



Douglas Duncan Robertson Jr

June 2, 1954 - June 6, 2017

Douglas D. Robertson, M.D., Ph.D. of Decatur, Georgia passed away Tuesday June 6, 2017 after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his son Douglas D. Robertson III, husband to Brittany Robertson, sister Janet Robertson Donlon, wife to Peter Donlon, and mother Helen Palmer Robertson.

Douglas, both physician and scientist, had a respected career of excellence in innovative research, clinical care, and education. Trained in radiology (Johns Hopkins University) and orthopaedic surgery (Harvard University), he was board certified in radiology. He was a Professor of Radiology at Emory University School of Medicine and faculty member at Georgia Institute Technology, Biomedical Engineering. Prior to joining Emory and Georgia Tech, Dr. Robertson left University of Pittsburgh Medical Center to become Founding President of Foundation Radiology Group, a subspecialized radiology practice in Pittsburgh. He held faculty appointments at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Engineering and Carnegie Mellon University School of Engineering. Dr. Robertson directed the Musculoskeletal Biomechanics & Imaging Laboratory. The laboratory developed cutting-edge clinical orthopaedic imaging including functional examination of the musculoskeletal system, computational modeling and surgical device design and testing. Formerly Associate Director of the Orthopaedic Biomechanics Laboratory, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School and the Advanced Medical Imaging Laboratory, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Dr. Robertson was recipient of numerous awards and an authority on the musculoskeletal system, joint mechanics and reconstruction, and imaging. He has mentored and trained numerous undergraduate, graduate, and post-doctoral students in clinical radiology and orthopaedic research. Dr. Robertson has published numerous peer-reviewed papers and been Co-Editor of past issues of IEEE Computer and IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications. He has appeared on local and national television shows and sits on several orthopaedic and imaging company advisory boards. Dr. Robertson's record includes leading multidisciplinary teams of physicians, scientists, and engineers. The Whitaker Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and several private corporations fund his laboratory.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to celebrate a memorial on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 11:00 am at Wake Memorial Park, 7002 Green Hope School Road, Cary, North Carolina 27519.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Douglas' memory to the Colon Cancer Alliance by clicking here (http://support.ccalliance.org/site/TR/Events/General;jsessionid=00000000.app261b?pg=fund&fr_id=1040&pxfid=46468&NONCE_TOKEN=A97C6CF6B3D1191BCF926B338C00D507) to make a donation.

Cemetery Details

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery

7002 Green Hope School Rd
Cary, NC 27519
(919) 465-0888
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I just heard way too late that Doug died in 2017. To say he was a great man and person is an understatement. Doug was beyond a friend to me. He was an example of how you can be gifted, creative, curious, kind and run around this world with zero ego. He will be missed by anyone that really knew him. Rest in peace my friend. Know you were loved by all and missed by everyone. Save a place for me. The world is a bit more lonely now.

Carey Kriz - December 02, 2025 at 04:29 PM

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“ Doug was one of the kindest people we ever met. We enjoyed meals and golf and movies and more over the years. He was a hero and a warrior as he battled his disease and always kept hope and faith. We treasure his time with us. Memory eternal.

Adele Pauley - June 14, 2017 at 06:32 AM

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“ As a mom, you never forget anyone that is kind to your children. Your dad was so helpful to Michael when he moved to Atlanta by letting him stay with him. What a wonderful role model he provided for you and Brittany. Our thoughts are with you and we hope your good memories of dad will get you through this tough time. Stay strong!!

fern steckel - June 09, 2017 at 09:57 AM

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“ Aleigh Rosenthal lit a candle in memory of Douglas Duncan Robertson Jr



Aleigh Rosenthal - June 09, 2017 at 09:04 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Duncan Robertson Jr.



June 08, 2017 at 08:40 AM