



Douglas Scott Collins

May 5, 1951 - February 9, 2021

Douglas Scott Collins, 69, of Holly Springs, North Carolina passed away February 9, 2021 at Transitions LifeCare Raleigh, North Carolina. He was born on May 5, 1951 in Muncie, Indiana, to Jack and Rose Mary (Scott) Collins.

Doug is survived by his wife of 29 years, Joanne (Battle) Collins, his son, Ryan (Natalie), daughter, Amy, fur baby, Millie, and grand pups, Josie and Theo. He also leaves behind his sister-in-laws Diane Battle and Patty Battle as well as his beloved nieces, Hannah and Alice Mutter. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Udell Collins and Rose Mary (Scott) Collins, and brother-in-law, Arty Battle.

A proud Hoosier to the core, Doug graduated from Muncie South High School and received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Ball State University. Some may even remember his high school band, the Five Guys. He enjoyed spending time at Lake Webster with family and friends for many years. Ryan and Amy were his pride and joy. He loved nothing more than coaching them in various sports and traveling to their competitions. He continued to be their biggest cheerleader during their college and graduate school experiences. Doug was an animal lover and thought nothing of stopping and rescuing injured or orphaned ones. He passed his love of dogs on to Joanne, Ryan and Amy for which they are forever grateful. The family

holds many loving memories of beach vacations at Sanibel Island stooped over shelling together.

With the pandemic, Joanne, Ryan, Natalie and Amy were able to spend quality time with Doug throughout his illness. Doug was fortunate to witness Ryan marry the love of his life, Natalie, this past September. Doug never lost his joy of connecting with friends or family, his love of learning or his quirky sense of humor despite his short yet aggressive battle with neuroendocrine cancer. As a history professor, Doug taught us to never forget the past as we embark on the future. This lifelong discipline of his will guide his loved ones forward – not looking back but bringing his love with us to our tomorrows.

A private ceremony will be held by the immediate family due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his memory to either charity below.

Triangle Beagle Rescue of NC

By check:

Triangle Beagle Rescue of NC

13200 Strickland Road

Suite 114-287

Raleigh, NC 27613

Online via www.tribeagles.org/inhonorof/

PayPal to give@tribeagles.org

Venmo to [@tribeagles](#)

Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation (NETRF)

By check:
NET Research Foundation
31 St. James Avenue
Suite 365
Boston, MA 02116

Online via www.netrf.org/give

Additionally, the family wants to thank Transitions Life Care for their respectful and supportive palliative and hospice care. A brick will be placed in Doug's honor in their Memory Garden.

Tribute Wall

LT

“ We met Doug while our daughters attended middle & high school together. Doug was a great father & coach and was always present, helping or volunteering when needed. Sending love & prayers to Joanne, Amy & Ryan.

Lisa & Greg Taylor

Lisa Taylor - February 14, 2021 at 07:06 PM

BS

“ Condolences from cousin Becky Collins Stewart and family. I have lots of fond memories of Doug and I growing up in Muncie together. Our fathers were cousins and we were part of the Collins clan. We had many happy memories together as children, playing and swimming in his pool and playing the piano together. I remember his house on Lilac Lane, across from WLBC radio station. I do remember his band the Five Guys and how upset his dad was when he let his hair grow long like the Beatles!

He was a very special cousin and I will always remember him with love.

Becky Stewart - February 14, 2021 at 02:13 PM

GM

“ Many know doug as a sports fan, but no team had it on santa claus. Sports fan or not (i was not), santa and holiday festivities were a joy through his eyes. Store displays, decorations, were all highlights. I recall a bitter cold visit to the midwest highlighted by a nighttime jaunt to see the christmas decorations in town with doug and joanne. Reminded me of my childhood at wanamakers in philadelphia.

I am a former resident of new orleans. Dougs family business got a contract, fulfilled by doug, to recover gold teeth from the "oven" mausolea being cleared for the next occupant. These morbid remains were a source of curiosity to me as a child, and no doubt played a role in my career choice to become a physician. Dougs connections with people were like this, unpredictable and personal. Above all he loved his children. My heart goes out to them, and his extraordinarily supportive wife joanne, who became my sister in law. The battle sisters are generous and strong in taking care of those they care about.

George L. Mutter - February 13, 2021 at 04:19 PM

BE

“ I've not met any of you folks but we have something in common...we knew Doug. Like Doug I too was one of the 5 Guys. The Guys were Doug, Bruce and Rick Cantrell, Ray Jett (RIP) and myself. I was the original guitar player in the group and Doug was on keyboards. (man could he play!) Doug left the band and we needed a keyboard player so I took over the job of keyboards. I was never the keyboard player he was and after he left the band he would come attend some of our shows and he would always stand near me and cheer me on to bolster my confidence. He was not only talented he was kind and compassionate. he had not left the band who knows where we could have been today?

I knew Doug way before that, we grew up in the same neighborhood. We played together and were part of the neighborhood gang that hung out and got into any mischief. He stayed over at my house and I stayed over at his. His parents were kind wonderful people and they supported the band in every way. His mother was a hottie and all the young men liked her. Doug had the first 1965 Mustang and we would ride around and show it off. I lost contact with him in the early 70's and to this day I regret not keeping in touch over the years. Looks like Doug had a wonderful life and family and you all have something very dear...his memory! My sympathies go out to all of you in this sad time but know that Doug would want you to live on and enjoy your lives. He will be missed.

*Bruce Engel
Dunedin, Florida*

Bruce Engel - February 12, 2021 at 10:50 AM

LJ

“ Joanne, Ryan, Natalie, and Amy, we are so very sorry to hear of Doug's passing. We have such fond memories of getting our families together when the kids were younger. Doug was truly a doting father and he took no greater joy than when he was interacting with his family. Our hearts are broken for your loss and our prayers and love are sent to sustain you in the days, weeks and months ahead. May God's comfort and peace uphold you and give you strength.

Love, Larry, Lisa, Jenna & Josh Jackson and Justin Pineiro

Lisa Jackson - February 12, 2021 at 08:50 AM

PB

“ Doug was an incredibly devoted father to Ryan and Amy. He was always there for them with all their many sports events. He also loved Christmas, and made it a very special holiday for his family.

Patty Battle - February 11, 2021 at 09:53 PM

TC

Hello. I'm a friend of Doug's and I want to say how sorry I am to hear of his passing. We were in the band "The Five Guys". Doug was a great musician and personality. He could bring a smile to ur face in a drop of a hat. His parents were huge supporters of the band. He will be missed by our old group of friends.

Tick Cantrell - February 12, 2021 at 10:47 AM

RC

Rick and Bruce Cantrell

Rick Cantrell - February 12, 2021 at 10:54 AM

JC

Hello....I am a little late on this.....I am from the Richeson side of the family....I had lost touch with my 1st cousin Rosemary Collins, Doug's mother....I looked her up and discovered that Doug had died and his parents....I remember Doug as a small child in Muncie when I was a college student...graduated in 1962... so it's has been a long time....His mother and I would would set the dining room table at the Richeson house hold and eat all the olives before we sat down to eat....I have been doing genealogy for over 30 yrs....My findings are on Ankcestry.com if Doug's family is interested....Janet Richeson Chamberlain

Janet Chamberlain - March 04, 2022 at 12:33 AM