



## Douglas Francis "Doug" Duerr

December 13, 1942 - November 12, 2016

Douglas Francis "Doug" Duerr of Tavares, Florida passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the age of 73 years. He was born in Saint Joseph, Michigan. Doug was a proud American and a long time Lobbyist, living in Washington, DC. He moved to Tavares in 2008 from there. He served as Treasurer for the Lake County Republican Executive Committee. Doug was a member of the NRA and was very involved in the Eustis Gun Club. He owned Los Robles (firearms training service) in Tavares. Doug had a partnership with Darren Steele at Pat's Pawn & Gun in Leesburg. He was a very active member of the Leesburg Boat Club, the Triangle Boat Club and the Pontoon Yacht Club. Doug was also a member of the Newcomers Club. He is remembered and will be dearly missed by his fiancée, Diana M. Mullins. They were together for 17 years. He is also remembered by 2 nephews, Greg Duerr of Lucas, Texas and Scott Duerr of Allen, Texas; sister-in-law, Del Duerr of Sun City, Florida; and cousin, Deborah "Kip" Duerr Wright of Weirsdale, Florida. Family and friends are invited to gather on Sunday, December 4 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm with a memorial ceremony starting at 1:00 pm in the Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel. Condolences, memories and photos may be shared on the tribute wall.

# Events

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**DEC 4** **Gathering of Family and Friends** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel

226 E. Burleigh Boulevard, Tavares, FL, US, 32778

**DEC 4** **Memorial Ceremony** 01:00PM

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# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals and Cremations** - December 08, 2016 at 08:49 AM

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“ To the Duerr family, You have my most heartfelt condolence in the loss of "Uncle Doug" He was one of the best CASTmembers I have ever had the pleasure to work with. He was just one of those all around special people that God puts in your life. Even though he was only with us for a short period of time, he made a tremendous impact not only on every CASTmember, but every guest that had the pleasure to take his tour.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

May God continue to strengthen, comfort, and Bless the family.

Reverend Eric Holmes

General Manager & The Entire CAST of Old Town Trolley Tours of Washington, DC

**Eric Holmes** - December 26, 2016 at 07:02 AM

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“ My condolences to the Duerr family on the loss of Doug. He and I first met when we were both much younger, I was a new credit union employee at Notre Dame Credit Union and Doug was working at the Indiana Credit Union League. His life long service and committment to the credit union network at both ICUL and NASCUS will long be remembered and appreciated by those who today enjoy the benefits of credit union ownership in Indiana and across the nation. He was always a good friend to any of us who had the good fortune to work with him.

Vic Pantea, South Bend, IN

**Victor Pantea** - December 20, 2016 at 09:57 AM

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“ Doug and I met when we worked for IN Credit Union League in Indianapolis. When he moved to Washington, DC my son and I were on vacation there one summer and Doug was kind enough to plan the most fabulous day to day tours for us that we will never forget. He will truly be missed by us and so many. Thank you for being our friend.

Barbara Chandler  
Indianapolis, IN

**Barbara Chandler** - December 13, 2016 at 06:52 AM

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“ All of us here in the Trubey family will miss Doug in the light that he brought to our shop when he came around. We will truly miss him and the wonderful stories and experiences he shared with all of us. Thanks for being a great friend and being someone who truly cares for other. May God Bless him and family.

**David Trubey & Family** - December 07, 2016 at 12:07 PM

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“ We are so grateful for Doug and Diana's service to our community. He will be missed. Diana and family, our prayers are with you all! May the Lord provide you comfort and love during this time.

**Carol Moore** - December 04, 2016 at 11:39 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences to Doug's family. We have been praying for his eternal rest in the House of the Lord as well as for the family to find solace and comfort. We met Doug through Hunter Safety in Florida and we were able to form a tight team, easily and effortlessly teaching a subject that was dear to all of us. His sense of humor was extraordinary and his perspective on current topics, whichever it may have been was uncanny. We will surely miss our tete-a-tetes on a variety of subjects that could vary from the serious to the whimsical. Though we are saddened by his departure, faith also brings us the comfort he is with the Lord.

**Ramon Russe** - December 04, 2016 at 07:49 AM

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“ I didn't have the opportunity to know Doug as long as I would have wanted - only a few years. However I knew Doug to be a man of principles, immense knowledge and quick wit. It was truly a pleasure to know Doug and I miss him more than he would have known. My thoughts & prayers go out to Diana and family during this time.

