



## Douglas Kip Perney "Chopper"

August 15, 1956 - February 20, 2024

Douglas Kip Perney "Chopper", age 67 passed away peacefully at home on February 20, 2024. Doug left behind the love of his life, Mary Ellen (Schmelter) and cherished memories to all those who knew and loved him dearly. Doug was born on August 15, 1956, in Gary, Indiana and raised in Hobart, Indiana. He graduated in 1975 from Hobart High School and played football for the Hobart Brickies, good old '32'. Doug worked as a Teamster for Local 142 at various companies. He enjoyed collecting guitars and perfecting the ultimate sound through fine tuning and a sharp ear. Doug was known as the "Hi-Fi" guy and was sought out for his wisdom and knowledge when making a large purchase, because he enjoyed wheeling and dealing. Doug also enjoyed spending time camping, fishing, and taking a ride on his motorcycle. He was blessed to be a recipient of a lung transplant in 2002. Doug was preceded in death by his parents; Gordon and Cleo (Mock) Perney and his nephew; Jeff Klosky. He is survived by his wife; Mary Ellen (Schmelter), his brothers; Bruce and James; sisters; Denise (Dan) Michael, Cheryl (Jim) Starkey, Bonnie (Mark) Foster; along with many nieces and nephews. He was much beloved by the Schmelter family, and he will be greatly missed.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 28th, 2024, from 9am - 9:45am at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, Indiana followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10am at St. Bridget Church, 102 Center Street, Hobart, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Doug's memory at the Hobart Humane Society [www.hshobart.org](http://www.hshobart.org) [www.BurnsFuneral.com](http://www.BurnsFuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **28**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-1117  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Bridget Catholic Church  
107 Main Street  
Hobart, IN 46342

# Tribute Wall



“ *Verna Mebert lit a candle in memory of Douglas Kip Perney "Chopper"* ”



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**Verna Mebert** - March 02, 2024 at 11:52 PM



*Gene & I were very sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Our deepest condolences go out to his wife and the Perney family.*

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**Verna Mebert** - March 03, 2024 at 12:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Kip Perney "Chopper".* ”



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February 26, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



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**Jeanette Jones** - February 24, 2024 at 01:43 PM

JJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jeanette Jones - February 24, 2024 at 01:42 PM

JJ

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Jeanette Jones - February 24, 2024 at 01:38 PM

CW

“ *Mary Ellen, I'm so sorry to hear this about Doug.. We grew up together at Mundell.. I'll never forget when you got new bicycles and he fixed up one of your old ones for me. I still have it and have used it all these years...You will be in my prayers.... Candee Sweet Warren*

Candee Sweet Warren - February 23, 2024 at 09:34 AM

FC

“ *From Nellie Jones and children purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Douglas Kip Perney "Chopper".*



From Nellie Jones and children - February 22, 2024 at 09:28 PM