



## Douglas Lee Bashioum

August 18, 1934 - February 22, 2019

Doug was born in Erie, PA to Mary Ann (Becht) Bashioum, an educator, and Jacob C. Bashioum, a trainer of commercial and military pilots and Senior Captain with TWA. Doug grew up on Long Island, NY and attended Brooklyn Technical High School, then studied at MIT where he was a member of Phi Kappa Theta Catholic Fraternity and the Aeronautical and Astronautical Honor Society.

Upon graduation in June 1960, he married his college sweetheart, Maryellen McKelvey of Somerville, MA.

Doug began his professional career in systems engineering at Trans World Airlines in Kansas City, MO, then joined the aviation consulting team of R. Dixon Speas Assoc. in Manhasset, Long Island, NY. There, Doug was honored for his leadership role in developing the first ever intercontinental computer flight planning systems for North Atlantic Jet Operations. Doug also completed his MS in Aeronautics from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. In 1972 the family moved to Reston, VA where Doug was employed by The MITRE Corporation of McLean, VA. While in VA, he earned his second MS in Computer Science from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and invited to membership in the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

In the course of his professional career, Doug was an active member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Association for Computing Machinery, and the Operations Research Society of America. As a young man, Doug enjoyed many interests that included flying (soloed at age 16), membership in the Plainview-Old Bethpage, NY Auxiliary Police, sharpshooting; and camping, hiking, and boating with his family in the waters surrounding Long Island; square dancing, amateur radio; and studying German, Spanish and Esperanto. Doug started the first ESL class in his parish, Saint John Neuman in Reston, VA

Doug's abiding passion for his faith and family and community service led to his involvement along with his wife in Emmaus, Cursillo, Engaged Encounter, Marriage Encounter, The Christian Family Movement, Teams of Our Lady, The Third Option—an enrichment course for married couples, The Network of Biblical Storytelling Int'l, Education for Parish Service (EPS) a two-year course of study out of Trinity College, Washington, DC, and host couple at Elderhostel retreats at Black Rock Retreat Center in PA.

He also loved working with the youth and volunteered in his VA parish youth group and coached his youngest son's baseball team for several years.

He and his wife retired to Carolina Preserve in Cary, NC in 2008

Doug also played both the banjo and guitar and loved to sing. He participated with Maryellen in their church choir at Mother Teresa Catholic Mission, Music Makers at Carolina Preserve the General Assembly men's chorus of Raleigh, and the Fairfax Jubil-Aires of VA.

Doug loved to encourage people, often sharing his favorite quote from St. Francis de Sales: "Be who you are and be that very well." His deep love of his children and grandchildren was felt in his quiet, loving, and accepting presence and in his wise and encouraging words, usually delivered with a big smile and a twinkle in his eyes.

Doug is preceded in death by his parents, Mary Ann and Jake Bashioum, and his daughter, Lea-Anne Roberts. He is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Maryellen T. Bashioum; his sister, Joy Cary of Richmond, VA; his aunt, Kay McCormack of Edison, NJ; his daughter, Nancy E. Kidwell, of Cary, NC; his sons: Christopher D. Bashioum (Leslie), of Purcellville, VA; Michael E. Bashioum (Jennilynne), of Sterling, VA; and Jonathan A. Bashioum of Richmond, VA.. Doug leaves behind fifteen beloved grandchildren and ten beloved great-grandchildren as well as a beloved niece and nephew and their children. There will be a viewing at St Michael The Archangel Catholic Church, Cary on Thursday, March 7, 2019 from 10:00 am – 10:55 am. The Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Duke Institute for Brain Sciences/Brain Functions Research & Science, <https://dibs.duke.edu/giving>

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church  
804 High House Rd., Cary, NC, US, 27513

**MAR** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Dear Maryellen,  
We are so saddened by the loss of Doug- He will be missed in our faith sharing and group discussions- He was a beautiful person and we feel so blessed to know you and Doug!  
Sending prayers and thoughts your way for comfort. May he rest in peace.  
Love, Eileen and Bill Gurecki

**Eileen Gurecki** - February 28 at 05:35 PM

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“ Kathy Mayr lit a candle in memory of Douglas Lee Bashioum



**Kathy Mayr** - February 28 at 10:14 AM

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“ Dear MaryEllen,  
I'm so very sorry to hear about Doug's passing. You and he were a wonderful prayer couple for me a few years ago in marriage encounter and later a big help in 3rd option. Doug's sense of humor was great and you both were a joy to be around! The love you two shared was and will continue to be an inspiration for many.  
Hugs to you during this difficult time.. and may the God of comfort bring you peace and be near to your heart always!

**Kathy Mayr** - February 28 at 10:09 AM

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“ Dearest Maryellen & Family,  
May God bless you and comfort you at this very sorrowful time. We share in your deep sorrow for your beloved Doug. We count you and Doug and your love for each other a true blessing in our lives. Your ME presentations, tho always entertaining, were full of such sacramental wisdom and an inspiration to us. Please take comfort in knowing how loved you both are and we will continue to love and support you as you journey on into your new life. We pray all those wonderful years of making memories will someday soon bring you inner peace. Sending you Love & Hugs, Sue&Rick France

Sue & Rick France - February 27 at 01:21 PM

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“ Maryellen & Family,  
Our deepest sympathy to you on the untimely passing of Doug. We remember when we came to square dance at CP how kind he was to show us the steps and we will always remember how welcome he made us feel.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time.

Annette Colton & Hugh Tucker

Annette Colton - February 26 at 01:35 PM