



## Douglas Gene Messer

May 26, 1945 - October 19, 2014

Douglas Gene Messer, 69, of Greer, SC, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer on October 19, 2014 at McCall Hospice House. Doug was born May 26, 1945, in Galax, VA and was the son of the late John A. and Winifred Nuckolls Messer. He was a former real estate broker; and for the last 36 years, was the owner of Dixie Messer Mirror and Glass, Inc. of Greer. Doug was an active member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and served as former church treasurer.

Doug is survived by his wife of 49 years, Wanda Thomas Messer, his daughter and son-in-law Lynette M. and Mike Smith of Mills River, NC; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenny and Jackie Hughes Messer of Greer, SC, Robert (Andy) and Brandi Henderson Messer, both of Greer; and seven grandchildren, Austin M. Smith, Emily V. Smith, Lindsey M. Smith, Jacob H. Messer, Elizabeth P. Messer, Andrew B. Messer and McKenzie N. Messer. He is also survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Barbara Messer of Taylors, SC and Alan M. and Jill C. Messer of Greer, SC.

A celebration of Doug's life will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 300 O'Neal Road, Greer, SC on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 2:30 p.m., conducted by Pastor Scottie Burkhalter and Pastor Jeff Lageman.

The family will receive friends at Redeemer Lutheran Church from 1:00-2:15 p.m. before the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Redeemer Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 300 O'Neal Road, Greer, SC 29651.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM (ET)

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
300 Oneal Road  
Greer, SC 29651

## Service

OCT **25**. 2:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TM

*“ I just heard about Doug. My heart is broken. I wish we had known. He was so close to us at McCall's Hospice House. What a precious fella. I am so sorry that he has left us and I know it's a terrible blow to your family. My prayers go out to you Wanda and to your children. He is with the Lord, and we can all take comfort in that wonderful assurance, but his sweet spirit will be missed and I know there aren't enough words to adequately express our sorrow for you. The Lord be with you during these sad and difficult days. I'll be in touch. Love you. Terry and Joe*



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**Terry Moss** - October 28, 2014 at 03:37 PM



*“ Sorry hear about the passing of Doug. He was always nice to everyone,our prayers will be with the family John Burnett*

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**John Burnett** - October 24, 2014 at 02:11 PM

SR

*“ Andy and Brandi and family,  
  
I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was always such a nice man. My prayers are with your family. Know that I am thinking of you all and am here if you need anything.*

*Always your friend,  
Sherri (Kennemore) Rogers*

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**Sherri Rogers** - October 23, 2014 at 11:35 AM

CC

“ *Curtis Carrico lit a candle in memory of Douglas Gene Messer*



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**Curtis Carrico** - October 22, 2014 at 02:41 PM

CM

“ *We moved away from Galax in 1957 and I didn't have the close contact that my brother Ken did attending Staunton and working in Galax. I remember going over to their house and playing upstairs with "the boys" and "Ewwwww" who brought their baby sister. Fun memories - wish I had more of them. Family is family, near or far, you will be missed but the memories live on.*

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**Cecilia Messer Matthiesen** - October 21, 2014 at 10:38 PM

JB

“ *Kenny, Jackie and family,  
So sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. We didn't know him well; however, he was always so friendly and a smile on his face when we would see him. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Jerry and Janice Brown*

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**Janice Brown** - October 21, 2014 at 09:50 PM

JR

“ Joey, Teresa, Tiffany, And Cory Riggins lit a candle in memory of Douglas Gene Messer



Joey, Teresa, Tiffany, and Cory Riggins - October 21, 2014 at 04:50 PM

LD

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Doug, our thoughts and prayers are with his family. I have a lot of great memories and the Corvairs.  
Larry Diamond  
Galax, VA

LARRY E DIAMOND - October 21, 2014 at 04:05 PM

MM

“ Mr. Messer was just a joy to be with the time I was there. His smile just warmed my heart.  
Thank you for allowing me to be a part of his care team.  
Mary M.

Mary M - October 21, 2014 at 03:16 PM

BP

“ Betty A. Pilson lit a candle in memory of Douglas Gene Messer



Betty A. Pilson - October 21, 2014 at 01:13 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear about Doug. Have not seen any of the boys since the family left Galax, but have many fond memories of growing up with them. Remember the day Doug was born and couldn't wait to see the new baby. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

*Libba Hawks Beamer*

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**Libba Hawks Beamer** - October 21, 2014 at 08:10 AM

KM

“ I was talking with Doug on the phone in September and joking with him that he had replaced me as the one with the least amount of hair in the family and he laughed but then reminded me that his was growing back. He was one of the good guys and everyone will miss him. *Kenneth G. Messer, Jr*

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**Ken Messer** - October 20, 2014 at 06:21 PM

JP

“ I enjoyed knowing Doug and attending GHS with him. As well as being neighbors; we were friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

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**Jeanne Davis Porter** - October 20, 2014 at 04:37 PM