



Douglas Grady

November 22, 1954 - November 23, 2025

Douglas James Grady, a beloved resident of Centralia, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at the age of 71. Born in Breese, Illinois, on Monday, November 22, 1954, the son of George T. and Delores (Hilmes) Grady. On December 18, 1973, he married the love of his life Kathleen Branon and they celebrated 52 years of marriage. Doug lived a life full of love, laughter, and devotion to his family and community.

A dedicated professional, Doug spent his career at the City of Centralia Waste Water Treatment Plant, where his commitment to his work was appreciated by colleagues and community members alike for 42 years. Known as a people person, Doug never met a stranger. His warm personality and infectious smile left a lasting impression on everyone he encountered.

Doug's life was defined by his deep love for his family. He is survived by his devoted wife, Kathy Grady of Centralia, and his cherished daughter, Misty Grady of Carterville. He was a proud grandfather to five grandchildren: Lexy Patton, Gavin Douglas Grady, Marley Grady, Madison Grady, and Brayden Albert. His legacy continues in his two great-grandchildren, Kyan Harris and Truu Kirgan.

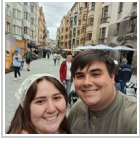
As a family man, Doug was happiest when watching his grandchildren play sports or spending quality time with his loved ones. Doug was an avid fan of

the St. Louis Cardinals and found joy in sharing the excitement of the game with fellow fans. In his younger years, he played slow pitch softball, where he met a lot of friends. Doug and Kathy enjoyed dancing together at Peggy Sue's and The Moose, creating memories that would last a lifetime. His penchant for enjoying life's simple pleasures was evident when unwinding with a cold Busch Light Apple. Doug's enduring spirit and love will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, laughter, and love.

Doug is also survived by his brother, Michael "Hootie" Grady, and his two sisters, Kim Grady and Lisa Grady Jones, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, George T. and Delores Grady, his daughter, Christy Grady, and his brother, Mark Grady.

Per Doug's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded, and a Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, located at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois, for their compassionate service during this difficult time. Friends and family are encouraged to share their condolences online by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Tribute Wall



“ On behalf of the Watsons, I'd like to extend our condolences. It was such a pleasure having Doug as a neighbor for many years. If there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask.



Ben Watson - December 03, 2025 at 10:14 PM

DG

“ We send our condolences for your family's loss. Sending Prayers for Peace & Comfort.

David & Shelly Guthrie - December 01, 2025 at 06:45 PM

DM

“ Debbie Moulder lit a candle in memory of Douglas Grady



Debbie Moulder - November 30, 2025 at 03:37 PM

LJ

“ Love, Jason & Anna; Alyssa, Ava & Jayce purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Douglas Grady.



Love, Jason & Anna; Alyssa, Ava & Jayce - November 29, 2025 at 12:22 PM



“ *Joe Boder Lights a candle for Doug*



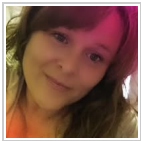
Joe Border - November 28, 2025 at 12:17 AM



“ *Our condolences to you Gavin and all your family.*



Vicky James - November 27, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ *There are so many fond memories I have with Doug Grady This dude was just an awesome man, they don't get no better than him. He was in my opinion a picture perfect man. Honestly he set the bar and no one I know of is even came close to him .. when you seen Doug Grady you couldnt help but feel his larger than life presence ..he flashed that smile and always had something witty or positive to say .. I just seen him at the dollar store maybe 6 weeks ago he looked good and in good spirits . Still enjoying taking care of his family ...he was just a real down to earth guy .. i remember we would drive by Edgewood he would be hanging out in the garage with the door up waving at ya. I remember summer festivities in the back yard by the pool and camping trips to Cole's Creek . bocci ball and hammicks ... Doug loved his wife and the family they made together... My heart goes out to his family you all are in my thoughts and prayers . Rest easy Doug you was obr of a kind and will be missed .. I know you are catching up with Christy.*

Amanda Hunt - November 27, 2025 at 01:02 AM

MM

“ *May god comfort his family. That was one (PRECIOUS) Husband Brother Grandfather Greatgrandfather to receive his wings.*



Mitzi Masterson - November 26, 2025 at 10:34 PM

BR

“ *Aunt Kathy our condolences to you and the family I've got a lot of memories of Uncle Doug and his softball games 4 July and seeing you uncle Doug and the kids at my mom and dads house on mayfair I'll cherish those thoughts forever love ya Brian Dorothy raboine*

Brian raboine - November 26, 2025 at 02:39 PM

GL

Aunt Kathy, I didn't know Doug all that well. What i did know about him, is that he always had a smile & friendly word for me . I know he will be missed all my love & sympathy. Gary

Gary LeVault - November 26, 2025 at 09:30 PM

VD

“ *My heart goes out to Kathy, Misty, Grandkids & family. May knowing that your precious loved one is now in the arms of Jesus give some comfort at this sad time 🙏❤️*



Vickie Diehl - November 26, 2025 at 11:30 AM

TA

“ Tom Ashby lit a candle in memory of Douglas Grady



Tom Ashby - November 26, 2025 at 09:39 AM

KC

“ I met Doug when I was a teen and we hung out with our friends. Such a great guy. Prayers for his loved ones. God bless



Kathy George Casey - November 26, 2025 at 09:09 AM

BL

“ Bones & Lora lit a candle in memory of Douglas Grady



Bones & Lora - November 26, 2025 at 06:23 AM

GL

“ Georgia Lambert lit a candle in memory of Douglas Grady



Georgia Lambert - November 25, 2025 at 10:20 PM

DR

“ Dan Ramey lit a candle in memory of Douglas Grady



Dan Ramey - November 25, 2025 at 09:18 PM

AH

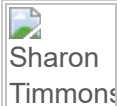
He was a wonderful man husband father friend and I am to have called him my friend prayers for his family he will be missed by many prayers for the family

Albert Hendricks - November 25, 2025 at 11:53 PM

LT

DOUG WAS AGREAT MAN ALWAYS SMILING HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY MY PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY

LINDA TELFORD - November 26, 2025 at 02:07 AM



Sharon Timmons

Kathy, Ed and I are so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sharon Timmons - November 26, 2025 at 09:57 AM

DP

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him

Dave Peters - November 26, 2025 at 06:58 PM