



Douglas Lewis

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On Wednesday, August 22, Douglas R. Lewis, dear husband of Linda Lancaster, passed away at his home in Landrum, SC.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. on Monday, August 27, at First Baptist Church Gowensville, conducted by the Rev. Bruce Schmidt.

Visitation will follow the service in the Family Life Center.

Douglas was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador, to missionary parents, the late Rev. Kenneth Paul and Eunice Douglas Lewis. He attended the Alliance Academy in Quito, Ecuador, where he was an active soccer player. Douglas received bachelor's and master's degrees in geography from Bowling Green State University (OH) and was a Fulbright Hays Scholar in Ecuador. He also attended the National Intelligence and Policy Program at Harvard University's JFK School of Government.

During more than 27 years of service as an Army Intelligence Officer (Foreign Area Officer - Latin America), Douglas had duty tours in Korea, Germany, and served as a combat intelligence advisor for two years in El Salvador. He also served on the Army Staff and the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon where he was known for his in-depth knowledge of global affairs and quick sense of humor. He provided daily briefings to the Chief of Staff of the Army and to the Chiefs of Operations and Intelligence of the Joint Chiefs, among others. For his service, Douglas was awarded numerous personal and unit decorations,

including the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. He was at work in The Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

Upon his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel, Douglas and Linda moved to the Landrum area where they enjoyed their many pets, a wonderful view, and the great food in local restaurants.

He continued to stay abreast of world affairs and taught geography as an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, where he enjoyed mentoring his students, and they, in turn, recognized him as one of their favorite professors.

His real passion, however, was sports, and he had an encyclopedic knowledge of world soccer teams, players, and standings.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Linda Day Lancaster, his older brother Kenneth (Sue) of Lansdale, PA, and their children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of the Carolina Foothills, 260 Fairwinds Road, Landrum, SC 29356.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Tribute Wall

JN

“*Deb and I had been thinking of you both this past year and were very saddened to discover Doug had passed away. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. To know Doug was a blessing for our family. He was “good” people. I know that when he met you his light shined even brighter. May God grant you His peace.
Jerry and Deb Nepodal (we live in Lorton now not far from your former townhouse)*

Jerry and Deb Nepodal - December 28, 2018 at 07:46 PM

HA

“*Dear Linda, Doug has been in my awareness for a few months and so much so today that I googled him and found to my utter shock his obituary. I am so sorry for your loss. I met Dougbo as we called him at BGSU, a group of us worked together at the Phil. Doc center and formed our own little family, we had so much fun with him. And Doug was the communicator of the group, he kept in touch with everybody for years and as life took us down our separate roads we lost touch. But I'll never forget him, funny, bright, a solid man, and he has a great laugh.
Linda, I would love it if you would want to get in touch with me and share some fond memories of him. Harmony Alexander*

Harmony Alexander - December 11, 2018 at 06:57 PM

TE

“ As classmates, Doug, Steve Saint, and I spent endless hours together during grade school and junior high at the Alliance Academy, often playing sports, sometimes pursuing more dubious enterprises. Their scheming got me elected student council secretary-treasurer over a much better qualified and more deserving senior when I was still in eighth grade. One of my favorite photos was from our eighth grade graduation--the three of us with our arms draped over each other's shoulders. Doug (and Steve) would visit my folks in Esmeraldas long after I left Ecuador. It saddened me when we lost contact. I suspect Doug was the wittiest person I ever knew. He could be caustic, but was always kind to me, as he was to many people.

Timothy Erdel

Timothy Paul Erdel - August 29, 2018 at 02:59 PM

DC

“ Linda, I had to be out of town and missed visitation and Doug's service. My sincerest prayers are for you and the family. Treasure all the wonderful memories you shared through the years.



Dean Campbell - August 28, 2018 at 06:57 PM

PL

“ I was in Doug's class at the Alliance Academy. I remember one time his hair was too long and the coach wouldn't let him practice basketball until it was cut. We went to my house and I cut his hair. I don't know how well I did, but he was able to go to practice! I have a picture somewhere that I will try to find. Doug was blunt, honest and knew how to make you laugh!

Pam (Horn) Lewshenia

Pam Lewshenia - August 27, 2018 at 12:32 PM



“ Praying for you and Doug's extended family on this difficult day. I could not stay for the luncheon, but was honored to be at his services today. It was a lovely service. Love and hugs.....Patti Smith

Patti Smith - August 27, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Douglas Lewis.



August 27, 2018 at 08:47 AM

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Stephen - August 26, 2018 at 09:33 AM

TD

“ I still remember the first time I met my Uncle Doug. Aunt Linda met us for dinner and introduced him to all 4 of us kids and Mom. I remember thinking he was awesome. Growing up I knew he was perfect for my aunt. So strong and knowledgeable. Kaylee Violet sends kisses to her Great Auntie Linda and so much love. I love you too Aunt Linda. I have been praying for you and him every day for months. *Hugs*



Taryn Day - August 24, 2018 at 11:28 PM



“ A man's character is shown in small things. I got a peek into Doug's when his father-in-law died. After the graveside service was over and everyone was leaving, Doug stayed behind and as cars were leaving, he was kneeling in his full dress Army uniform at Bill's grave, saying his goodbyes. I have never seen that kind of respectful gesture before or since. It says a lot for his character. I shall miss you Nephew.

Betty Briggs - August 24, 2018 at 11:24 PM

SE

“ My Uncle Doug was my favorite uncle growing up. I thought he was a ninja, cause you would never know when he would pop up. He would put ketchup on his scrambled eggs and I thought that was disgusting, and asked why, to which he replied "it attracts the ladies". He could always make me laugh.

Shamayne Everitt - August 24, 2018 at 02:42 PM



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BRENDA YOUNG - August 24, 2018 at 01:57 PM