**Mark Showers** - December 03, 2016 at 08:31 PM

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“ It's truly been a privilage knowing Doug. From the first time he introduced himself to me, I knew he was a person of integrity. He was a meticulous business professional that set an example for anyone he came in contact with. In the years partnering in business with Doug, he held his business and mine to the highest standard and represented true professionalism and dedication to the students in which he provided personal firearms handling instruction. Personally, we enjoyed attending functions with he and Diana, such as: Republican dinners (as their guest), NRA fundraisers and other personal events. Doug was funny, never met a stranger and he made an impression that would last a lifetime. Not only was he a business partner but a true friend. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Darrin and Cindy Steele  
Pat's Pawn & Gun Shop, Inc.  
Leesburg, Florida

**cindy** - December 03, 2016 at 04:15 PM

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“ After completing my senior year of high school, my grandma Diana and Doug offered for me to come back to Virginia to stay with them. Eager at the opportunity to see one of the most influential states of American history as well as spend quality time with them both, I graciously accepted. Both my grandma Diana and Doug had prepared an extensive itinerary that "left no stone unturned" when it came to the rich history that Virginia has to offer. Knowing my particular interest in the Civil War, my grandma Diana and Doug took me to nearly every landmark and battle field in Virginia. Doug was able to, from memory, educate me about the details of each battle as well its historical significance. I admired his knowledge but more so his patience with me. Doug was particularly jealous that my ancestry had been traced back to Confederate ties in the Civil War while his ancestry was Union. We had a good laugh about this and talked about what our ancestors would have done while in the war. We both shared an unwavering and devout love of American freedom and the 2nd Amendment. He will be missed dearly and the world is a lesser place in his absence.

**kyle mullins** - December 01, 2016 at 06:49 PM

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**Kyle Mullins** - December 01, 2016 at 06:47 PM

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“ We didn't know Doug well, but remember him speaking to our NLTP Group. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have lost a great man & a solid conservative gentleman.

Gwen and Bob Fox

**Gwen Fox** - November 30, 2016 at 09:23 AM

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“ Andy and Marie Dubois purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Douglas Francis "Doug" Duerr.



Andy and Marie Dubois - November 30, 2016 at 07:26 AM

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“ Truly a privilege to have known this man. Over the past six years, Doug helped me personally and professionally at every opportunity as we served together in the Republican Party. I found his life experience and judgement priceless and his willingness to share himself to the benefit of those around him to be his most endearing quality. I miss Doug. Godspeed fellow patriot.

Andy Dubois - November 30, 2016 at 07:21 AM

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“ Doug was a great friend to me. I was blessed to know him and to have the opportunity to work with him on several Lake County Republican projects. Doug was a man of integrity and believed that any job worth doing was worth doing well.

He was also sooooo much fun! Jer and I enjoyed Doug and Diana's company on cruises and just hanging out. He always had a funny story to share. Jer and I will miss his great smile. His memory will be with us forever.

Jan & Jer Broadhurst



Jan & Jer Broadhurst - November 30, 2016 at 07:10 AM

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“ Mike Levine purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Douglas Francis "Doug" Duerr.



**Michael Levine** - November 29, 2016 at 07:31 PM

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“ Dear Doug,  
Thank you for participating in my life. It is an honor to know you. You are, and will always be, a close friend and valued colleague. We accomplished many things together. You brought wisdom and experience to every endeavor. My heart is broken by your passing. Your presence is indelibly etched in my mind. You live forever in heaven.  
Rest in Peace my dear friend.  
Mike Levine

**Mike Levine** - November 29, 2016 at 06:47 PM

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“ Bill and Nancy Justin purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Douglas Francis "Doug" Duerr.



**Bill and Nancy Justin** - November 29, 2016 at 03:54 PM

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“ Doug's insights and political experience will be missed by the Lake County Republican party. Part of our success in the recent elections was due to his foresight.

I am sure his first order of business in Heaven was to call for a "Point of Order" to let them know how things should be done there.

He will be deeply missed and thought of often as we make future LCREC decisions.

