



Douglas F. Reed

January 6, 1949 - July 13, 2024

Douglas F. Reed, 75, passed away unexpectedly at his Libertyville home on Saturday, July 13, 2024. He was born January 6, 1949, to Russell & Maree Reed in Hammond, IN and when he was 13 years old, the family moved to Munster, IN, where he was in the first graduating class from Munster High School in 1967. Doug graduated from Purdue University in 1971 with a degree in Chemistry and later received an MBA from the University of Chicago. He began his career immediately upon graduating from Purdue, working for GE and moved on to greener pastures working for Baxter Healthcare Fenwal Division. During Doug's very successful career at Baxter he made life-long friendships and enjoyed an active social life. In 1978 Doug married Wendy Wilcox Smith and they had two sons, Nathan & Blake. His career led them to move several places before settling in Libertyville in 1996. He worked as a Project Manager for Abbott and then Hospira Pharmaceutical which became Pfizer Pharmaceutical.

Upon retirement, Doug became an avid and skilled cyclist. A 30-mile bike ride was his desired distance along with clocking his speed, always trying to beat the time of his prior ride. Before the days of electric bikes, Doug would often ride with his cousin John Paul's group, "South Placer Cyclists" out of CA for annual multi-day rides. They cycled through Washington, Idaho, Monterey and Jackson Hole to name a few and he also took 5 Trek Travel rides, even one through Europe.

Doug was a man of many passions with music being at the top of the list. He

attended more concerts than one can remember. A highlight was seeing Buddy Guy's January shows at Legends, framing the autographed posters and ticket stubs for posterity. Doug always knew of some new group that he'd discover as he enjoyed being connected to the live music scene.

Another passion was crewing on the sailboat of his dear friend, Ralph. Doug would always get at least a couple of scrapes & bruises during every sailing race, but that never dampened his love of the sport. Perhaps because the best part was sharing post-sailing craft beers, Silo pizza and camaraderie of his friends.

Doug's love of craft beers was impressive. He was a very particular about the hops used in IPA's and was known to walk out of a restaurant if they did not serve an IPA to his liking. He was also known to plan vacations to visit various craft beer breweries no matter how far off the beaten path they were. His quest for knowledge, regardless of the subject, was insatiable.

Doug is preceded by his parents. He is survived by his 2 sons, Nathan & Blake; his sister, Avis; a brother-in-law, Dewey and significant other, Jane.

A visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m. followed by a service at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. To view services virtually, please visit funeral home website for the livestream link beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Memorial Service

JUL 31. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Burnett-Dane Funeral Home created a Live Stream in memory of Douglas F. Reed



Burnett-Dane Funeral Home - July 19, 2024 at 05:19 PM

GM

“ Doug was a friend for life. He had a gift for staying connected with people and would seek out old friends. I last saw him when he cycled around Monterey, California and he loved his bikes and those trips. The news of his passing was late in reaching me and my sincere condolences to his family and loved ones. Doug will be missed but he left many fond memories.

Gwen Sartain May - November 11, 2024 at 11:48 AM

JS

“ We just found out about Doug's passing yesterday, September 16th, so are sending our condolences belatedly. I had the pleasure of serving on Libertyville's Sustainability Committee for several years with Doug. His sharp mind and enthusiasm were always appreciated. We especially enjoyed his visit with us in Colorado, shortly after we moved here. Although he was theoretically on a tour of some of Colorado's breweries, we convinced Doug to experience the wildlife in nearby Rocky Mountain National Park which he enjoyed immensely. Our hearts go out to Doug's entire family and to his significant other Jane.

