



John Douglas Black

August 29, 1951 - January 6, 2020

John Douglas Black born in Magnolia, Arkansas on August 29, 1951 to parents Billy and Wanda Black. Doug was raised in McNeil, Arkansas the small town that he so dearly loved and despite living in various other states thru out his career Doug never really left McNeil. Doug was a devoted father, husband, grandfather and brother who adored his family. He was a friend to all no matter their status in life. Above all else he was a man of God who endeavored to walk in the footsteps of Christ. His deepest desire was that what ever action he took those around him saw God in those actions and not himself. More than anything his hearts desire was that all his family and friends know and love Christ as he did.

Upon graduating from McNeil High School, Doug enrolled in Southern State University in Magnolia, AR known today as Southern Arkansas University. Doug earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Southern State in 1975. Soon thereafter he began his lifelong career as a Petroleum Landman in the oil and gas business. Doug began his career as a landman with McAlester Fuel Company located in Magnolia, Arkansas. In the following years, Doug worked for Hunt Energy Corporation, TXO Production Corp., Hinton Production Company, Samson Resources, Blackstone Minerals and Wagner Oil Corporation. Doug was a Landman's Landman and took great pride in his work. He became a friend to most everyone he encountered during his career and could call on these friends in the business from West Virginia all the way to Alaska. He always took great pride in being part of the American Association of Professional Landmen and even served on its Executive Committee.

Doug had a deep love for the outdoors and loved hunting with his son and friends. He always had a little extra pep in his step when it came time to head to South Dakota the third weekend of October every year for his annual pheasant hunting trip and only missed a handful of times during a 40 year period. Just as with his work career he forged lifelong friendships with those he hunted and socialized with in South Dakota. He also had a twinkle in his eye for Buffalo Mountain in Oklahoma where he hunted whitetails with his dear friend the "Big Man".

Doug became very involved with the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, AR having joined its board in 2010 and served two terms as Chairman of the Board. He felt a great

sense of accomplishment for the things he and others that served with him achieved during their involvement.

Doug is survived by his wife Marty, his son Rodney and wife Debbie, their two kids Sloane and Hayden, step-daughters Mandy White and husband Kevin, their four kids, Peyton, Preston, Presley Kate and Price, and Polly Garton and husband Travis, their two kids Stella and Vivi. Sister Ann Neill and husband Philip, nephews Jason and Matt. Step-sisters, Rita Akins and husband Sam, Theresa Robinson and husband, Mark.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Central Baptist Church with funeral service to follow at 2:30 p.m. with Dr. Mike Seabaugh, Pastor Mike Blumm, and Bro. John McCallum officiating. Burial will be in the Shiloh Cemetery in Waldo under the direction of Lewis Funeral Home, Inc. in Magnolia.

The family requests memorial donations be made to the University of the Ozarks, 415 North College Ave, Clarksville, AR 72830 (800)264-8636 or to First Baptist Church, 2350 Central Ave, Hot Springs, AR 71901 (501) 624-3345.

To sign the online guest book or to share a memory visit <http://www.lewisfuneralhome.biz>

Events

JAN **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:30PM

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Central Baptist Church

207 West Union Street, Magnolia, AR, US, 71753

JAN **Funeral Service** 02:30PM

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Comments



“ Where to begin...it was a LONG time ago that I first met Douglas. Some people remember (most do not), Doug and I were Magnolia firefighters. I shall never forget early one morning, I was on-duty, and we had an alarm of a home on fire on North Jackson. The home was full of the thickest smoke I had ever witnessed. I immediately entered the house wearing an air-pack and had to crawl on the floor to find bedrooms. I checked the bed in the first room, and thankfully, it was empty. By this time, Doug had arrived, donned an air pack, and entered the home from a different door. I leave the first bedroom, stand up in the hallway, and start to feel my way down the wall. Doug runs into me, bear hugs me, and it was quite a conversation! We re-visited that event every time we saw or talked to one another. He was a great buddy, an enormous personality with a true heart. I am proud of your reward my friend. Prayers to your Family. God Bless.

George Wheatley - January 17, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. I remember him when we were in church together. He was always so nice to me. His kindness and faithfulness to the Lord is what I remember so much about him. I have always thought very highly of his entire family and send my condolences to you all.

Glen Holly - January 15, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ Joe and I want to offer our deepest condolences. Doug and Marty were friends of our family while living in TULSA and Doug's outgoing and contagious personality made for many happy memories for all of us. We will be praying for you and your family.
Joe and Page Davidson

Page Davidson - January 12, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ Wow, so sorry to hear about Doug's passing. I am not very connected on Social Media and being in the Mountains in Colorado leaves me at a long distance from him and our old common stomping grounds around Tulsa and AAPL Landmen events but I just saw this on Facebook!

In my opinion from my dealings with Doug, he was not only a Landman's Landman, he was a Man's Man! He was the epitome of a classy Gentlemen and it was very obvious in his dealings and demeanor that he was A CLASS ACT!

My memories of him are wonderful and I hope to meet more folks like him!



