



Doug Shear

July 29, 1949 - May 12, 2015

On May 12th God took our beloved Doug Shear, age 65, of Bourbonnais, up to heaven. He was born July 29, 1949 in Kankakee. Doug was raised with eleven siblings on a farm in Indiana by Melvin and Zetta Shear. He married Carolynne K. Schweizer on June 12, 1971. Doug had worked for JR Short Milling for 30 years. He was also the owner/operator of Doug's Lawn Care. At the age of 10 he started his own little lawn care business which grew later into the business he owned and operated, Doug's Lawn Care. He loved anything John Deere and always dreamed of having a huge tractor to put in the driveway to just look at.

Surviving are his wife, Carolynne Shear of Bourbonnais; one son and daughter-in-law, Brandon & Kim Shear of Kankakee; one daughter, Brittany Gernon of Kankakee; one Godson, Joe Kroesch; nine grandchildren, Codey, Tyler, Chaise, Taylor, Tanner, Isabella, Julian, Teagan, and Jordan; nine siblings, Gloria Lippold, Mel (Paula) Shear, Marlene (Bob) Meents, Janice Clarke, Judy Reiniche, Jack (Sharon) Shear, Don (Lana) Shear, Patty (Larry) Graves, and Jeff (Suzanne) Shear; Brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Donna; Rhonda Hudson (Ron), Lana Carraher, Mitch Schweizer (Cindy), Rosalind Marten (Rick), Jeff Schweizer (Connie), Randy Schweizer (Donna), Monte Schweizer (Donna), and Todd Schweizer (Noelle); honorary children, Amber Stevenson and Paulla Grzych; honorary grandchildren, Sabrina Boothe, C.J.

Wells, Kenny Sanders, and Larry Sanders.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Bob Shear; one sister, Shelby Cranor-Brasher; and one brother-in-law, Gary Schweizer.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, where funeral services will be held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Randy Schweizer will officiate the service. Interment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Aroma Twp. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

He fought a valiant battle against kidney, liver, and heart disease. He was a very strong man and nothing was more important to him than his wife, children, grandchildren, sisters, and brothers.

He was so kind and very generous, always thinking of others first. He took in several children that he loved like his own grandchildren. He also sponsored many local soccer teams.

He was the most loving and wonderful husband. The last words he spoke were to his wife of 44 years were "I love you so much." Her last words to him were "Wait for me."

Always the jokester, look out for what you said, for he was always looking for an opportunity to tease you. He was a simple, very hard working man who loved to be riding on his mower on a beautiful day while humming and enjoying the wonderful outdoors, or simply being at home with his family.

He loved Dodge Ram trucks, Celine Dion and Barbara Streisand songs, his mom's homemade butterscotch and chocolate meringue pies, and an occasional margarita.

Thank you God for letting us know and love this absolutely incredible man.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAY 20. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BG

“ Oh Daddy I miss you so much. You are the best person I have ever known. I know you are watching over Mom, Brandon, the kids, and I. Please come to me in some way. A dream, a smell, anything! I love you so much!

Your baby girl,
Brittany

brittany gernon - May 22, 2015 at 12:14 PM

CK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. Doug was loved and admired by so many. We will always remember his kindness and friendship.

Carl & Alice Kopp - May 19, 2015 at 07:50 PM

RO

“ Dear Aunt Carolyn, Brandon, Brittany and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Unfortunately, I can relate. I have so many memories I will always cherish. Uncle Doug's pet name for me was Rob O. I loved that. When I was down, he always had the simple words to make me feel better. I know he missed my Dad terribly, like me. He said how he would dream of Dad often. To lighten the moment, I would say, "tell him to come visit me." Can you imagine their reunion along with our other loved we have lost? I am so blessed to have had him in my life. love to all! sadly missed by your niece, Rob O, Robyn Bilyard

Robyn - May 17, 2015 at 06:31 PM

DH

“ Caroline, Vickie and I would like to express our deepest sympathy on your lost of Doug. As I look back over the years that have gone by, I remember many good times we had together. Just under a year ago we got together for dinner and Doug and I had a good conversation out side the restaurant. We talked about the old days and all the things that we have been through in our lives. You and your family are in our prayers. I will miss my old friend. May his soul R.I.P.

