



Mr. Douglas D. "Doug" Cuda

February 16, 1954 - October 16, 2013

Mr. Douglas D. "Doug" Cuda, age 59, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 16, 1954, Douglas was the son of the late Joseph V. and Dolores C. (Pellettieri) Cuda. He attended St. Agnes Grammar School and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1972. On October 18, 1980 he married the former Pam Burhyte; the couple was just shy of their 33rd wedding anniversary. The traits of their marriage were that of honesty and a fun loving union between two good people.

Doug worked for the New York State Department of Transportation for over 35 years, retiring in 2009. A witty, fun-loving, charming guy, Doug was always the joker on-call, no matter what time of day or night. He was also the organizer, phone-caller, and a great friend. He was the glue that held together many events and endeavors. A caring husband, father, grandfather, and son, Doug diligently called his family and friends to check on them or share a story. He was a good dad who taught his children to do the right thing and instilled in them basic old-school traditions. His grandchild became a focal part of his life and he lovingly catered to him. Doug treasured traditions, so Sundays were reserved for family dinner, and Christmas Eve festivities were a must. He wanted these time-honored customs of sharing good food and laughter to continue in future generations. Doug had a cast of characters as his friends from every decade of his life. He enjoyed playing cards at the Eagles Club,

and sometimes secured the pot at his Monday night Poker Club. If you were his friend, you understood that Doug had his own special language which included being “cudesized” or “cudaed”, those remarks were always implied with great jest. A lucky man, Doug saw the fairways as an avid golfer frequenting Cedar Lake and in more recent years Shenandoah Country Club. The camp at the St. Lawrence River was a meeting place for family and a perfect arena to display summertime fireworks. All in all it would be hard to think that we would see the likes of another Doug in our lives.

Doug is survived by his wife, Pam; his son and daughter-in-law, Joseph S. and Molly (Michaels) Cuda of Liverpool; his daughter and son-in-law, Adriana and Brett Harris of Albany; and his grandson, Jackson Stephen and the anticipation of his 2nd grandson, whose name has been chosen as Joseph Douglas. Also left to remember his legacy include his brother and sister-in-law, Clifford and Elise Cuda; his sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Will Heater of Syracuse; his aunts, Theresa Cuda, Mary Jane Sirianni, and Evelyn Dunning; his nieces Danielle, Rebecca, Emily, Samantha, and Elizabeth, for whom he held a special place in his heart, a great-niece, many treasured cousins, in-laws, and an array of ‘best friends’. He was predeceased by his in-laws, Spencer and Pearl (White) Burhyte.

The family offers thanks to Dr. Kareem Hamad, Hospitalist at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, who took the time to understand the needs of Pam and her family; they felt blessed to have had his guidance and compassion; the nurses and staff of the Intensive Care Unit and the Emergency Department, amazing professionals who were outstanding and comforting.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions in Doug’s honor may be considered to the Hope House, or a charity of choice; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Doug’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Committal

prayers will be offered at the Calvary Cemetery Chapel with entombment in Calvary Mausoleum.

Tribute Wall



“ *Doug, You will always be remembered from friends near and far and old ones like me.*
Pias

Pias - January 25, 2014 at 01:20 AM



“ *Cliff, Elise and Girls,*
Our deepest sympathies, prayers and love to you all during this time.
The Cocomazzi's

Nicole Cocomazzi - October 21, 2013 at 06:12 PM



“ *I worked with Doug during all of his years with the NYS Department of Transportation. He was both a great co-worker and a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Joe Dziok*

Joe Dziok - October 20, 2013 at 01:00 PM



“ *Agustin & Michele Martinez*

We are so very sorry for Doug's loss. Our hearts break over the loss of our cousin. He will be greatly missed. We pray for comfort for the family.

Agustin & Michele Martinez - October 20, 2013 at 12:34 PM

CC

“ *Pam and Family,
So sorry for your loss. With sincere sympathy,
Carol Cuda*

Carol Cuda - October 20, 2013 at 11:59 AM

PL

“ *To Doug's family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Doug was a good friend.
We had a lot of good times playing golf. He will truly be missed.
Friends don't come any better than Doug. All my sympathy, Pat &
Lisa Leone*

PAT Leone - October 19, 2013 at 08:43 PM

TC

“ *Doug was a caring person who saw me
Mowing my lawn one day, and said,
Aunt Terry let me do that for you.
I will miss his quick smile & laughter.
I am saddened that I will not see him
again.*

Theresa A Cuda - October 19, 2013 at 07:41 PM

GG

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Doug's
family at this difficult time. He left this world
too soon - God must have a special need for
him. His smile and friendship will be missed
by those of us at Skenandoa and everyone
else whose path he crossed. May your fond memories along with
God's love bring you comfort.
George and Anne Gennings*



George and Anne Gennings - October 19, 2013 at 02:21 PM

MA

We are so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. We only met a few times when we visited Joe and Dolores Cuda, but we grew to know and love you. Our heartfelt sympathy. Tom and Mary Accettura

Mary Accettura - October 21, 2013 at 01:04 PM

AS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Anthony and Douglas had a lot of good times together and he will be missed. We will be praying for you.

Anthony and Sharon Sirianni

Anthony and Sharon Sirianni - October 19, 2013 at 08:04 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Douglas D. "Doug" Cuda.



October 18, 2013 at 07:29 PM

WM

*“ Doug (Mr. President)
We will miss you and remember all the great times together especially our partnership playing poker..Mrs. vice president My wife will be looking for the special phone calls on those special days...*

TO KNOW YOU IS TO LOVE YOU!!!!!!

Rest in peace....

Bill and Angela Meola

william meola - October 18, 2013 at 05:02 PM

AC

“ We Are so sorry for your loss, Doug was a Great Guy, Our Thoughts and prayers are with you, He will always be remembered.
Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - October 18, 2013 at 05:04 AM