



Douglas Frank Oliver, Sr.

March 2, 1951 - May 21, 2010

Douglas Frank Oliver, Sr., son of Arna and Josephine Theresa (Esposito) Oliver, was born March 2, 1951 in Cortland, New York, where he grew up and attended school.

Doug departed this life May 21, 2010, at his daughter's home near Waynesville, Missouri, at the age of 59 years, 2 months and 19 days.

On August 3, 1970, Doug was enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corp in Riverside, California, the very day his draft number came up. Soon thereafter, Doug was sent to Vietnam. He was a proud and true soldier, and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one bronze service star, and the Good Conduct Medal along with several other awards and commendations. Lance Corporal Oliver received his honorable discharge in 1972, and continued service to his country in the Reserves for several years.

After spending 28 years with the love of his life, Doug exchanged wedding vows with Cathy Leah (Evans) Brogden on October 10, 2004, in Walnut Grove, Missouri.

In both Missouri and California, Doug worked for many years in the recycling industry. He loved being a weight master and forklift driver; so much so, that

he enjoyed scrapping when he was away from work. He also enjoyed fishing, taking long walks and thunder storms. Doug enjoyed watching all the birds that would gather around their bird feeders in California, but truly enjoyed the beautiful red Cardinals in Missouri. Doug loved nothing in his life more than time spent with Cathy or the grandchildren. Time spent with his grandchildren meant being involved in all aspects of their lives. When they were small, and were stalling at bedtime, he made "magic milk," a magic potion of milk with sprinkles or other surprises in their bedtime liquid. Their other favorite grandpa treat was BBQ sauce popcorn.

When Doug was an infant, he was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith. In 2004, he re-dedicated his life to the Lord in the Baptist Church in Walnut Grove, where he and Cathy were married.

Doug was very dearly loved, and will be very greatly missed by his wife: Cathy; six children: Cassondra Brogden and Robert Brogden (Candace Amerson), Waynesville, Tracy Kent (Kenny), Ozark, Kristina DeSomer, Sullivan, Rose Schultz, Fairfax, Virginia, and Douglas Oliver, Jr., Riverside, California; ten grandchildren: Katelynn, Dakotah, Kristian, Cameron, Jordan, Autumn, Zachary, Daniel, Jr., Francesca and Persephone; other relatives and friends.

Doug was preceded in death by his young grandson: Aaron, in 1996.

Memorial services with military honors were held at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, May 27, 2010 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Bro. Danny Graves officiating. The songs "Cryin' For Me", "Jesus Take the Wheel", "When I Get Where I'm Going", "Go Rest High on that Mountain" and "Sissy's Song" were played. Several of Doug's family and friends recalled their wonderful memories of him. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team of Rolla, Missouri. Services were under the direction of

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Doug Oliver and may be left at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas Frank Oliver, Sr.*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dougllas Oliver lit a candle in memory of Douglas Frank Oliver, Sr.*



Dougllas Oliver - March 20 at 05:02 PM

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“ *Dougllas Oliver sent a virtual gift in memory of Douglas Frank Oliver, Sr.*



Dougllas Oliver - March 20 at 05:02 PM



“ *Frank Frank lit a candle in memory of Douglas Frank Oliver, Sr.*



Frank Frank - March 20 at 03:28 AM



“ *I love you and and I never got to tell you how much I appreciate you and never realized that how much I love you and that I'm sorry I wasn't there for you when you needed me*

Frank Frank - March 20 at 03:21 AM



“ *Amanda Lynn lit a candle in memory of Douglas Frank Oliver, Sr.*



Amanda Lynn - December 16, 2025 at 02:59 PM



“ *Douglas Frank Oliver, Sr.*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ I just wanted to tell the family that I am so sorry that I didnt make it to the funeral I just couldnt bring myself to make it. I wanted to remembered dad the way he was. I didnt mean to make anyone mad at me. Please forgive me! Email me at anytime at yellowjackets1995@yahoo.com##imported-begin##Kristina DeSomer##imported-end##

May 30, 2010 at 06:30 PM



“ I am very sorry I could not be there today to morn dad with everyone. Since I can't be there in person I wanted to at least send my respects via the only forum I have available at the moment.

Every memory I have of childhood centers with you somewhere close to me dad. You taught me so much. Everything from riding a bike, learning my times tables, to being a responsible person that works hard no matter what the job is. I learned these things from you dad. I will always cherish the times we spent together. The memories I hold close to me are those of you and I sitting up late at night in the garage talking. You were always there to give me advice even if I did not want to hear it. Which actually was very rarely....which is strange for a teenager I know. There was always so much chaos going on in our house and I was always so quiet that I would feel like an outsider looking in. Anytime I felt this I would just have to go outside, find you, pull up a seat, and I was home. You are a part of the very center to who I am. My success, my achievements, these are all possible because you helped build the foundation of who I am. There are so many life lessons I learned from you that I can not even name them all. I feel very fortunate that I shared this with you while you were alive. That I made sure you knew that I loved you, cherished the times I spent with you, and shared with you the impact you had in my life. Dad I love you now and always. You were a wonderful dad to me. Know that a piece of you will live on though me and I in turn will share what you have instilled in me with my children. My only regret is that you never got the chance to meet them - you would have loved them, but I will be sure that they know of you and carry a piece of you with them though me.

Dad may you rest in peace.

Love,

Your Rose###imported-begin###Rose###imported-end###

May 27, 2010 at 11:18 AM



“ I still can't believe that my dad is in heaven now. He is a special man he would do anything for anyone. Everybody loved him. Hes a very good man. I love you dad. I am going to miss you but you will always be in my heart.##imported-begin##Kristina DeSomer##imported-end##

May 25, 2010 at 10:47 PM



“ Sandy and Children, Marjorie and I have come to love you guys. I'm glad I got to meet your father one time. We pray God's richest blessings on you and the family. Norm here on the mountain.##imported-begin##Norman & Narjorie ##imported-end##

May 25, 2010 at 06:05 PM