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Mr. C. Douglas Berndt, age 79, passed away on February 13, 2013. Mr. Berndt was born February 20, 1933 to Clarence and Pearl (Schroll) Berndt in Brohman, MI. He served his country in the United States Marines during the Korean War. On April 30, 1966 he married the love of his life, Patricia Yost. Doug has spent the last 40 years working as landscaper, both self-employed and formerly of Holly's Green Gardens. His love of planting trees and bushes, plus providing excellent yard maintenance services to his customers, kept him looking forward to Spring and the start of another season of work. Doug was full of life and was always busy. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time with his family and friends, and donating his time to the many organizations of which he was a member. He was an avid fan of Norte Dame and Green Bay Packers football, the Detroit Red Wings, and the many years of Muskegon Hockey. Doug was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister and Lecture. A dedicated Mason, he was a member of Muskegon Lodge No. 140 F. and A.M. and previous member of Lovell Moore Lodge No. 182 F. and A. M. where he twice served as Master of his Lodge. Doug was active with many Masonic organizations including The Shriners and Scottish Rite. He spent many years helping children enjoy all the activities available at the Shrine Circus in Muskegon and Grand Rapids. He was also a member of the Lakeside Vet's Club, where he was Past Commander and board member; past Commandant of the Marine Corps League of Muskegon Detachment 703; and regularly enjoyed all of the member benefits of Vikings Linné Lodge No. 57 I.O.V. Doug is SURVIVED by his wife of 46 years, Pat; his son, Timothy Berndt; special grandchildren, Alexandra "Alex" and Caleb Cereska; sisters, Bonnie Schoonveld and Lois Chapin; half brother and sister, Vern Arthur Matthews and Coral Yalacki; sisters-in-law, Judy Berndt and Darlene Berndt, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ronald "Jim" and Vernon; and sister,



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Doris. A FUNERAL SERVICE will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at The Lee Chapel 6291 S. Harvey St. 231-798-1100 with Rev. Fr. Michael Olson presiding. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery. VISITATION will be 6-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children or the charity of your choice.




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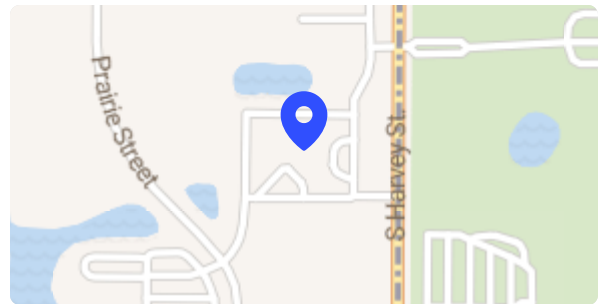
Visitation

 **Tuesday**, February 19, 2013

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



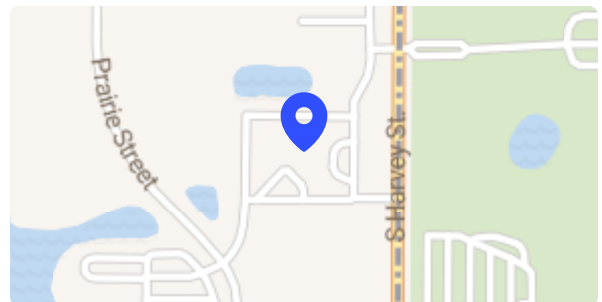
Funeral Service

 **Wednesday**, February 20, 2013


 11:00 AM ET

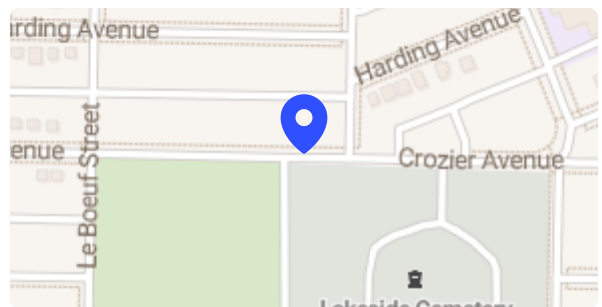
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Cemetery Details

 **Lakeside Cemetery**
2201 Crozier, Muskegon MI 49441





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OG

O'le Henry Gardens lit a candle in honor of C. Douglas .



