



Douglass Hugh Wurst

October 17, 1942 - September 22, 2014

WURST, Douglass Hugh (Doug)—Age 71 of Tullahoma, TN, passed away at home on September 22, 2014, after courageously battling cancer for eight years. No services are scheduled.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Eileen Wurst, and twin brother, Cliff Wurst. He is survived by his loving wife, Leslie, of Tullahoma and devoted son, Cory Jackson, of Nashville, TN.

Born on October 17, 1942, in Dearborn, Michigan, he received a B.S.E. degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan. In the mid-1960s, he and twin brother Cliff moved to Manchester, TN, as co-op students at Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC). He was a computer programmer at the AEDC von Karman Gas Dynamics Facility; a professional musician; and a programmer analyst at the University of Tennessee Space Institute in Tullahoma, TN, where he met his future wife, Leslie Anne Sharber of Goodlettsville. Doug and Leslie married in 1978 and, in 1985, their son Cory Jackson was born.

Doug was an accomplished and enthusiastic engineer, entrepreneur, mathematician, woodworker and carpenter, guitar player, and barefoot skier. He and friend Robb Garrett conceived, designed, and built two 20-foot custom ski boats. He was a member of the American Barefoot Club of the American Waterski Association and even at age 69 continued to barefoot waterski while battling cancer. Doug was a guitarist and vocalist in the 1960's band, "The Uncalled For," whose music was revived in recent years leading to the band's performance at the 2011 Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival.

Doug was a gentle, patient, and masterful teacher and mentor who gave generously of his time and talents to anyone who asked, from high school math students to waterski novices. He was most proud of the 1905 home and property, overlooking Ovoca Falls, which he restored and renovated alongside his wife Leslie, and the character and accomplishments of his son, Cory, who carries on his father's barefoot skiing tradition.

All our gratitude to the physicians and nurses at Tennessee Oncology, St. Thomas Hospital, the Sarah Cannon Research Institute, and many devoted friends and family, who tenaciously and lovingly supported and cared for Doug.

For online guest registry, please visit our website at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com.

Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglass Hugh Wurst*

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM



“ *I went to school with Doug and Cliff in Dearborn Michigan and remember the twin Corvette's they drove. I just now found out they have both passed. So sorry. I have fobd memories of the twins. Always liked them.
Norma Smith class of 1961 Dearborn High.*

Norma Smith - August 06, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *I am beyond sad to learn of Doug's passing. I enjoyed working with Doug and Cliff on the UTSI/MHD project as the Business Manager. They got me interested in board sailing before it was "kool." And, I'll never forget a thrilling slalom ride behind Doug's new speed boat at a UTSI/MHD picnic, even after he'd broken a collar bone barefooting behind that beast! We put a "tidal wave" over the boathouse/patio and wet every "official" there to the skin! Best regards and my sincere sympathy. Al Camp, Fayetteville, GA*

Al Camp - October 02, 2014 at 06:12 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy,
Ed and Janie Mirtes*

Janie and Ed Mirtes - September 28, 2014 at 01:29 PM



“ *Jacqueline D. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Douglass Hugh Wurst.*



Jacqueline D. - September 25, 2014 at 05:47 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about this, Mr. Wurst was such a pleasure to take care of at SCRI, we will miss him...I always loved when ZZ was in the house!*

Sandra Staudy - September 25, 2014 at 04:13 PM

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“ Dear Leslie and Corey, I am so saddened to hear of Doug's passing; our thoughts and prayers are with you now as always. We are never prepared. Leslie, please call me at any time, I'll send you my phone on FB. Though the circumstances are different I hope I could share a shoulder, God Bless, Sheila Simmons Lee and Monte

Sheila Simmons Lee - September 24, 2014 at 07:40 PM