



Douglas F. Grekowicz

November 30, 1947 - May 19, 2021

Douglas Frank Grekowicz of Harbor Beach joined his savior, Jesus Christ, on May 19, 2021 at his home. He was a parishioner of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, and had retired from AT&T. His wish was to have his bed placed near the window so he could look out into the backyard and see the hummingbirds and squirrels he had befriended. He also enjoyed watching the fire in his patio fireplace.

Doug honorably served his country on the USS Noxubee AOG-56, a naval fuel barge which delivered AvGas and other fuels to the demilitarized zone. He was known as a "Radar Rat" during his two tours in Vietnam. His heroism and service extended far beyond his military service. Known as Robin Hood, Doug was always prepared to come to the rescue of people in distress.

Doug was an avid outdoorsman. He loved to be in nature: hunting, fishing, cutting wood, observing animals and birds, and camping. He passed this love of nature to his children and grandchildren. He especially enjoyed deer camp in Standish.

He was an amazing storyteller whose tales enraptured anyone who was fortunate enough to hear them.

Doug's great love story began when Doug met Marilyn on leave from the navy. They were married on the 13 of June 1970. Doug and Marilyn had four children: Eric (Rachel), Leah Rogers (Steve), Kelly Ammann (Dave), and Barbara Siemen (Darrin).

Doug was an active member of the Thumb EZ Riders Bicycle Club, the Royal

Order of the Moose, the American Legion post 197, Thumb Veterans Organization, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a past president of the Ugly Fox Hunters.

Doug was preceded in death by his father, William Grekowicz, and he is survived by his wife (Marilyn), his mother (Colette), and his four children (Eric, Leah, Kelly, and Barbara). Doug and Marilyn have fourteen grandchildren (Eric: Maria Dallo (Joseph), Douglas, Veronika, and Theresa), (Leah: Brittnee, Stephen, Sydney), (Kelly: Gretchen, Sean, William, Lucas), (Barbara: Elliott, Adrienne, Riley). They also have 3 great-grandchildren: Evelyn Dallo, Felicity Dallo, and Casey Rogers.

He is also survived by his seven siblings: Connie, Randy (Fia), Carol Colotti (Mike), Luann Thompson (Gene), Denise Puvalowski (Claude), Gerald (Mary), and Tom (Jodi).

Mass of Christian burial held at OLLH Catholic Church on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 11:00am. Visitation will be held at 10:00am prior to the mass. Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the America Legion post 197, Harbor Beach, Michigan

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church
413 S 1st St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3393

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 25. 11:00 AM.

Ollh Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ Ramsey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas F. Grekowicz



Ramsey Funeral Home - September 03, 2021 at 11:51 AM

TN

Marilyn there are no words to express how we miss Doug. If we see the village name we think of him, best neighbor, nicest guy and gone far too soon Tillie and Alex

Tillie Nyilas - September 06, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ Douglas F. Grekowicz

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM

EM

“Marilyn; I was so sorry to hear that Doug had passed away from Mike Coe. I spent many years working with and for Doug at the phone company. Drank a lot of beers with him also. One of my favorite memories of Doug was when he was my boss and my father was ill before he passed away. I had spent the night with dad and came straight into work the next morning. “How’s your dad doing?” he asked me. “Not to bad but he had a tough night” I told him. He said “go home and spend the day with your dad. Don’t worry about it. I’ll take care of it.” That’s the kind of guy Doug was. My condolences to you and your family. Ernie Miller

Ernie Miller - May 24, 2021 at 08:54 PM

MR

“Mark & Catherine Roggenbuck lit a candle in memory of Douglas F. Grekowicz



Mark & Catherine Roggenbuck - May 24, 2021 at 02:24 PM

MR

“Mark & Catherine Roggenbuck sent a virtual gift in memory of Douglas F. Grekowicz



Mark & Catherine Roggenbuck - May 24, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Douglas F. Grekowicz.*



May 24, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Douglas F. Grekowicz.*



May 23, 2021 at 10:33 PM



“ *Kathleen M. purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Douglas F. Grekowicz.*



Kathleen M. - May 23, 2021 at 05:35 PM

RS

“ Anybody who’s wondering why I have this picture taken in memory of Doug is because there is a story behind it. Two 1/2 years ago Arlene and I spent a week with Doug and Marilyn at their place in Florida. One day we went to the flea market. Arlene and Marilyn went off to do Arlene and Marilyn stuff. Doug and I went wandering around. We came upon a table that had a bunch of these pick up tools. Doug picked one up and said “Ahhh an ass-grabber. I gotta get me one of these!” There was a lady near us. She said that those can be used for picking stuff up. Doug and I looked at each other for a couple of seconds. We both said, “By gosh I guess it would work for that too”. I always enjoyed every minute being with Doug, even if it was just sitting in the garage, having a beer, and watching water boil for Dumpling Day.



Robert Schipinski - May 23, 2021 at 09:59 AM

RS

“ Robert Schipinski and Doug Grekowicz - buddies.



