



Douglas Officer (Lebanon)

July 19, 1960 - July 9, 2018

Douglas Earl Officer, son of James Earl and Mary Jo Hester Officer, was born July 19, 1960, in Lebanon, Missouri. He departed this life Monday, July 9, 2018, in Banner University Medical Center, in Tucson, Arizona, at the age of fifty-seven years, eleven months, and twenty days.

On September 5, 2014, he was united in marriage to Lourdes Lizette Carranza, and to this union one son was born.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Eric and Josephine Hester; and his paternal grandparents, Elvin and Emma Officer.

Douglas is survived by his wife, Lizette, of the home; a son, James Douglas Officer, of the home; his parents, Jim and Mary Jo Officer, of Conway, Missouri; a sister, Ericka Officer, and her significant other, Michael Sweet, of Kansas City, Missouri; a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He was raised in the Phillipsburg and Conway areas and graduated from Conway High School. He then earned his Bachelor's of Science Degree from Missouri State University in Springfield. He moved to Arizona in 1984, and was employed by the University of Arizona in their Astronomy Department and was a field engineer. He worked at Safford and Mount Graham, Arizona where he built and maintained telescopes. He and Lizette had made their home in Tucson for the last few years.

He greatly enjoyed being outdoors where his favorite activity was hunting deer and antelope. He had a jolly demeanor and always had a smile. He was a great storyteller and was very loving and kind. His family was extremely important to him and he especially loved his son.

Douglas was a loving husband, father, son, brother, nephew, cousin, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his life and his accomplishments and know that his family and friends will treasure the wonderful memories he made for them during his lifetime.

Memorial contributions to Graceland Cemetery, may be made through the funeral home.

Cemetery

Graceland Cemetery

State Hwy ZZ

Conway, MO, 65632

Events

JUL **Visitation** 06:00PM - 07:30PM

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Holman-Howe Funeral Homes Lebanon

320 S. Adams Ave, Lebanon, MO, US, 65536

JUL **Service** 10:30AM

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Graceland Cemetery

State Hwy ZZ, Conway, MO, US, 65632

Comments



“ I met Doug in 1984 when I joined the climbing club at the University of Arizona, the Cliffhangers. Four years later, he was a groomsman at my wedding. He took me on my first deer hunt, and taught me everything I know about hunting. I can't remember how many times I've bragged to friends, "I have a friend who hunts elk... with archery tackle!" But the thing I love the most about Doug is that he is one of the very few people I have ever met who didn't have a mean bone in his body. The world is not as much fun without Doug in it.
-Sean Keane

Sean Keane - August 04, 2018 at 06:46 PM



“ Met Doug about five years ago. What a wonderful man. I grieve for his loving wife Lizette, who has lost not just the love of her life as a husband and father, but her best friend. There are no words for this loss.

Garry Duffy - August 18, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ Doug was my roommate and friend at SMSU. So many memories and stories come flooding back with his passing. I've shared my memories of Doug over the years with my 4 sons. Doug is legend in the Horton house. RIP Doug. Bill Horton.

Bill Horton - August 19, 2018 at 01:24 PM



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Denise - July 19, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Douglas Officer (Lebanon).



July 15, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ Jamie & Stephanie Schaffer lit a candle in memory of Douglas Officer (Lebanon)



Jamie & Stephanie Schaffer - July 15, 2018 at 05:12 PM



“ Thanks everyone for all the well wishes and flowers. But just so that everyone knows, our family is asking for donations to the Conway Graceland Cemetery fund in Doug's name if you're wanting to do something in his memory. If you're coming to the visitation, you can drop a check with the Holman funeral home folks. If you're unable to make the visitation, then you can make a check out to Conway Graceland Cemetery, put in the memo section something like "Doug Officer memorial" and mail it to Holman's. They'll get it to the right people.

