



Doug Farmer

June 16, 1951 - October 24, 2020

John "Doug" Farmer, of Clinton Township, formerly of Shelby Township, passed away on October 24, 2020 at the age of 69. Doug was born on June 16, 1951 in Mayfield, Kentucky to Ernie and Dorothea "Mae" Farmer. Doug was the third of their nine children, but he was their eldest son. In 1954, Doug's family made their way to Michigan where they settled down. He loved to play baseball as a child, and he taught his brothers to play. Doug enjoyed being outdoors, and especially loved to fish. Doug graduated from Utica High School in 1969. Doug then made his way to Central Michigan University where he studied business. After college, he got a job at Ford Motor Company. Doug was a dedicated and loyal employee, working at Ford's for 30 years until his retirement. Doug met the love of his life, Ellen, and the two became one on July 31, 2019. Doug loved his family, and he greatly enjoyed being an uncle. He was an avid sports fan. Doug had some health issues during his years, but he was a strong person. He continued to find courage to fight until his last days. Doug was preceded in death by his parents, Ernie and Mae, siblings, Kay (survived by Jerry) and Jeff (survived by Renae). Doug is the cherished husband of Ellen Sassanella; the loving brother of Cindy, Tony (Denise), Ronnie, Jayne (Tom), Carolyn (Ken), and Brian; the dear step-father of Lisa and Dave; the adored step-grandfather of Savannah and Lathan; and the beloved uncle of 15 nieces and nephews. Doug's family will receive friends on Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van

Dyke), Utica. A funeral service will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020, visitation from 10:00 a.m. until his service at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. His funeral service will be webcasted and live streamed and you will be able to find a link on the SullivanFuneralDirectors.com webpage 30 minutes before services begin. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the American Lung Association, 1475 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI, 48071 or at www.alam.org. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
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Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Doug Farmer*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - October 30, 2020 at 08:31 AM

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“ *Doug was a favorite cousin and always such a positive person. God bless Ellen and the entire Farmer family. Till we meet again!*

Paul Briggs - October 28, 2020 at 02:20 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Doug Farmer.*



October 27, 2020 at 07:28 PM

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“ *My heart is heavy! I knew him as, Doug! What a wonderful Man! He had a million stories and such a zest for life! He told me about things he had always wanted to do, such as getting married and having children! He finally got to achieve these things, albeit later than some! May God keep you at his side Doug! I know you are free of pain! I'm going to keep my eyes looking for deer, and I'll think of you when I see them!*❤️

Karen DeWitt (McGregor) - October 26, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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“ *I knew Doug from Ford. We share the same birthday. I'm so sorry we had to lose him.*



Sharon Cross - October 26, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Doug Farmer.*



October 25, 2020 at 08:13 PM