Don& Vickie Hilgert - May 17, 2015 at 05:20 PM

GL

“ The entire Shear/Schweitzer family has my deepest sympathy. Many years of knowing, conversing, partying, and just "hanging out" with Doug, Caroline, Brittany, and Brandon in our happy little neighborhood will always be treasured. Having our kids grow up and play together were special times. Doug was ALWAYS a wonderful father, husband, friend, and role model to everyone. His hard work ethics and kind, positive words about everyone and everything were a tribute to him. I will miss your big smile, Doug. May you rest in peace. Gloria LaGesse

Gloria LaGesse - May 17, 2015 at 04:27 PM

PG

“ AFTER GETTING MY DRIVING PERMIT AND ONLY DRIVING THE DRIVERS ED CAR WITH POWER STEERING, DOUG ASKED IF I WANTED TO DRIVE HIS CAR. BEHIND OUR HOUSE AND SEVERAL OTHERS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, THERE WAS A LARGE U SHAPED ALLEY. THAT'S WHERE WE WENT. AS I STARTED TO MAKE THE FIRST TURN THE STEERING WHEEL WOULDN'T TURN (NO POWER STEERING!) HE SAID "TURN" I SAID "I CAN'T" HE SAID "TURN!" I SAID "I CAN'T!" HE YELLED "TURN!!" BOOM!!! THE CAR RAN UP A LARGE SNOWBANK AND HIT THE TELEPHONE POLE!! HE GOT OUT....CAME AROUND, I GOT OUT....AND I REALLY DON'T REMEMBER IF I GOT IN THE PASSENGER SIDE OR RAN HOME!!! THAT WAS THE FIRST AND LAST TIME DOUG EVER LET ME DRIVE HIS CAR. IT SOON BECAME THE FAMILY JOKE! DOUG....THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE ATTEMPT. I LOVE YOU!...I MISS YOU! AND MAYBE ONE DAY WE CAN GO DRIVING AGAIN IN A MUCH BETTER PLACE! MY DEAR BROTHER MAY YOU REST IN PEACE! PAT

PAT GRAVES - May 17, 2015 at 03:39 PM

JR

“ To my sweet brother, Doug. We sure had a fun time growing up didn't we? I can't imagine trying to corral 12 children. And what wild n crazy kids we were! Sleeping outdoors under the stars in the Summertime and exploring the creeks picking blackberries and forever stepping on "stickers" with our bare feet. We were poor but we never realized it We made our own fun with incredible imaginations. Our dear Mom taught us how to plant, harvest and enjoy everything our Lord provided. We learned how to make "butter" by shaking separated cream in mason jars (or just maybe mom had us do that to keep us busy) as it took forever! As we grew older, but more recently ,I loved our conversations and the many "secrets" we shared.. I will forever keep those conversations tucked away inside my heart. I love you Doug; so much...the little boy I threw a pitchfork at and hit in the leg; yet "you got in trouble for "teasing" me". I guess maybe I WAS the spoiled one as I was often accused. Regardless...6 brothers, 5 sisters..each one very unique and I wouldn't trade those growing-up years for anything. You'll always be my "sweet little toe-head brother"..... Rest Now Sweetie!...Love you so much - Miss you more than you know - Judy

Judy Reiniche - May 16, 2015 at 03:47 PM



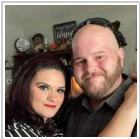
“ I have too many memories of my Uncle Doug to list but I hold them ALL in my heart ❤️ God certainly blessed us all who knew Uncle Doug with a wonderful, kind hearted, full of humor, and strong willed man. I love you Uncle Doug!