April 2 at 5:53 PM

BH

Brent Hotz posted:

Tim.... I am so sorry to hear about your Dad....I remember you and I talking about him the last time we got together. Although I wasn't around him that much when you and I were kids... I do remember he was very nice guy. I am so sorry I wasn't there at the visitation or funeral..I didn't find out until just now.Take care....Your friendBrent (Chico) Hotz

February 21 at 9:33 AM

MG

Marah Griswold posted:

Aunt Pat & Tim, so sorry I couldn't make it today. My heart was with you both. Simply adored Uncle Doug, he was one of a kind, and at that, the BEST kind! Maybe this year or next I'll have to join on a trip to catch a Cub's game with you, mom, Auntie B so I can see what all the fuss was about! Love you! Marah

February 20 at 10:35 AM

CC

Chris And Juli Clark posted:

Doug was an AMAZING landscaper and loved good beer :) You will be missed.

February 20 at 5:29 AM

DC

Deborah Council posted:

I loved working with Doug at Holly's Green Gardens (4-84-12-88). I talk of him often with great fondness and respect. My husband and I would make fun of his 'grand pubah' hat with the Shriners, he loved it. He always watched out for other. He loved it when my daughter would come to work with me, I use to ask him if he wanted her. I didn't get lucky he wouldn't take her (lol)He was one of my favorite bosses of all time. I was so sorry to hear of his passing, he will be greatly missed.Verlie and Deborah Council (Terra, daughter)

February 19 at 8:22 AM



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SC

Shawn P. Caughey posted:

His wisdom and experience proved to be an asset to the Lakeside Veterans Club during his time as our leader. His command presence (the dreaded gavel) helped maintain order with his unique and intelligent style. He will be missed by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rest in Peace Commander, Shawn P. Caughey

February 19 at 6:56 AM

LS

Lonnie Schotts posted:

Doug, you were the greatest! You were one tuff boss but one great friend!!! Prayers to your family. Lonnie

February 18 at 4:37 PM

MS

Marge Smith posted:

I have many great memories, but the last favorite one was the weekend trip to the Brewers and the Cubies with Uncle Doug, Aunt Pat and Aunt Bonnie. We were all blessed to have Uncle Doug in our lives now he is with God and all his glory.

February 18 at 2:49 PM

TK

Ted Kling posted:

DOUG, he was a great guy to know. The world was a better place because of him. I am grateful to have known him. TED Kling

February 18 at 1:19 PM

DJ

David Jones posted:

Doug was a great man as well as a great Mason. And I am sure he has already heard these words "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord". Rest in Peace WB Doug.

February 18 at 10:13 AM



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DO

Doug posted:

He was a great man. And an honorable Mason. He espoused all the values of what a man should strive for. A continual improvement of self and family. Rest well my Brother Doug t. Lovell Moore, Muskegon Lodge

February 17 at 3:34 PM

AN

Anne lit a candle in honor of C. Douglas .

May your cherished memories provide comfort and peace. So sorry for your loss, Tim. Your father was a great man. Deepest sympathy, Tony and Anne Sirianni

February 17 at 5:38 AM



RY

Ron & Judy Yost lit a candle in honor of C. Douglas .

Patty & Tim, Judy and I are so saddened by the passing of Doug. Distance has impeded our ability to see each other very often, so I will cherish the last time we were together 2 years ago Monday at Schulers in Marshall. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love.....Ron & Judy Yost

February 15 at 4:58 PM



TB

Tammy Bayne lit a candle in honor of C. Douglas .

February 15 at 11:52 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring C. Douglas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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