Walter Price  
Chairman, Lake County Republican Party

Walter Price - November 29, 2016 at 01:21 PM

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“ Doug was always a gentleman. He was always thought of as the voice of reasonableness, patience, kindness, understanding and perseverance for providing the solution or answer to divergent views. We knew him from his political activism for conservative, constitutional values. His other passion was the education of others in the proper use and understanding of self protection. To both of these areas of his focus he was always willing to assist in any project or activity that supported or implemented growth of his life's ambitions.

We will greatly miss this fine man and cannot even imagine the difficulty Diane is and will be experiencing without him

May God bless them both.

With our love,

Bill & Carole Stomp

bill stomp - November 29, 2016 at 10:06 AM

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“ Doug was an awesome Hunter Safety Instructor and friend. He was very knowledgeable and loved to share teaching tips and wonderful suggestions that worked. Loved his smile.  
Doug always shared his love for Diana with me and was so happy to be with her everyday, they made an wonderful couple.  
He will be missed so much by all of us as fellow volunteer Hunter Safety Instructors and friends that he made along the way.  
JoAnne Peagler- Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission and friend to me.

Jo Anne Peagler - November 23, 2016 at 11:19 AM



“ I am thanking God for Doug. His Spirit, Glory and Strength will be with me forever. God Bless Doug. God Bless Diana. God Bless The United States Of America!

He is now in Paradise keeping watch from the Heavens. Thank You Dougie! You are greatly missed but now you can rest in Peace.

God Speed Good Buddy!

Deborah Maurer

**Deborah Maurer** - November 22, 2016 at 04:55 AM

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“ Doug, was always "Dougie" to me. My late husband, Greg was Dougie's little brother and so he became my big brother too when my husband and I married thirty years ago. I will forever miss his smile, wicked sense of humor that would have Dianna rolling her eyes at him as we both laughed at his stories. I am heart broken that I will never hear his voice again, see his smile or hear how happy he was that Trump won! But, I know that once again Dougie and his little brother are together. I can't imagine the stories they're telling everyone around them now.

Del Duerr

**Delphine Duerr** - November 17, 2016 at 08:03 PM

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“ I first met Doug and Diana through my boyfriend, John McKechnie, who enjoyed a long and abiding friendship with them over many years. I discovered that Doug and my Dad had something in common - Benton Harbor, Michigan. So when my parents came for a visit in 2008, Doug and Diana invited us over for lunch and he and my Dad shared many memories of Benton Harbor. I was so grateful to Doug for doing this because it made for such a happy day for my Dad. Later that day, Doug and Diana arranged for us to take a "Monuments By Moonlight" bus tour in Washington, DC with Doug as the tour guide. When we pulled up to the World War II Memorial, Doug announced to the group that we had a distinguished WW II Veteran on board (my Dad) and everyone cheered. This was the gracious person that was Doug. I am grateful to have known him and will cherish memories of time spent with him and Diana.

Martha Dodson

**Martha Dodson** - November 17, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ Doug, you will be missed.

We will miss your wit, insight, leadership and resourcefulness. Thank you for teaching my children how to safely handle firearms, your class made a lasting impression on them.

I will never forget the story you told me about how you won over Diana with your “long distance movie date”. You are truly one of a kind.

Good bye for now Doug. I hope to see you again someday.

**Tom Miranda** - November 17, 2016 at 09:26 AM

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“ There is no possible way for my sad lack of using the printed word to cover the MAN I knew - Doug Duerr

Doug had an un-quenchable thirst for knowledge, no matter the subject. He went after the subject matter with all of his passion. ie, his commitment to attain his Captains license and obviously his success in doing so.

The same passion he displayed in his fight with the cancer that eventually took him from us.

I will most miss his ability to laugh and love life in every way, it was contagious. We are, all of us who knew him, less today for his passing.

Bill / Denise Carey

**Bill Carey** - November 17, 2016 at 09:25 AM

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“ Doug,always positive,always a great listener. A friend everyone should have  
We will miss him greatlyDoug,we love you,bill@jean marshall

**Bill & Jean** - November 17, 2016 at 09:02 AM

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“What an honor to know Doug Duerr. For me, he was an example of “Stepping it up a notch”. By example, he led...encouraging us to be involved, be active, and make a difference. He was fearless in discussing his opinions and effective at getting us on board with his agenda. I will miss his inspiration, his heart, his mind, and his generous contributions to our community. I will hold all of his qualities dear and close. Thank you, Doug Duerr.

