



Douglas L. Schumacher

September 11, 1951 - December 30, 2023

Douglas Schumacher, the best of us, passed away on December 30, 2023. Born in Edmore, Michigan and raised in and around Clare, Michigan, Doug was a student and scholar of art history and classical music with advanced degrees from Ferris State University and the University of Michigan, magna cum laude. Doug was passionate about design and beauty and worked for decades as an interior designer in Ann Arbor, Novi and southeast Michigan. He is deeply mourned.

Doug was very much and easily loved. He cherished his roles as husband, friend and family. He travelled, played, and laughed for 47 years with his husband, and even longer with his family. Many of his friendships were measured in years, more in decades, and they were always tended to and treasured. No life is easily measured, but Doug's was filled with the love, compassion and kindness that he gave unquestioningly to all those whose lives he touched. In an often harsh world, Doug's values — honesty, compassion, responsibility, dependability — unwavering and embodied in every action he took, every day, gave the rest of us solace. While the last months were not easy, and though it seemed to many of us particularly unjust to be visited on a person filled with such light, the progression of those months never stopped Doug's wit, charm and laughter. They never stole his spirit.

His was a thoughtful and caring soul, generous to all living things. Mostly,

Doug was kind.

Doug is survived by his husband, Thomas Fayfer, his mother, Vivian Schumacher, his siblings Barb, Jeanette, Blane, Rita, Barry and Sue, their spouses, seemingly countless nephews and nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, cousins and more, all of whom deserve mention. He also is survived by a multitude of close friends, each of whom he cared for, deeply.

Family and friends will be received at two memorial services; In Ann Arbor on Monday, January 8, 2024 ; visitation with his family from 4 pm and a memorial gathering at 5:30 3767 West Liberty Road. In Clare, Michigan on Tuesday, January 9, 2024; visitation with family at 11 am, and a memorial gathering at 1 pm at Stephenson Wyman Funeral Home, 1005 North McEwan St, Clare, MI. Doug's ashes will be interred in the Spring.

In lieu of flowers, please plant a tree in Doug's honor. Contributions may also be made at the memorial services. On-line condolences may be left at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Nie Funeral Home
3767 West Liberty Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Service

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3767 West Liberty Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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JAN 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

JAN 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ Tom, DeLynn, Michele, Colette, Lori, Adam and families planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas L. Schumacher.

Tom, DeLynn, Michele, Colette, Lori, Adam and families - January 21, 2024 at 01:10 PM

UD

“ Uncle Ray Davis, Aunt Elnova, & Peg Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas L. Schumacher.

Uncle Ray Davis, Aunt Elnova, & Peg Davis - January 21, 2024 at 12:53 PM

CG

“ Carol Grey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas L. Schumacher.

Carol Grey - January 10, 2024 at 08:09 PM

RN

“ Doug and I were at St. Cecilia's together and had a few classes together in High School as well. He asked me out in 10th or 11th grade. I have no idea where we went, but I do remember laughing a lot! He was such a talented artist, he could draw anything. Even over the miles and years, I still considered Doug a good friend. I know God is holding him in His hands.

Ruth Ann Northon - January 09, 2024 at 02:42 PM

GW

“ *To Doug’s family and friends.
His classmates were so happy to see Doug at our 50th class
reunion.
Always such a kind soul!
I wish you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Sincerely
Gayla Bergey Weaver*

Gayla Bergey Weaver - January 08, 2024 at 04:24 PM

MW

“ *Doug
You will be deeply missed. You and your family are one of mine
most best memories, living down the road and playing on the farm!!
You always had and always will have a heart of gold and your
humor and soft spoken voice. Even at a early age you talk to me
like i was on the same level as you!! At the family gatherings you
seem to light up the room with your smile!
You will be greatly miss and loved by all us !
Your cuz*

Mark Waddington - January 08, 2024 at 04:08 PM

BH

“ I knew Douglas all through St. Cecilia elementary school. Even then he was a kind, gentle soul. Our paths didn't cross much in high school--we both had our separate paths. After graduation I moved away to Minnesota. I hadn't seen him since 1969, but he came up to me at our 50th reunion in 2019, and reintroduced himself. I must confess he looked different than I remembered--people's appearances do change in 50 years. We didn't talk very long. He told me lived in Ann Arbor, a great town where I got my undergrad degree. Of all the classmates I spoke to that day the conversation with him is the one I remember most vividly. It's not because of anything he said, but more because of how friendly he was, how polite, how gracious and humble he was to approach me after so many years. He sought me out and made me feel special that day. Even though we haven't been in contact since 1969 except for that day in 2019, I'll never forget him. I was so sorry to learn of his passing.

Bob Hartzler - January 07, 2024 at 08:47 PM

KO

“ Condolences to Doug's family and friends. My Clare memories of him are of a quiet and kind friend. Kathy Owens, CHS '69 classmate

Kathy Owens - January 07, 2024 at 04:07 PM

BA

“ Doug, your kindness and gentle spirit will be missed but never forgotten. This world is a better place because of your life and example. May we honor your life by showing kindness, grace, and love to those around us. See you in heaven brother!

Barry - January 07, 2024 at 02:05 PM

JS

“ D- deeply missed
O- one of a kind
U- unique
G- good natured
L- loved beyond measure
A- always kind
S- special to everyone

The best human most will ever know!
Joyce

Joyce Schumacher - January 06, 2024 at 08:34 PM

JH

“ Joleen H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas L. Schumacher.

Joleen H. - January 05, 2024 at 06:21 PM

DJ

“ Doug was, and always will be, a kind and caring soul. We didn't see each other often; when we were able to catch up, it was as if the time melted away. I will miss him greatly. Sending my deepest love and condolences to the family.

DeLynn Johnston - January 05, 2024 at 11:49 AM

DK

“ My earliest memory of Doug was the family gift exchange at Christmas. Having picked my name, He gave me a beautiful gold necklace. I think he was concerned I wouldn't like it because I was so young but I loved it. Doug was loved by all because he was kind and thoughtful to all not to mention just fun to be with even though I was much younger. My heart is so sad at his passing. Dwight and I send our prayers and love to all the family.

Diane Kingdon - January 05, 2024 at 10:51 AM

DA

“ Dwight A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas L. Schumacher.

Dwight A. - January 05, 2024 at 10:42 AM

KP

“ Karen P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas L. Schumacher.

Karen P. - January 05, 2024 at 10:40 AM

JM

“ To all of Doug's Family:
A new angel has its wings. The good Lord heals all. Job well done Doug, now it is time to rest. Many thoughts and prayers for all of you.
Sincerely
Sharon and Jeff

Jeff Michels - January 04, 2024 at 05:34 PM