wife addicted to watching television and going to movies. In the past few years, Doug was grateful to be able to drive his VW Rabbit, attend college courses in mathematics, skydive, and travel extensively with his wife. He fulfilled many of his bucket list wishes!

In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to St. Jude's Children Hospital (Doug felt strongly about supporting children) or to his family who would also ask that you remember Doug best by supporting brain tumor research to find a cure.

All services will be held at Sturino Funeral Home in Racine. Visitation will be Friday from 5-8 PM and Saturday from 9 AM with a funeral service to begin at 10 AM.

The family would like to express gratitude for the care and concern given to Doug by the nurses and doctors at Froedtert Hospital over the past 11 years as he battled his "stupid" brain tumor. Extra special thanks to Drs. Malkin, Mueller, Krouwer and nurses Linda Allen, and Renae O'Keefe. The love and hope you gave Doug shaped his positive attitude and enabled him to fight so bravely.

#### A Symbol of Hope

A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam

And for a brief moment its glory

and beauty belong to our world

But then it flies again

And though we wish it could have stayed...

We feel blessed to have seen it.

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave  
Racine, WI 53406

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 28. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home  
3014 Northwestern Avenue  
Racine, WI 53404  
(262) 632-4479  
info@sturinofuneralhome.com

## Visitation

SEP 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas Kaisler*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - September 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Gina and family, From our family to yours we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers always. We know that Doug is now in full Glory with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that we will all be reunited someday in Heaven.*



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**Mark Schleg** - September 28, 2012 at 11:37 AM



“ *Dear Gina and family, Are prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family at this time. We know without a doubt that Doug is in his full Glory with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and we should all be glad and rejoice for that. Also we will all be re-united again someday in Heaven. Love, The Schleg family*



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**Mark Schleg** - September 28, 2012 at 09:56 AM

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“ We ar every sorry for your loss.

*Felix & Debbie ten-Hove*



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**Felix & Debbie ten-Hove** - September 26, 2012 at 10:55 AM

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“ *Gina, I am praying for you and your family. I was in the same class as Doug at Shoreland. His smile lit up the hallways! I am so thankful for the gift God gave to us in Doug. I know you hear it over and over, but I am so sorry for the loss you now feel. I am praying that you will feel God walking right next to you, bringing you the comfort and peace that only He can bring.*

*Love,  
Heidi (Harris) Leitzke  
Class of '88*

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**Heidi (Harris) Leitzke** - September 26, 2012 at 08:25 AM

HL

“ *Heidi (Harris) Leitzke sent a virtual gift in memory of Douglas Kaisler*



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**Heidi (Harris) Leitzke** - September 26, 2012 at 08:17 AM

TB

“ *Tim Bieze lit a candle in memory of Douglas Kaisler*



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**Tim Bieze** - September 24, 2012 at 09:28 PM

DD

“ *Dustin A. Decker lit a candle in memory of Douglas Kaisler*



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**Dustin A. Decker** - September 24, 2012 at 03:36 PM

WG

“ *Wendy Garman lit a candle in memory of Douglas Kaisler*



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**Wendy Garman** - September 24, 2012 at 11:40 AM