Jeff Myers - January 09, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ I went to school in McNeil with Doug so sorry for your loss. Janice Murphy ward

Janice Murphy ward - January 09, 2020 at 12:59 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Doug's family. My prayers are with you. Doug and I knew each other for close to 40 years, since his early days at Texas Oil & Gas. He was a good friend, a kind soul, and he will be sorely missed. He is now singing praises to the Lord in His presence, free and renewed.

Betty M Clark-Wine - January 08, 2020 at 01:52 PM



“ I am from Magnolia and knew John. An excellent example of a highly respectable man. Will send a prayer up for the family. A great person in school and will be missed by all.

Sue Nipper Coon - January 08, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ I came to know Doug through his professional relationship with my late husband, John Michael Richardson. As years went on, JM and Doug became fast friends and he and my son participated in some of those pheasant hunts that Doug was so fond of.

In the past few years, Doug and my husband called each other frequently to encourage each other on their life paths. Doug's health had taken a turn and my husband so very much wanted to come see him. As things would be; however, my husband passed exactly 2 months prior to Doug.

Doug, the faithful and true friend that he is, called me several times in the past 2 months to check up on me. He said he was "keeping up his end." That is what Doug did, he kept up his end up until his end. He is a stand up man and I can tell you that he loved and trusted his God. He devoured the scriptures and could quote them frequently and faithfully.

I have one hundred percent confidence that Doug and my husband now are before the throne of their Heavenly Father, rejoicing, praising, and serving. Our lives on earth are short, Doug kept up his end and was a faithful friend and servant. One day we will all gather at that river and spend eternity together... we will miss you Mr. Black, good and faithful servant.

My deepest sympathy and prayers to Marty and all of Doug's children and grand children. I know the depth of grief you are experiencing and I pray that you will have strength sufficient for each minute, hour, and day as the days and months go on. May God lift you up in His might arms and embrace you and carry you into each day. My love to you all in Christ the author and perfecter of all good things...

Marion Richardson
Stanley, New Mexico

Marion - January 08, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ My sympathy to Doug's family and friends. He was a very nice, pleasant, gentleman all the time and a darn good landman! He will be missed.

KAREN HERBST - January 08, 2020 at 11:19 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Wasn't able to attend the funeral but went to school with Doug. One grade ahead of me. He was a good man.

JudyJean - January 10, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear this news today from Pastor Deron Spoo. I enjoyed knowing Doug in his days in Tulsa. Marty, I just prayed for you to experience God’s Grace in an amazing way in the coming days.

David Nowland
Owasso, OK

David Nowland - January 08, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Doug was an asset to Victory Baptist Church while he was a member. He taught an adult singles class for a good while. He and I planned a squirrel hunt with my dog and were waiting for me to feel better not knowing that he would soon be unable to hunt. Doug would remind us to get ready to leave this earth sooner than we think.

Lonnie g warren - January 08, 2020 at 07:58 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Black Martinson - January 08, 2020 at 06:55 AM



“ Me and Doug went to school together in McNeil and he was a super nice guy had a awesome time when we where in school. Prayers your way . Take care and have a blessed day and a awesome day! Be blessed.

Rodney Griffis - January 08, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ I met Doug very early in my career in the Pittsburgh area when Doug was with TXO. He was active in the local AAPL association and through the years we kept up a fine friendship, especially when we were both involved with the national organization. His warm manner and distinctive drawl will always stay with me. All who knew him where lucky to enjoy a man of such deep faith and character. He will be deeply missed.

Arnie Schulberg - January 08, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Dear cousin you will be sorely missed.



Mary Black Martinson - January 08, 2020 at 06:53 AM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Doug.

Debbie Green Zimmerman - January 07, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ I went to school with Doug in McNeil. So sorry to hear of his passing. God bless the family.

Betty Jones - January 07, 2020 at 08:32 PM



“ I went to school with Doug so sorry for your loss

Mary Cobb - January 07, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Prayers for the family. Harold Green

Harold Green - January 07, 2020 at 07:22 PM



“ Brother Doug was a fine Christian gentleman. I'm happy for him, knowing that he is in the Presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Wayne Whiteside
Farmerville, LA

Wayne Whiteside - January 07, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Candy and Rusty Adams

candy - January 07, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of John Douglas Black.



January 07, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of John Douglas Black.



January 07, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for this family!

Philip and Terri Story - January 07, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ Memories of my dear cousin are precious. Our best to the family. Catherine Walker

Catherine Walker - January 07, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Douglas Black.



January 07, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of John Douglas Black.



January 07, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ The Fort Worth Association of Professional Landmen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John Douglas Black.



The Fort Worth Association of Professional Landmen - January 07, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Amanda, Tana, and families. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Douglas Black.



Amanda, Tana, and families. - January 07, 2020 at 11:45 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of John Douglas Black.



January 06, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ Keeping you all in my prayers, Norma Dooley purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of John Douglas Black.



Keeping you all in my prayers, Norma Dooley - January 06, 2020 at 12:23 PM