**Lee Conger** - November 17, 2016 at 06:23 AM

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“Doug has been a dear friend for many years. I have the deepest respect for him and his beautiful fiancée Diana Mullins. He always had a kind word and a great smile and made me feel appreciated and loved. He just had a way about him that makes you feel at ease. He will be missed by so many. RIP dear man. Until we meet again.

**Carolyn Maimone** - November 16, 2016 at 08:39 PM

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“Doug and my grandmother had a very loving relationship. I got to know Doug over 3 visits to Florida. He treated me like his own granddaughter. He would always plan fun things for me to do during my visits to Florida. He taught me wonderful organizational skills, no one was better.

I am extremely grateful he was able to see President Trump win. His love for the Republican Party taught me to always fight the good fight. To be true to yourself and my Country.

I will miss our Summers together and the time I spent with him.

I will forever be a gun toting, freedom loving, Republican because of Doug.

Rest In peace, Doug. I will miss you, a lot.

**Lexi Owen** - November 16, 2016 at 11:27 AM

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“When calls came to the Republican Party Headquarters from local high school teachers looking for someone who could teach them about our Republic, the differences between Republican and Democratic policies, the privilege of living in this free country, how precious our freedoms are and the price paid for it, Doug Duerr always came to mind. He was always a teacher to those around him! Doug had a quick wit, a kind and gentle spirit and a strong determination. We respected and loved him, and we will miss him greatly.

Lou & Don Brown

**Lou and Don Brown** - November 15, 2016 at 06:17 PM



“ My Uncle Doug was truly an amazing man. I always enjoyed the times we were able to have a little chat with each other. He was a very intelligent and talented man, and he was a joy to be around. He had his funny little quirks, but then again, so do all of us Duerrs. Lol! He was always there for me as a wonderful uncle, but also as a great friend when I needed him to be. He would share his advice and wisdom willingly. I will miss you Uncle Doug, but I will see you again one day.

Scott Duerr

**Scott Duerr** - November 15, 2016 at 11:02 AM

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“ My favorite memory of Uncle Doug was the first time I had ever met him and his beloved Diana. They had flown in for his brother's and my husband's father's funeral. He was so strong for us during one of the saddest times of our lives. They stayed with us and I just fell in love with both Doug and Diana. While they were staying with us, our dogs bounded up stairs and jumped in bed with them....and Doug and Diana loved it. As my great grandmother would have said, them's good people. Doug and our little dog Toby bonded so much that when they were leaving to go home, I counted dogs to make sure Uncle Doug hadn't packed Toby. On every letter, card, or note, he sent, was addressed to my husband and myself, Toby, and his niece Ashleigh...and in that order. I laughed out loud every time.

Uncle Doug, you were always the calm in our storms, the wisdom and guidance giver when asked, and one of the greatest men I have ever had the honor of knowing and loving. Thank you for blessing us with your life. You are always loved, and will be missed every single day.

**WENDY DUERR** - November 15, 2016 at 09:21 AM

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“ Doug was a great friend. He was always willing to lend a helping hand, and always seemed to have a smile on his face. He was energetic and fun to be around. He will be greatly missed.

**Russell Clark** - November 15, 2016 at 08:56 AM

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“ Doug will always be remember for his "tireless energy" and his desire to "do it right". A friend to everybody, as he had a lot to offer to any relationship, and freely shared his many talents. A real class guy who will be greatly missed by many.  
Bob and Betty Thames T 266

**Bob and Betty Thames** - November 15, 2016 at 07:41 AM

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“ I will miss him so much. Our 19 years together were truly magical. We traveled and had a great many adventures. He faced great adversity in the last few years, but he kept his business going, was active in his beloved Republican party, went on a few boating trips and was always there to help a friend." He was not going to die". He had made plans for us to go on a two week Forbes cruise leaving on November 22nd and returning on Dec. 6th. He had made arrangements for a 4 day trip over New Years. I am so glad that I knew and loved Doug Duerr

**Diana Mullins** - November 15, 2016 at 05:20 AM

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“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Douglas Francis "Doug" Duerr.



November 14, 2016 at 08:02 AM