



## Douglas Allen Michael Smoyer

July 3, 1951 - December 5, 2020

Douglas Allen Michael Smoyer of Fullerton, Nebraska and Fayetteville, Arkansas went home to the Lord on December 5, 2020 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Doug was born to Lowell Smoyer and Helen Ruthkosky Smoyer July 3, 1951 in Fullerton, NE. An avid hunter and fisherman since his youth, Doug also loved playing baseball and was one of only a few Eagle scouts from his hometown. After high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Navy, and often regaled his family with his adventures on the USS Enterprise and later in the Air Force reserves.

After living in California for many years, Doug returned to Nebraska where he reconnected with the love of his life, Karen Rosenbaum, and they were married on the 29th anniversary of their first date: August 8, 1997. They spent the next 23 years together celebrating that love, their families, and their deep faith in God.

All who knew Doug speak of his kindness, his faith, and his humor; he truly never met a stranger. His community will remember the love of God that shone through him in so many ways: the thousands of crosses lovingly crafted in his woodshop for those in hospice, the endless patience teaching all the children how to fish or hunt or use a drill or drive a stick shift, and the countless times he simply showed up and pitched in.

Doug is survived by his devoted wife and other members of his large and loving family including his children, Jennifer Smoyer Thomas and Scott, Tara Smoyer Vargas and Genaro, and Daniel Serrano and Rachelle; his siblings Roberta Duffy and Dennis, Phyllis Schroeder, Tim Smoyer and Pam, Vicki Croot and Mike, Kevin Smoyer and Sandy, and Lori Dilla and Jamie; his brothers-in law Walt Rosenbaum and Renee, Harvey Rosenbaum and Carol; and Larry Rosenbaum; his cherished grandchildren Sheridan, Xochitl, and Lily Vargas and Presley and Danny Serrano, Jr., as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Doug is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Mary Deanne Holdorff and his stepson, Larry Serrano.

There will be a celebration of Doug's life at the First United Methodist Church of Springdale on Wednesday, December 9th at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you make a donation to the Pancreatic Action Network at [pancan.org](http://pancan.org), or that you support the work of the Springdale First United Methodist Church at [www.firstspringdalech](http://www.firstspringdalech)

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Online condolences may be left at [www.siscofuneral.com](http://www.siscofuneral.com)

# Events

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**DEC**   **Memorial Service**   01:00PM

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First United Methodist Church

206 W. Johnson Ave., Springdale, AR, US, 72764

# Comments

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“ Smoyer Family,

As you share ,talk and remember, may you truly find that the one you loved so much is still living in your heart. Our thoughts and prayers our with you during this difficult time.

With Sympathy,

Pat Knopik and Family

**Patrick F Knopik** - December 10, 2020 at 06:03 PM



“ Thank you so much, Pat. Hope you and your family are well. Vicki

**Vicki Croot** - December 27, 2020 at 03:04 AM

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“ Doug and I went all through school and graduated from Fullerton High School in 1969. We played sports together and were Eagle Scouts. His father was our baseball coach and nicknamed me "skeeter". What a kind soul and someone to depend on. Rest now my friend. Greg Zabka

**Greg Zabka** - December 09, 2020 at 10:29 AM



“ Thank you, Greg. In all these years, I have not heard your name spoken, or seen your picture, where I don't automatically thin, SKEETER"!! Not until today, did I learn my dad dubbed you with that title. That's great. Doug was a kind and gentle man who will sure be missed. Thank you for taking the time to drop a note.

**Vicki croot** - December 09, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Thanks, "skeeter" for your kind remembrance. Hope you and Dixie and family are safe and well. Happiest of holidays. Roberta

**roberta duffy** - December 09, 2020 at 08:34 PM



“ Roberta and all of the Smoyer family. So very sorry for your loss! I remember Doug so well when we were growing up and I stayed overnight so many times. Precious memories.

**Gerri Sharman** - December 09, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Oh, thank you Gerri!!! That's so nice of you.

**roberta duffy** - December 10, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ Thank you, Gerri!

**Vicki Croot** - December 27, 2020 at 03:06 AM



“ My sincere condolences to the entire Smoyer family. I served with Doug in the Navy from 1974-1977. During that time, he became an instant friend. so likeable and a sense of humor that was really cool. we spent a lot of time off base at his home and had so much fun. We lost track of each other for awhile after I left Lemoore, but thanks to FaceBook, we were able to reconnect. Since then, we shared the love of fishing and I always loved his posts of his catches of the day. I live in California and had always looked forward to seeing if he could make his way south when he went to central Caifornia to visit his daughter. I'm sorry that never happened. This all happened so fast that I really can't believe I am writing this tribute. I do and always will miss him so much and I grieve for the family but as Karen mentioned, it sounds like he was prepared.

"Fair winds and following seas, shipmate"

Your VA-125 buddy,

Joe

**Joe Olivares** - December 08, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words and memories of Doug, Joe. Very special.  
Doug's sister, Vicki.

**Vicki Croot** - December 08, 2020 at 10:06 PM