Thanks so much,
Ericka Officer

Ericka Officer - July 15, 2018 at 04:07 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear about the loss of Doug. So many memories came flooding back from when we were young reminding us of happy times. We were so proud of his many accomplishments and excited when we heard about the birth of his son. We wish our family love, prayers, and support during this difficult time. We love you and are thinking of all of you. Zeta and Farrel Johnson and David and Sherry Smith.

Johnson and Smith Families - July 15, 2018 at 10:50 AM



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Ericka Officer - July 14, 2018 at 08:41 PM



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Ericka Officer - July 14, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Officer (Lebanon).



July 14, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ Uncle Norm, Aunt Sylvie, and Cousin Trinity Hester purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Douglas Officer (Lebanon).



Sylvie Hester - July 14, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ Treasuring the picture we have hanging on our wall of Doug as a teenager holding toddlers Jenay and Evie on the riding lawnmower at the Hester farm. Such an energetic, fun-loving, engaged, warm-hearted cousin whom they enjoyed immensely. Norm's beloved and intrepid nephew visited us in California before starting his astronomy studies at the University of Tuscon. Exploring the nearby beaches, he plunged into the surf , body boarding with no previous experience, and came home with the skin sand- scoured from his bleeding back.Ouch! Never faint-hearted, Doug took life's scrapes with good humor. Even in the midst of his own pain and difficulties, he always reached out and, often, rescued others. A son, brother, nephew , cousin, husband to be proud of. Sylvie Hester

Sylvie Hester - July 14, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ What a lovely tribute. I knew him from our rock-climbing community at the University of Arizona Cliffhangers group. He was a fearless spirit!

Laurie Staebler Pearson - August 01, 2018 at 09:17 PM



“ Julie Howard lit a candle in memory of Douglas Officer (Lebanon)



Julie Howard - July 14, 2018 at 12:07 PM



“ Such a loss! Doug was brilliant, funny, kind, and caring. When he showed me through the giant mirror telescope lab at the University of Arizona, he clearly was in charge. As he explained some of the physics involved, I understood bare minimal but he clearly understood all of the very complex mathematics. Doug's sense of humor is legendary; one example in naming his hunting dogs Polly and Ester. But most of all, I remember his infectious and somewhat mischievous smile. He is missed.

Joyce Raglanf - July 14, 2018 at 08:26 AM



“ 17 files added to the album Doug



Ericka Officer - July 14, 2018 at 08:19 AM



“ Ericka Officer is following this tribute.

Ericka Officer - July 13, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Vicki Lindsay Shortt.

Vicki Shortt - July 13, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ My sincere Condolences, my prayers are with you. Doug was Kent's best friend for many years. Betty Ford

Betty Ford - July 13, 2018 at 11:44 PM



“ Lewis Hendrix here, Doug will be greatly missed. I share a lot of great memories with the Officer's, they were my family, and best friends. Doug and I share a lot of great time together. So happy to have been able to be a part of the family. My prayer's goes out to the families .Doug, may your soul rest in peace. Love, your ole friend Lewis..

Lewis Hendrix - July 14, 2018 at 07:39 AM



“ I had lost contact with Doug these last few years and had been trying to get in touch with him. To Doug's wife and son and to the rest of Doug's family, I offer my sincere Condolences. I had the good fortune of working with Doug at Steward Observatory over the last 25 years! It was truly an adventure anytime you worked with Doug and the stories he would bring up and share, that is something I really miss!

Rest in peace Doug!

Jeff Urban

Jeff Urban - November 09, 2018 at 12:48 PM



“ The last time I saw Doug was at Nevada Smiths Saloon to get some Oysters and share some tall tales with his new wife. You will be missed, my friend of 30 years. I will never forget the times spent together, working up on the mountain, in blizzard conditions and having to chain saw our way off, due to the fallen trees, just to get back to civilization or the time on the Elk hunt where we slid off the road, even with all wheels chained up and had to dig ourselves out of five feet of snow. It took us hours....Those were the good ol' days! I could go on for days with tales of our adventures and I remember them like yesterday. Rest in pease my friend,

Kirk O'Laughlin

Kirk - November 20, 2018 at 11:09 AM