Joan and Jim Sayre
Fort Collins, CO

Joan Sayre - September 17, 2024 at 03:41 PM

PL

“ Doug ..was such an enthusiastic supporter of all green endeavors. He chaired the Sustain Libertyville Commission and helped with the Green Living Fair for many years. I worked with him in 2023 to bring back the Green Living Fair. His energy and enthusiasm for make Libertyville and Lake County greener will be missed.

paula Lubenow - August 04, 2024 at 02:46 PM

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paula Lubenow - August 04, 2024 at 02:48 PM

RM

“ Doug was a long time member of the Pike Kappa Alpha New Years group. We attended Purdue University back in the late 1960's and early 1970's and many of us have been gathering together every New Year since 1975. Doug would surprise us and show up every so often. He was always friendly, caring and curious about life and incredibly bright. We will miss him and will raise a glass in his memory at our annual gathering this year in Colorado Springs.
Rex Martin

Rex Martin - August 02, 2024 at 11:08 AM

MG

“ Matt G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas F. Reed.

Matt G. - August 01, 2024 at 09:35 AM

DW

“ Doug was a long time great good friend whom I shared many adventures with starting in the 70s. More recently my wife Mary Beth & I shared some adventures with him in Tahoe, Monterey and Moab. Mary Beth and Doug also shared their mutual passion for esoteric chemistry and science. We miss him a lot. Rest In Peace old friend.
Dan Webster & Mary Beth Michaels

Dan Webster - July 31, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas F. Reed.



July 30, 2024 at 12:12 PM

PH

“ Our deepest sympathy to Doug's family and all those who have loved or been loved by Doug. Our friendship goes back to Junior High School and we share many mutual friends. Doug was always fun loving and had the best laugh. He was sensitive to others needs. I am thankful that he introduced John and I to each other. Our families visited each others homes, and our children also knew each other at Purdue. I respected Doug's intelligence and strong work ethic. Appreciated his zest for life and commitment to strengthening friendship. peace and love, Paula Hammond

paula Hammond - July 30, 2024 at 11:54 AM

KK

“ Kate Dreyer, Ben Barudin and kids purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Douglas F. Reed.



Kate Dreyer, Ben Barudin and kids - July 30, 2024 at 10:58 AM

KK

“ Kate Dreyer, Ben Barudin and kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas F. Reed.

Kate Dreyer, Ben Barudin and kids - July 30, 2024 at 10:58 AM

GL

“ I will sorely miss our great discussions and the \$1 bets we would occasionally make. By the way Doug, I owe you \$1 from our last bet. I'll bring it with me when I come.

Gregory Leeson

Gregory Leeson - July 26, 2024 at 01:06 PM

AN

“ Doug's service to the Libertyville Civic Center and Libertyville Days Festival was much appreciated. He seemed to care deeply about Libertyville and enjoyed participating in community events. He will be missed.

Anne - July 22, 2024 at 04:42 PM

CC

“ I remember Doug as one of the good guys of our pledge class. Easy going and always ready to help. Always with a smile. So sorry to hear of his passing and sending condolences to his family.

Coley Cassiano

Coley Cassiano - July 22, 2024 at 11:26 AM

RF

“ Richard Burg abd Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas F. Reed.

Richard Burg abd Family. - July 21, 2024 at 07:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas F. Reed.



July 21, 2024 at 07:32 PM

CD

“ Courtney Deegan purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Douglas F. Reed.



Courtney Deegan - July 20, 2024 at 11:10 PM

CD

“ Courtney Deegan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas F. Reed.

Courtney Deegan - July 20, 2024 at 11:10 PM

TB

“ Miss you my friend! Say hello to all the brothers ahead of you, Tony

Tony Baudanza - July 20, 2024 at 06:27 PM

TB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Tony Baudanza - July 20, 2024 at 06:25 PM

RG

“ Doug was one of a kind! I so enjoyed chatting with him and getting to know him through my dad (his cousin) and our shared love of cycling. He will be missed!!



Rachel Gonzalez - July 20, 2024 at 06:24 PM

RS

“ I rode with Doug several times on our bike rides. One of the best was the “NCBR”. Northern California Beer Runs “. Doug and I had a passion for eating oysters. We were going to have a contest. I still think that I could beat him. Doug was one of a kind. Rest in peace my dear friend

Robert Schwermann - July 20, 2024 at 05:23 PM

JM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



John-Paul Meyer - July 20, 2024 at 04:30 PM

SC

“ 2 files added to the album *Sailing*



Steve Cox - July 20, 2024 at 03:43 PM