



Douglas C Adams

November 6, 1949 - July 19, 2018

It was Doug's wishes that his services be private.

Tribute Wall

“ Below is a brief biography of Doug's life:

Douglas Cleland Adams (b. November 6, 1949 d. July 19, 2018) passed away peacefully at his home in Marietta, SC near Greenville, SC. Doug will be remembered for his intellect and quick wit, independence of thought, zest for life, loyalty to friends, and love of country. He leaves his wife, Lisa, and two adult sons, three stepchildren, two dogs. ...(and his red/white/blue Harley and Corvette).

Doug, the third of four brothers (Henry, Loran, and Winn), was raised in McLean, Virginia. His father, Captain Henry P. Adams, was a senior naval officer and spent much of his career in the Washington DC area rising to the title of Inspector General of the Naval Supply Corps. Doug graduated from McLean High School in 1968, and in 1972 from Penn State University where he earned a BS in business marketing. He had a low draft number in the Selective Service lottery and joined the Army National Guard out of college - his first real job. He married his college sweetheart, Candy Shepherd of Philadelphia, and they later raised two much loved boys, Hunter and Drew.

Doug spent most of his career with Appleton Specialty Papers, headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin. With Doug's help that company became the market leader (\$850M in sales around Doug's retirement) in providing the carbonless papers that replaced the messy carbon sheets that previously were used to generate copies of everyday things like credit card receipts. After Southeastern regional field sales stints in Florida and Georgia, he was promoted to the senior sales position at headquarters. As in his personal life, Doug turned paper sales into close, lasting relationships. He knew his customers and even their families well and spent much of his time interacting with them often at exciting venues that he organized while providing value and innovation to their paper needs. He was very effective. Golf tournaments, motorcycling through national parks, professional sports, Broadway shows, and destination resorts

became Doug's mobile office. He was encyclopedic on golf courses having played nearly every top golf course in the US.

Doug had a major health setback in 2004 when he had a serious motorcycle accident in Montana during a sales excursion with customers. Doctors thought he would not recover. After being in a coma for two months and missing work for over two years healing from multiple head and body injuries, Doug miraculously returned to the job for several years before retiring. He then resided part time in Wisconsin and the remainder in South Carolina where he was exploring the Cliffs Communities for their retirement home location. Not long thereafter, in 2010, Doug lost his wife Candy to a recurrence of cancer.

Doug had the extreme good fortune of subsequently falling in love with Candy's wellness coach and friend, Lisa Gassmann. Doug and Lisa married in March 2013 and built their life and home together at the Cliffs of Mountain Park amongst a community of amazing friends.

Just three years into his new life, in 2015, Doug was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer, B mantle non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He and Lisa fought the disease together, valiantly undergoing chemotherapy, and two bone marrow transplants, one in 2015 and another in 2017. Doug appeared to have successfully defeated the disease in October 2017 but in April of this year the cancer reappeared in his brain in the form of a tumor and was inoperable. He fought the disease bravely and with the high spirits that typified his life throughout.

*Condolences to Lisa and Doug's two sons.
Rest in Peace, Doug. Friends always.*

John & Nance Freeman, Darien, CT





John and nance Freeman - August 09, 2018 at 11:55 AM

RW

Doug was a very close friend during his time in the National Guard in Tampa. We played lots of golf as you know Douglas loved his golf. I am saddened to hear of his and Candace loss of life. I will always cherish the times we spent in the Guard and on/off the golf course. My name is Robert T. Westerlund & email address is rtwesterlund3@verizon.net. I will miss them both.

Robert T. WESTERLUND - May 26, 2019 at 11:48 AM

RW

My new email is rtwesterlund5@gmail.com

Robert Westerlund - September 09, 2024 at 10:15 AM

LA

“ We will be holding a celebration of Life at Summit church, Cherrydale location in the first week or so of August. Details will be extended to our friends. We will also be encouraging contributions to the organization of Doug's choice which will also be announced soon.

We feel all the love.

Lisa Adams - July 21, 2018 at 10:55 PM



I am so sorry to read this so young, bright and I am sure so very proud of his sons! Sorry I won't be back in DC for the tribute. Rest In Peace 🙏 Susan Raehn Boslough

Susan Boslough - July 31, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“The good die young” such an tumultuous youth we shared

Susan Boslough - July 31, 2018 at 10:31 AM



*Doug had a infectious spirit with the addition of strategic humor which was always welcomed at Berlins. Our deepest condolences to Lisa.
Sincerely,
Patrick and your friends at Berlin's*

Patrick Luke - March 13, 2019 at 10:26 AM