



Gene "Doug" Hoff

September 12, 1948 - March 21, 2014

Gene Douglas 'Doug' Hoff

RACINE – Gene Douglas 'Doug' Hoff, 65, died peacefully at home on Friday, March 21, 2014, surrounded by his family. He was born on Sept. 12, 1948, in Elgin, IL, to Gene F. and Laverne M. (nee: Ludwig) Hoff. On Aug. 28, 1971, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Bernardine 'Bernie' (nee: Commare).

Doug attended Northern Illinois University, where he received a BS in Physics and a MBA. He was employed by CASE New Holland as a Systems Analyst for 24 years, retiring in 2009.

Since moving to Racine in 1985, he was a dedicated member of Sacred Heart Parish, where he served in many capacities over the years, including usher and trustee, as well as Parish Council and the Marriage Preparation program. Doug also was a member of the Racine InterFaith Coalition.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing and the Chicago Bears, but above all, he loved any time spent with his family. He touched many lives and will be deeply missed.

Surviving are his loving wife of 42 years, Bernie; their children, Ethan (Elizabeth) Hoff; Sharon Prevost; and Allison (John) Perugini; nine grandchildren, Alexander, Natalie, Ryan, Kayla, Jacob, Mia, John, William and Frank; parents, Gene and Laverne Hoff; siblings, Bob Hoff; Karen (Rick) Sundquist; and Pat (Ernie) Link; mother-in-law, Julie Commare; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Art (Mary Ellen) Commare; Kevin (Joan) Commare; Mary (Mick) Tinnon; Char (Rob) Vuillaume; Don (Maria) Commare; Barb Commare (Tom

Olander); former son-in-law, Jon Prevost; and numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He was preceded in death by father-in-law, Arthur Commare; grandparents, John and Marilla Hoff; Fred, Gladys and Pauline Ludwig; and nephews, Anthony Tinnon and Carl Vuillaume.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, March 27, 11 a.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2201 Northwestern Ave., with Rev. Ricardo Martín-Pinillos officiating. There will be a visitation in Haban Hall at church from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, and on Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass. He will be laid to rest in a private ceremony.

Doug's family would like to thank Dr. Marc Kennedy and his nurse, Jane, as well as Wheaton Franciscan Hospice for all of their kindness and compassion. Memorials may be directed to Sacred Heart Parish or the Gift of Carl Foundation, Inc. (www.giftofcarl.org).

Tribute Wall

TS

“ My condolences to your entire family. Doug and I didn't know each other well, but at Sacred Heart he was the welcoming presence as I came in the door. While my family ended up changing parishes, we did return to Sacred Heart on occasion and Doug was always there. He always made me feel like I was coming home. He will be sincerely missed.

Traci Sawalski

Traci Sawalski - March 27, 2014 at 09:36 AM

CR

“ Dear Bernie,
Sincere sympathy to you and your family.
Carol Riekema (DeKoven "Movin in the Mornin" Class)

Carol L. Riekema - March 27, 2014 at 08:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gene "Doug" Hoff.



March 26, 2014 at 11:38 AM

KK

“ Dear Bernie and Family,
May your memories of Doug be a comfort to you now. Thinking of you and extending my sincere sympathy to you and your family.
Sincerely,
Kay Krause
(DeKoven "Get Moving" Class)

Kay Krasue - March 25, 2014 at 01:03 PM

TT

“ The AbbVie Commercial and US Team
purchased the Large Basket Garden for the
family of Gene "Doug" Hoff.



The AbbVie Commercial and US Team - March 25, 2014 at 10:55 AM

DH

“ Dear Bernie and family,

*I was so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. It will be a terrible loss for you and your family ,
but I know that God's love and strength will carry you thru this difficult time. I always think fondly of the wonderful people at Sacred Heart Church and our fun times in the choir.*

I will continue to keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Diana Hembrook

Diana Hembrook - March 25, 2014 at 09:28 AM

DH

“ Dear Bernie and family,

I was so sorry to hear about Doug. It is a terrible loss for your family and I hope God's abundant love and strength will lead you thru this difficult time. I think of everyone from Sacred Heart and the choir with such loving memories for such a long chapter of my life. My thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.

Diana Hembrook

Diana Hembrook - March 25, 2014 at 09:23 AM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gene "Doug" Hoff.



March 25, 2014 at 03:25 AM

JP

“ Dear Bernie and family,

Judy and I were deeply saddened by the news of Doug's passing. We have a lot of memoires from our days at Sacred Heart - and all the choir activities over the years.

We are sorry will are unable to attend the wake and funeral because we are out of town and will not be back in time. But our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Sincerely,

Jerry and Judy Peorna

Jerry Perona - March 24, 2014 at 05:34 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Gene "Doug" Hoff.*



March 24, 2014 at 09:28 AM



“ *Mary e C. purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Gene "Doug" Hoff.*



Mary e C. - March 24, 2014 at 08:31 AM



“ *May God's peace and love ease your grief at this sad and difficult time. Deepest sympathy. - Judith David*

Judith David - March 24, 2014 at 06:48 AM

VM

“ It is our deepest regret that Virginia and I will not be able to attend Doug's service. We are in Arizona and do not expect to be back until the 10th of April. He was a very inspirational gentleman to me and I am sure to many others. Working with Doug during church activities proved to me how dedicated a young man can be committed to his faith. God has added another guardian to his list that we can fall back on when in doubt about our faith. Prayers to Bernie and her family during this special time.
With deepest respect,
Victor and Virginia Moreno



Victor and Virginia Moreno - March 23, 2014 at 05:55 PM

JF

“ My heart felt condolences to the Hoff family. I worked with Doug at Case for many years, a true gentleman and he will be missed. John Fliess

John Fliess - March 23, 2014 at 05:13 PM

RS

“ Doug loved to ballroom dance with Bernie He was very quiet, soft spoken, friendly and dedicated to achieve perfection in every dance step he learned. We will greatly miss his gentle smile, willingness to learn, and most of all his friendship.
You're dancing friends Ron & Sandy

Ron Brankey and Sandy Schmitz - March 23, 2014 at 04:25 PM

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