



## Douglas Jeza

April 9, 1948 - March 15, 2025

Douglas Jeza, 76, of Macomb Township, passed away the morning of March 15, 2025 after a hard-fought battle with cancer lasting two and a half years and Multiple Sclerosis most of his life.

Doug was predeceased by his parents Stanley and Irene and sister Connie. He is survived by his wife Becky, daughter Elizabeth (son-in-law Rob), grandson Axel and many nieces and nephews.

Doug was born on April 9th, 1948 to his parents Stanley and Irene Jeza in the city of Detroit, MI. After Doug graduated from high school he was drafted into the US Army. Doug would later graduate from Wayne State University with his Bachelors degree. Doug was a member of the Lutheran Church, a Sunday school teacher and an Elder.

After graduating from Wayne State University Doug worked as a CPA for a couple companies before settling in with Audi/ Volkswagen as a CPA for the remainder of his professional -career.

As a matter of luck, Doug would meet the love of his life on a blind date. Doug and Becky married on 10/10/1981. Later they would complete their picture by welcoming the birth of their only child, Elizabeth on 08/05/1983.

After Doug retired from Volkswagen, he would have more time to focus on woodworking, photography and classic cars. Doug would take his eye and camera everywhere he went so that he wouldn't miss a photo opportunity.

Doug enjoyed showing off his cars at local car shows where he would go on to receive several awards whether in his Mercedes Benz named "Elisabeth"

painted in liquid metal or his latest toy, his red Mustang convertible.

Doug's thoughtfulness and willingness to put others before himself will be missed and admired for years to come. His impact left a mark on friends and family that will be remembered always. Heaven gained an angel on this day; I am sure your hand will be felt by loved ones forever. It is never good bye, it is only until we meet again...

Visitation Friday, March 21, 2025 at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks east of Van Dyke), Utica from 9:30 am until memorial service at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Cancer research or Multiple Sclerosis research in Doug's memory.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR 21. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
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Utica, MI 48317  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

“ Reflecting on a lifetime of Memories of Doug and me....

*Although we are first cousins, I've always thought of Doug as a “big brother”. Life brought us together for a while, then apart back and forth over 6 decades.*

*In the late 1950's when I was somewhere between the ages of 5-6, both of my parents had to work to make ends meet, so I had to be 'outsourced' for care. Fortunately (for me,) it was also when families supported and helped one another, so my Aunty Irene (Doug's Mom) agreed to do it.; provide care for me. As an “only” child (at the time) I was happy with the arrangement because it came with Doug, who was four years older...kinda like a big brother.*

*Doug was always kind and patient with me. I clearly remember the time he save my life! We were at Metro Beach on a hot summer's day. I don't remember how I ended up under water, but I do remember being unable to breath. Doug reached in and pulled me out of the water and back to the beach. We rested for about 2 minutes and as soon as I caught my breath, we were back in the water and having fun!*

*Through our growing up years, we would connect on Sunday visits to our Grandparents house, and always for Christmas and New Years, but as life took us in different directions, our paths continued to intersect. Ironically, we landed in the same accounting class at Wayne State University where Doug excelled. I wasn't so inclined. Doug beat me out the door (graduated) ahead of me, but he spent time coaching (tutoring) me, and a year later I made it through my accounting requirements so I could graduate.*

*After graduation we once again on separate life and career paths. Doug was in a life transition and found himself alone for a period our younger adult lives. Terri and I were newly married, so we welcomed Doug into our home where we shared conversation, dinner (thanks to my gracious wife,) and a few beers; until he met*

*Becky! Needless to say, we were equally (or perhaps even more than) delighted when Becky entered his life!*

*Two decades later, now with a family and mortgage, storm clouds came into our American dream life as I was caught up in a corporate restructuring, and 'set free'. As I was in the process of considering my next steps, once again, Doug and I connected. He was employed with Volkswagen, and knew of a position that might be a fit for me. He delivered my resume on the hiring managers desk, and within a week, Doug and I were back together. and having fun in the work place. During a meeting break we stood side by side and casually mentioned we were twins. Referencing the movie TWINS with Arnold Swartzleniger and Danny Divito, we casually mentioned that the movie was really based on the lives of the two of us. We established "plausible credibility" by complimenting one another's part of our story that included pieces of our history only family would know. Some of the "old world" Germans (who lacked much of a sense of humor,) would walk away in a kerfuffle and then ask their American colleagues how that could be (true). Doug enjoyed those times. What a brother!*

*In retirement, (although Terri and I relocated,) Doug and I connected a few times a year, as we both enjoyed spending time together at the range. We would have lunch, where he would take me through his photo album of his car collection as they were being restored and when on display at the various car shows. It was always a good time.*

*Thanks for being a brother. I look forward to spending time together when I get home.*

*Dave <><*

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**David Trombka** - March 19, 2025 at 03:07 PM



“ I was so happy you held on so I could see you one last time.

Mike Wilcox - March 19, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Douglas Jeza.



March 18, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ Love you Daddy 🙏❤️



Elizabeth wells - March 17, 2025 at 01:41 PM



Our condolences, Becky.

Dale Wolck - March 19, 2025 at 02:24 PM



“ Herbert G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Jeza.

Herbert G. - March 17, 2025 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Herbert G. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Douglas Jeza.*



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**Herbert G.** - March 17, 2025 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Rest in peace. Thank you for being my Godfather.*

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**Randall Wilcox** - March 17, 2025 at 08:13 AM

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*Our condolences, Becky.*

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**Dale Wolck** - March 19, 2025 at 02:22 PM