



James "Doug" Douglas Nobles

January 8, 1950 - July 29, 2021

Douglas "Doug" Nobles, 71, passed away in Metairie, LA, on July 29, 2021. Doug graduated from Hattiesburg High School in 1968 and attended the University of Southern Mississippi. He was happily married to his high school sweetheart, Sue Williams Nobles, for 50 years. Throughout his life, Doug exemplified the term "family man," as he demonstrated through his unflagging devotion to his wife, his two sons, his parents, and his grandchildren, to whom he was "Papa." In 1970 he started working at the Hattiesburg American newspaper as an advertising runner. For the next 41 years, Doug served loyally for the Gannett Company in a variety of locations throughout the U.S., working his way through the ranks until he retired as Production Director in 2011. During his long and distinguished career, he served as Production Director in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; (the American); in Fremont, Nebraska (The Fremont Tribune); was Assistant Production Director for The Arkansas Gazette in Little Rock; then Production Director of The News Star in Monroe and The Times in Shreveport. Doug was called on to lead several building expansion and printing press installation projects, as he gained a solid reputation as a problem-solver. He was honored by being awarded a Gannett President's Ring for his superior work in newspaper production. Doug was a proud American patriot: He served in the Army National Guard for 7-1/2 years, and later became Assistant State Captain then State Captain of the Louisiana Patriot Guard Riders (PGR), an organization whose members provide honor guards and escort services in memory and thanks for the service of deceased

military veterans and first responders. Doug enjoyed road trips on his Harley, both with the PGR and cross-country trips he made both solo and with his many friends. He also enjoyed golfing and fishing, but his greatest joy was in spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James C. Nobles and Mavis Cameron Nobles; his nephew, Brandon Lacoste; and his sister-in-law, Jean Williams Garmon.

Survivors are his wife, Sue Williams Nobles; sons Lance (Brigid) Nobles of Leesburg VA and Josh (Cherie) Nobles of Metairie; five grandchildren (Chloe, Cameron, Davis, Cullen, and Porter Nobles); sister Audrey Lacoste; uncle, Kermit Nobles; nephew Don Fillingame; and niece Christy Dolese.

In lieu of flowers, the family would greatly appreciate donations to the Louisiana Patriot Guard Riders, PO Box 87408, Baton Rouge, LA 70879; or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Donor Services, P.O. Box 98018, Washington , DC 20090-8018.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Hwy 51 N.

Ponchatoula, LA 70454 on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until the Memorial Service at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Ponchatoula Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ponchatoula Cemetery

Hwy 22
Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 7. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 370-9296

Memorial Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Doug" Douglas Nobles.*



August 06, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ *I always was impressed with Doug's measured approach to solving problems and getting things done. He was soft spoken, but he made all PGR members feel important to the mission. I kept in touch with Doug and learned he was also a fighter against that horrible disease. We lost another great American. We love & will miss you Doug. Dick*

Richard St.Romain - August 05, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Richard Kline Jr - August 04, 2021 at 12:04 PM

RJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Richard Kline Jr - August 04, 2021 at 11:37 AM

CT

“ *My condolences to Sue and all the family, for the loss of my good friend and colleague. He was a great man, and loved his family above all. He made so many of our lives betterment abd I will never forget his kind help to me and so many of our friends. Rest In Peace, my friend.*

Cilla Trenado - August 02, 2021 at 10:10 PM

LW

“ *Kathy and I want to extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to Sue and the Nobles family. We knew Doug from his work at The (Monroe, La) News-Star and Gannett, and he was such a professional, as well as a wonderful colleague and friend, with a great sense of humor.*

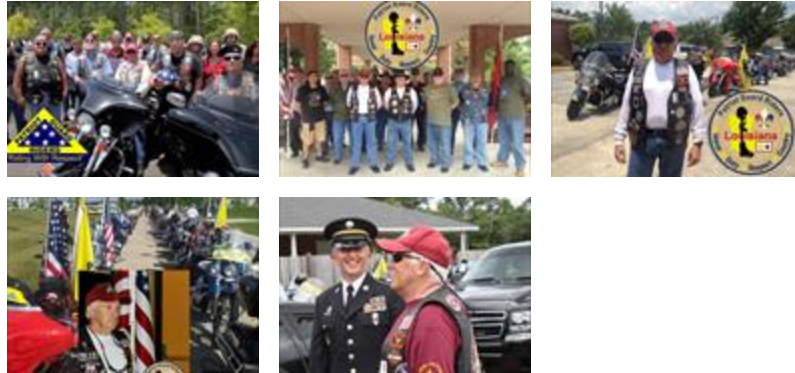
Doug was one of a kind and we'll miss him greatly.

Kathy Spurlock and Lindsey Wilkerson

Lindsey Wilkerson - August 02, 2021 at 08:02 PM

RK

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Richard Kline - August 02, 2021 at 03:01 PM

RK

I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Doug,He will be deeply missed

Richard Kline - August 02, 2021 at 03:03 PM

SM

“ *I met Mr.Nobles at a PGR ride in Louisiana about seven years ago and he was extremely nice to me, having never met me before,He gave me his PGR card and said if I was ever in his part of town and ever needed anything to give him a call.Thankful I never needed to call ,but forever grateful for his friendship.*

Sam Morgan - August 02, 2021 at 02:27 PM

GV

“ So Grateful to have been recognized by the Louisiana Patriot Guard Riders for inaugural Day of Gratitude 2019. Thank you Doug and Roland. Doug's wit, wisdom and generosity will greatly be missed. Love, Prayers and Hugs to you Sue and all of the Patriot Guard Members. Please accept our condolences.



Gretchen Varnell - August 02, 2021 at 02:12 PM

GV

“ Hosting a Blood Drive for Doug at Greenoaks with Ochner was our greatest gift.



Gretchen Varnell - August 02, 2021 at 02:06 PM

GV

“ So Happy to have been a part of Doug's Life and Journey. Sue, you, Doug and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.



Gretchen Varnell - August 02, 2021 at 02:03 PM

RB

“ Randy and I send our condolences, love, and prayers .

Randy and Charlotte Bledsoe - August 02, 2021 at 09:26 AM

MH

“ Sending love and prayers for Sue and the rest of the family. It has been great reconnecting with you on Facebook. Take all the time you need to find your new center and we'll wait til your ready for more. Grief is such a strange emotion to go through. I hope you find a support group when you are ready. It really helped me.
Love, Mary Jo Hardy

Mary Jo. Hardy - August 02, 2021 at 01:15 AM

JD

“ My friend, you will be missed so very much. I will miss your phone calls, you always had a way to keeping everything grounded. I am so pleased you were able to MC the GotG Event, You were the highlight of the function. RIP, my friend, til Valhalla.. Jon

JON DAVID - August 01, 2021 at 11:50 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James "Doug" Douglas Nobles.



August 01, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Doug" Douglas Nobles.*



August 01, 2021 at 05:20 PM