Mary Meents - May 16, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ I sit here trying to decide what to say but can't. I think about how we were just talking about how we couldn't wait for summer so we could spend it sitting on the deck. I am going to miss how when I would hug and kiss you good bye you would say, "I love you.", and after I replied, "I love you too." You would say, "no kim, I love you". And I knew I was part of the "Doug Shear family". You would always do what you could for people but that inner circle got special treatment. And it made me feel loved. That was your way, you made everyone around you feel loved and special. I am going to miss those big blue eyes. RIH Dougie. Love you.

Kimberly Sparks-Shear - May 16, 2015 at 10:01 AM



“ Uncle Doug used to tell me that no matter what anybody says I was good in his book and I took that to heart that no matter what people think or say I had my uncle dougs approval

Ethan Rohland - May 16, 2015 at 05:11 AM



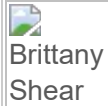
“ Uncle Doug..... You were just standing by my side as we laid my dad to rest. I can't believe you're gone and we'll be standing in that same spot,saying our good byes!! I'll miss you forever!! Thank you!! And thank you to my schweizer family for giving a strong foundation in which to grow and raise my family!!! I love you all!!! R.I.P. Doug!!!

Jennifer thomas - May 16, 2015 at 04:08 AM



It's all getting very real to me now by seeing all these sweet messages.

brittany gernon - May 16, 2015 at 05:03 AM



Brittany Shear

“ *Daddy I'm positive that you still around me. I love you more than any words could ever even begin to explain! When people give me their condolences, 100% of the time they tell me what a great and caring man that you were. I love you Daddy!*

Brittany Shear - May 16, 2015 at 02:04 AM

JS

“ *I have 5 brothers born of blood. I have dozens of others born of friendship and/or marriage. Doug was more than a brother-in-law. He was a brother in every sense of the word! They say you can't choose your family. But Doug DID choose our family through his marriage to our beautiful sister Carolynne. He became, and always will be, one of the most cherished members of our family. REST IN PEACE BROTHER...REST IN PEACE!!*



Jeff Schweizer - May 16, 2015 at 01:06 AM

BG

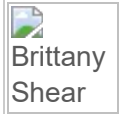
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brittany gernon - May 16, 2015 at 01:45 AM

JH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, with deep sympathy, let memories of Doug warm your heart, i will smile thinking of Doug coming in every christmas eve to see us at the counter with his box of fanny mae!!, he was a very kind person. we love you, Jim and Missy Haworth*

Jim and Missy Haworth - May 15, 2015 at 10:20 PM



Brittany Shear

Thank you Missy!

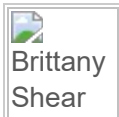
-Brittany

Brittany Shear - May 16, 2015 at 02:06 AM

DS

“ *Burying our feet in the sand, roasting potato peels (@ 5 years of age and catching the barn on fire while doing it. You were my buddy, Doug, but why does it take so long to realize it...? I love and will miss you, Till we me again-- Don*

Don Shear - May 15, 2015 at 08:46 PM



Brittany Shear

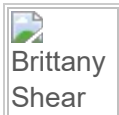
That was very nice Uncle Don. He was the best person in my world, it will be so hard to live without him!

Brittany Shear - May 16, 2015 at 02:08 AM

TW

“ *I will Never forget Doug he was a giving and caring man to his family. He would give you the shirt of his back if you needed it. Rest in peace my friend.*

Todd White - May 15, 2015 at 03:52 PM



Brittany Shear

Thanks Todd! My dad always liked you and enjoyed when you came over.

Brittany Shear - May 16, 2015 at 02:09 AM

BM

“ *My deepest sympathy to my friend Jeff and the entire Shear family on your loss. May the Good Lord wrap his arms around you and bring you comfort and peace in this time of sorrow and may you be left with nothing but the best of memories. The best tribute you can give anyone is to remember and commemorate their life and all the ways it touched each of you. God Bless.*

Bill Maass and family from 6th ave in Kankakee, now of Delavan IL.

Bill Maass - May 15, 2015 at 03:20 AM