



Doug D Miller

February 8, 2021

Doug D. Miller, age 61 of Valparaiso, formerly of Merrillville, passed away on February 8, 2021. He was a graduate of Merrillville High School, class of 1977 where he was a member of the 1976 state champion football team. Doug went on to play football for Missouri Western State University, graduating in 1981. He was in Business Development with RQAW Corporation. He was a board member of the Gary Old Timers Athletic Assn., and previously a board member of the Boys and Girls Club and Valparaiso Rotary. He was co-founder of Discoveries Unlimited STEM mentoring, and he actively attended the Friendly Sons of Erin and Indiana Society of Chicago. Doug was a former Center Township board member and served as Center Township Trustee. He was an active member of the Porter County Republican Party.

Doug shared many fond memories of participating in Junedale Little League. He spent much time coaching youth sports and served as Freshman pitching coach at Andean High School. He was a sports broadcaster with Regional Radio Sports for over 20 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Yvonne Miller and brother, David Miller. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 33 years, Mary Miller; daughter, Emily Miller; son, John Miller; brothers, Rick Miller and Dale (Dawn) Miller; sister, Karen Miller; nieces, Jennifer, Ana, Emily and Kristen; nephews, Jeffrey, Scott, Eric and Jack; many cousins. Doug was a loving and dedicated husband, father, son, brother and friend. He lived life to the fullest and cherished every moment. His optimism and positive spirit will be greatly missed by his family, friends and community. He was known in the community as the "gentle giant" and friends referred to him as "Dougie Fresh". He was loved by not only his family, but also all the friends he left behind. Doug will be remembered as a man who always put others first.

Doug's family would like to grieve privately at this time, but a celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com

Comments



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Bill Kappas

William N Kappas - February 17, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ Mary, John & Emily,
A good heart has stopped beating, a good soul ascended to heaven. Although you part with your beloved husband and Dad in sorrow, may you be comforted by the outpouring of love surrounding you.
Our sincere condolences, Alice & Caitlin Noppenberger



Alice Noppenberger - February 15, 2021 at 12:09 AM



“ Rick his older brother is my oldest friend and i have great memories of al his family
Doug was a great son brother husband and friend many will be saddened

jim snow - February 14, 2021 at 07:22 PM



“ I was a friend of Yvonne's
Her children were the center of her life
Doug was a very special person. He was successful in life and loved his family. He would greet you with a smile and was genuinely happy to see you. My prayers are with you Mary and the children may he rest in peace LOL Maureen

Maureen Turman - February 14, 2021 at 06:33 PM



“ I'm very sorry to hear of this loss to your family.

Jodi Keen - February 14, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ My condolences to Mary, John, Emily, and the rest of your family. I cannot say enough good things about Doug: He was a gentleman, a loving family man, and a loyal friend. I will miss him.

Ken Williams - February 14, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ My condolences to Mary, John, and Emily, I was lucky enough to first meet Doug when I was a 6 year old boy playing little league together. We ended up going to High School together and living near one another and raising family's in the same neighborhood, always such a nice and funny man, you will be missed by many. RIP my friend.

Richard f Kurth - February 15, 2021 at 12:58 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss Mary, John & Emily. From the time we first met at Junedale Little League, Doug was funny, kind and always smiling! Praying for you and all who were close to him.

Bill - February 15, 2021 at 10:21 PM



“ We are truly sad for your loss. Doug was a great guy, always upbeat and smiling. He always made you feel welcome and part of the family. Love-Ron & Liz Guba

Elizabeth A Guba - February 16, 2021 at 12:06 PM



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Bill Kappas - February 16, 2021 at 01:48 PM