



Franklin Douglas "Doug" Rutledge

June 29, 1942 - January 1, 2022

Franklin Douglas "Doug" Rutledge, son of the late William Arthur and Juana McBride Rutledge was born on June 29, 1942 in Boles, Arkansas. Doug entered his Heavenly home on January 1, 2022, at the age of 79.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Amelia "Amy" Rutledge of Searcy, Arkansas, 3 daughters: Belinda Rutledge Walker (Johnny Ragsdale), Lisa Rutledge Goff (Michael), Audra Michelle "Mikki" Hamilton (John) all of Searcy, Arkansas. Son: Edwin Dale Rutledge (Ross Maestas) of Seattle, Washington, and his nephew Michael Rutledge (Dana) of Paragould, Arkansas, who was more like his son. Four grandchildren: Bethany Walker (Nicholas) of Little Rock; Langley Marie Goff, John David Hamilton, and James Douglas "Jim" Hamilton all of Searcy. Special grandnieces Samantha Rutledge of Jonesboro and Andrea Rutledge of Mountain View.

Doug was the middle son from a large farming family of 14 children. He is survived by brothers: Larry Rutledge (Bonnie) of Olatha, Kansas and Ronald Rutledge (Lynn) of Searcy, Arkansas. Sisters: Dorothy Thieme of Searcy, Joann Bryan of Marianna, Arvetta Schlieve of Sunnyside, Washington and Mary Vincent of Southaven, Mississippi. He was loved by so many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends and wanted the song Precious Memories played for them.

As a Rutledge, card playing was in his blood and a game of high-five was always looked forward to: Brothers who greeted him with an open seat at the heavenly table were Frances Rutledge, Edward "Bodie" Rutledge, William J. "Bill" Rutledge, and Kenneth Rutledge. Sisters who awaited his arrival were Irene Herron, Lorene Mitchell and Linda Hill along with his parents.

A Celebration of the life of Franklin Douglas "Doug" Rutledge, our Doug, Pawpaw and Uncle Doug will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the Union Valley Baptist Church in Beebe, Arkansas. Visitation prior to the service will begin at 10am with the service to follow at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the American Red Cross or a blood donation through the Arkansas Blood Institute or American Red Cross. We were humbled by the need for blood during his illness and encourage everyone to become a blood donor. Disaster Relief Arkansas through the Southern Baptist Convention is also a passion of his. He was trained as a volunteer but was never able to serve due to his health. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Union Valley Baptist Church
932 Hwy. 64 E
Beebe, AR

Celebration of Life

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932 Hwy 64
Beebe, AR 72012

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Amy, Mikki, and Dale, I didn't know about your loss until today when Brianna told me. I am so sorry and pray God wraps his loving arms around you and comforts you during this difficult time. Amy I know you added years to his life thru your love and knowledge. Much love and prayers for you as you face the world without him. Ray Dean and Martha Douglas

martha Douglas - February 06, 2022 at 07:52 PM

JW

“ Dear Amy and Family,

So sorry for your loss. Doug was a beloved member of the Class of 1960, T. A. Futrall High School, Marianna. He will be so missed. Prayers for you all.

Much love to this big, beautiful family.

Sincerely,
Joanne

Joanne (Jones) Webb - January 08, 2022 at 12:16 PM

CP

“ Belinda I am so sorry for your loss. You and your precious family are in our thoughts and prayers. Cindy Copeland Peters Lufkin, TX

Cindy Peters - January 06, 2022 at 11:12 PM

CA

“ Amy and family, Doug was a great man. Loved seeing his smile and he was always so kind. We will always remember the candles he made! Praying for God peace for all of you.
Tomie & Carla Allinder

Carla Allinder - January 06, 2022 at 06:18 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Franklin Douglas "Doug" Rutledge.



January 06, 2022 at 08:56 AM

AG

“ I am so sorry about Doug, I have lost a good friend and classmate. I pray that God will wrap his arms around Amy and the rest of the family. I know he is in a better place and not suffering any more, Love to all of you.

Albert Godfrey - January 05, 2022 at 05:53 PM

BJ

“ Joann, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. Didn't know your family was so large. My condolences to you and all of your brothers and sisters and Doug's family.

Brevard Jones - January 04, 2022 at 07:19 PM

BS

“ I met Doug when I worked at Leslie Jewelers. He was always so nice and friendly when he came in. My prayers for peace and comfort for his family. I know he will be greatly missed.

Barbara Steward - January 04, 2022 at 10:48 AM

CA

“ I did not personally know Mr. Rutledge but his son Dale is one of my favorite people. I am so sorry for the loss to his family. May everyone find peace in their grief. —Cheryl Avants

Cheryl L Avants - January 03, 2022 at 08:48 PM