



## Douglas A. Shepard

January 23, 1953 - January 18, 2022

Douglas Alan Shepard of Centerline, Michigan, passed away peacefully at age 68 from natural causes on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Doug was born in Detroit, Michigan on January 23, 1953. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School, and went on to earn a Bachelor of General Studies from the University of Michigan and a Master of Business Administration from Eastern Michigan University. Doug was a life-long bachelor known to be dedicated to his career and to his cats. He prided himself on his knowledge of the automotive industry and on automobiles in general. He maintained a life-long interest in diverse activities including guitar playing, website design, card playing, slot car racing, hydroplane racing, bowling, real estate, and pinball. His absence will be felt deeply by all who knew him and he will be missed dearly.

Doug was predeceased his parents Shirley and Roger. He is survived by his brother Stephen (Barbara), sister Susan (Larry Johnstal) niece Emily, nephew Ross, his cousin John (Sara) and his beloved cat, Whitey.

Doug was buried in a private service at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Ave  
Detroit, MI 48203

# Tribute Wall

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“*Doug was a kind and intelligent man with a great sense of humor. He was outgoing and always found a way to make me laugh when we worked together. He was the main reason I got my first cat because he told me what a wonderful pet they are to have. He often would email or leave me a silly or sweet cat pic or joke which often, brightened my day. Doug was extremely knowledgeable on everything related to the automotive industry and often "quizzed" me on my knowledge. I learned a lot from Doug. The best thing about Doug was that he truly cared about his friends and always took time to chat. We often would share stories about U of M and his days on the bowling team or his time at Toyota. It was very obvious he enjoyed his time working there and remained a faithful Toyota customer. But what I will remember most about Doug is how much he loved his cat, Whitey! He often shared funny pics of Whitey with me. I know that above all things, in his absence, he would have wanted Whitey to be loved. Sending prayers to Doug's family. I know that he is up in heaven with his parents and his former cat, Niko! I will miss you, Doug! May you rest in peace*

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**Suzanne Tarry** - March 08, 2022 at 08:39 PM

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“*Doug was a very unique person. He knew my love for Michigan's Upper Peninsula and when he saw an article about the U.P., or the Ford Mustang, another one of my loves, he would give me copies to read. May he Rest in Peace. My thoughts and prayers are with Doug's family at this time.*

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**Tammy Elliott** - March 07, 2022 at 10:40 AM

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“*Doug was a dedicated employee and took great pride in providing value. He was usually one of the first people to arrive at the office; I'd arrive after him and he would be waiting to say "good morning" and provide me with breaking news in the automotive world. Doug had a unique sense of humor. I recall his cellphone ringtone was the theme to the Pink Panther cartoon as well as The Jetsons cartoon! Doug was always positive and was quick to praise others. His presence on our team will be sorely missed. Rest In Peace, Doug.*  
*Patrick Harrell*

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**Patrick Harrell** - March 03, 2022 at 08:48 PM