



## Douglas Brown

July 11, 1949 - September 1, 2023

Douglas Charles Brown, a resident of Royal Oak, passed away on Friday, September 1, 2023 at the age of 74. A son of George Brown and Alice Wilson, he was born on July 11, 1949 in Pontiac. Douglas graduated from Berkley High School before working as a machinist at both Carmet and Carbide Technologies. Later in his career, Douglas provided maintenance for a couple property management companies.

At home, Douglas was a devoted fan of NASCAR and monster truck races. He volunteered his time providing maintenance work to the local senior center, and also helped neighbors with their plumbing, electrical, and handyman needs. In his younger years, Douglas enjoyed boating and riding his motorcycle, a passion that his daughter, Jessica, also shares. Douglas had a soft spot in his heart for dogs, especially for his pittie, Geraldine. Douglas had his own brand of offbeat humor and determined spirit. He was an excellent judge of character. Douglas will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Beloved husband of the late Joan. Loving father of Jessica (Fred) Solomon. Cherished grandfather of Mason. Dear brother of Durel Brown and Doryce Johnson. Doting owner of Geraldine.

Family and friends will gather on Tuesday, September 12, from 5:00 pm until time of memorial service at 5:30 pm at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral

Directors, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (4 blks. E. of Woodward), Royal Oak,  
48067.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

SEP 12. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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## Memorial Service

SEP 12. 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ In an age of come and go bedroom neighborhoods, Doug was a hold out. A hold out from a time when neighbors knew about and helped each other. From the frequent conversations over the fence to showing up with the right tool, can of this or bottle of that, Doug was that guy. I think Doug and I hit it off so well because we're both better givers than receivers, which in a strange way made it easier for us to accept help from the other. Kim and I will miss the conversations over the fence and trying to unload surplus vegetables from the garden on Doug. It's going to take some time to get used to going out into the backyard and looking across the fence and not expecting to see Doug out with his dog or fixing a discarded bike to give away to the who so ever. He will be missed.

Mark & Kim Gallop - September 11, 2023 at 04:25 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Douglas Brown.



September 10, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas Brown.

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BC

“ *Brenda C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Brown.*

**Brenda C.** - September 09, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Douglas Brown.*



September 07, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas Brown.*

September 07, 2023 at 02:06 PM

JG

“ *My God I'm so sorry to hear this. I've known Doug since we were in 3rd grade. I was his best man when he married Joan. He grew up just down the street from me. The stories I could tell about him. All the crazy stuff we did together. Mostly I remember riding our bikes everywhere and later cruising Woodward. The fun times spent at Cass Lake or Franklin cider mill.  
The world has been changed with the loss of this beautiful person. I grieve with you.*

**Jim Gillespie** - September 06, 2023 at 01:27 PM

BC

“ Sending my condolences to his family. I have know Doug for 45 years. We have been neighbors all that time. We have watched our children grandchildren grow up. Doug was always there with a helping hand. He helped me out so many times. He had such a wit about him. We would talk about high school days, different events, his love for dogs. Looking out my window not seeing him outside or walking GiGi makes me very sad. He will truly be missed by the Whitcomb neighbors. Brenda Crook

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**Brenda Crook** - September 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM

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“ We are so sorry for such a huge loss. He loved his daughter and grandson so very much! Doug will be missed so much in the neighborhood. His humor and heart were the best of the best! A one-of-a-kind human being who is hard to come by these days. He helped me and my husband so much as we have been navigating a very hard life situation the past few years with my husband's health. And he always helped us without expecting anything in return! Anytime, day or night, he was here if we needed ANYTHING. I would have to literally sneak him gift cards in his mailbox or buy a pie from the farmer's market and leave it at his door so he wouldn't try to give it back to me! Doug helped us more than my husband's own family during the hardest time of our lives. Who can say that about their neighbor? He not only helped us around the house but would lift our spirits and make us laugh w/ his stories and even more colorful humor that we thoroughly enjoyed! The neighborhood feels so empty without you and "Gigi." RIP my friend. You made a difference in our lives that will always be remembered.

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**Andrea** - September 02, 2023 at 06:48 PM