



Doug Hollis

October 23, 1938 - May 23, 2024

Doug Hollis, 85, died peacefully at home in Joplin on May 23, 2024, after a long battle with Parkinson's.

Doug was born in Mt Vernon, Illinois October 23, 1938 to the late Stanley and Florence (Read) Hollis. After a move to California, he ended up in Osawatomie, KS, where he met the love of his life, Judy Kay Duncan. The high school sweethearts married on September 22, 1962 in Miami, OK, and had two children.

Doug graduated from Osawatomie High School in Kansas in 1957, and went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Pittsburg State University. He continued to support PSU, but he also became a supporter of Missouri Southern State University, where his children went to college. He was a Lionbacker and regularly attended football and basketball games, where he loudly cheered on the Lions.

Doug served as an airplane mechanic in the Air Force Reserve and used those skills as the head maintenance engineer at Eagle Picher Precision Products. He retired from EP after 37 years of service. Doug was a generous soul who was always ready to lend a hand. He was active in the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts and he was a second father to many. He loved the outdoors and traveled across the country with his family visiting national and

state parks. He hiked Philmont Scout Ranch, skied in Colorado, canoed the Current River, and listened to loons in Maine.

In addition to his wife, Doug is survived by his son, Jeff Hollis, his daughter JoAnn Graffam (Jim), and his sister-in-law, Betty Duncan, all of Joplin. He also is survived by his close friends, the Kelley family, who lovingly called him Grandpa Doug. Craig and Gay Kelley and their children Jeff (Ashley), Greg (Jayde), and Madison, and great grandchildren JayLynn, Carson, and Louis.

Per his wishes, no services are planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Compassus at 2216 E 32nd St #210, Joplin MO 64804 or to the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at PO Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741.

Tribute Wall

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“*Doug was a sweet, kind hearted man. In the small amount of time I got to spend with him he made an everlasting impression that won't be forgotten. He was gentle, intelligent, funny and giving. He made an impact on everyone he met and it will never be forgotten.*”

Nicole Dick - May 29, 2024 at 03:36 PM

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“*Throughout my childhood, into my adult years, I was always taken care of by Grandpa Doug and Grandma Kay, whether it was playing video games with me in my earlier years, or sending me post cards for holidays and my birthdays, I always felt a blanket of love and comfort, and knew that I always was supported and uplifted by this wonderful family. I have nothing but love, adoration and warm memories, and I am deeply saddened. I am glad that he had such a wonderful and fulfilling life.*”

Matthew D - May 28, 2024 at 07:09 PM

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“*Grandpa Doug was the type of man that loved everyone unconditionally. He accepted everyone for who they were and loved them as such. I remember vividly his love of life and his love for others. He will be missed dearly. My prayers and condolences goes out to Grandpa Doug, Grandma Kay and Mee Ma and their respective families. Love you all.*”

Billy D3 - May 28, 2024 at 02:01 AM

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“ *From my short time with Doug I found a very giving and compassionate man. He was generous with his time and a gracious host. Yahna and my prayers go out to the entire family and heaven is a better place. He is now at peace. Our condolences to all.*

Bill and Yahna Dick - May 26, 2024 at 09:45 PM

DC

“ *Kay our hearts go out to you and pray you will feel Gods peace and comfort while missing Doug but knowing he is in heaven with no more pain and suffering. We have such good memories of Doug and you dating back to our Osawatomie days.*

Your friends, Dennis & Marilyn Carpenter

Dennis Carpenter - May 25, 2024 at 09:12 PM