Robert Schipinski - May 23, 2021 at 09:58 AM

AS

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Arlene Schipinski - May 23, 2021 at 09:53 AM

RS

Robert Schipinski and Doug Grekowicz-buddies

Robert Schipinski - May 23, 2021 at 09:54 AM

JS

“ Everybody and anybody that you came in contact with, ended up being a friendly acquaintance. You were proud of your house that you renovated and updated on M 25 in Harbor Beach. You took the time to invite us inside for a look. You had a lot of knowledge of the church in Harbor Beach and the area itself. Peace, Doug. John Schaefer

John Schaefer - May 23, 2021 at 07:55 AM

AV

“ I am so sad to hear of Doug's passing . We met Doug and Marilyn in Florida and became friends. I always was humbled by his service to the country. I will miss him greatly. Rest in peace Doug,until we meet again

Andre Verdurmen - May 22, 2021 at 06:30 PM

BL

“ Friend and neighbor, always friendly and made time to visit. My family will keep your family in our hearts. Hugs all around. Sincerely Bryce & Katherine Leppek

Bryce Leppek - May 22, 2021 at 02:20 PM



“ White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Douglas F. Grekowicz.



May 21, 2021 at 05:19 PM

CS

“ He was in my thoughts we were friends in High School. Sad to hear about his passing. RIP 🙏😞

Charlene Allen Stanton - May 21, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Douglas F. Grekowitz.



May 21, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ Mick And Marge Schott lit a candle in memory of Douglas F. Grekowitz



Mick and Marge Schott - May 21, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ I have known Doug for over 50 years, since high school years in Ubly. I have Doug to thank for my 42 year career with AT&T. After leaving the US Air Force in 1968 I applied for position with then Michigan Bell Telephone Co., now at&t, in Saginaw Mi. I was put on a waiting list for a position there. I'm not sure how Doug knew that but he contacted me and said "come to Flint, Bell is hiring here". I got the job in Flint and for a while in 1969 I shared an apartment with Doug, Leo Oberski and Warren Mausolf. Life was good, at times the night time snoring was unbearable though. As our careers with "Ma Bell" went in different directions I lost touch with Doug. I retired in 2011 and my wife Melody and I moved to Bradenton FL in 2016 to find that Doug and Marilyn had a winter home less than a mile from our house so we got to renew our friendship. I will be forever grateful for that call "come to Flint". Thank you Doug! Roger Lamke

Roger Lamke - May 21, 2021 at 08:17 AM

JA

“ Janet Ammann lit a candle in memory of Douglas F. Grekowicz



Janet Ammann - May 21, 2021 at 12:02 AM

RG

“ Our yearly family trips to Michigan were full of amazing memories with Uncle Doug that I'll cherish for a long time.
- early morning perch fishing (first Busch Light opened around 8am)
- followed by a fish fry
- bonfire on the beach
- beers at the Fox Hunters
- golfing, and learning what a FISO is
I will miss his candidness, incredible sayings, and questionable stories.



Ryan Grekowicz - May 20, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Douglas F. Grekowicz.



May 20, 2021 at 06:44 PM

DA

“ The first time I met Doug, I was dating his daughter, Kelly, she and I we’re getting more serious and I wanted to meet her folks. I came up to Bay City from Ann Arbor excited and nervous as I am 7 years older than she is. Doug shook my hand and asked me how fast I could run. I looked confused at him and he said, “because if you hurt my daughter, I’m going to grab your nipple ring and run. You better be able to keep up.” Everyone laughed including me. I know he wasn’t joking but he let everyone think he was. I’ll truly miss him and I hope to live up to how great he was as a father and husband. RIP

David Ammann - May 20, 2021 at 06:16 PM

CS

Doug was a special person who always had a place in my heart. Happy he and his family seemed to be such an amazing life together 🙏

Charlene Allen Stanton - May 21, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Douglas F. Grekowicz.



May 20, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Douglas F. Grekowicz.



May 20, 2021 at 05:49 PM

CA

“ Chuck & Sharon Abbott lit a candle in memory of Douglas F. Grekowicz



Chuck & Sharon Abbott - May 20, 2021 at 04:44 PM

JG

We have many good memories. Georgene lived with he & the rest of the family in the 50s & is more of a big sister than an aunt. When we lived in Rockford, Doug spent a week with us before he joined the navy. I remember him cannon-balling into our community pool & creating a small tidal wave. Another good memory is when his dad Bill & I went fishing with him when he & Marilyn lived in Bay City. He cleaned our catch of Perch in a rotating barrel contraption & then Marilyn made a big fish fry. His out-going personality made all the Grek re-unions a real pleasure to attend & because of those, we met his kids and knew by their demeanor that he & Marilyn continued the Grekowicz tradition of being good parents. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

Joel Gorzen - May 21, 2021 at 06:48 PM

MC

Marilyn, sorry to hear of Doug's passing we hired into Bell around the same time. Over the years drank a few beers together, hunted, fish together and a few beers all good memories. My prayers are with you at this time. Mike Coe

Mike Coe - May 22, 2021 at 12:42 PM

LC

Marilyn and family so sorry to hear of Doug passing, he was a great guy. Always friendly when we saw him and had good visits. Our prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. He will be missed

Len @ Sue Czewski

Len and Sue Czewski - May 22, 2021 at 05:17 PM

KG

Memorial Days now will have special memory. A memory of my older cousin Doug passing. Even though he was 13 years older than me, he was always a strong, warm, inviting presence at the yearly Grek family reunion. When we started having the reunion every 3 years it was quite an adjustment. Whenever I arrived at the Reunion I would quickly look around and see a lot of young people who I did not recognize any more. Then I would look over towards the bar and see Doug setting it up and serving drinks. I would stroll over and he would offer a warm smile and in his classic "Doug" voice recognized me and say, "Hey! It's one of Joe's boys! What can I get you to drink?" At this point, I always felt "officially welcomed" to the reunion. I thank Doug for modeling to me how to welcome another person.

I want to express my sincere condolences to the family for the loss of this special man.

Ken Gorzen - June 03, 2021 at 06:38 PM