



Douglas Heaton

June 3, 1935 - December 17, 2025

Douglas Heaton, 90, of Salem, passed away on December 17th, 2025, at Helia Healthcare of Salem. He was born to Donald and Robertus (Lee) Downs on June 3rd, 1935, in Roodhouse, Illinois. He would marry Patricia Vandiver on August 23rd, 1956, and they would spend 69 wonderful years together. Douglas was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Salem. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a banker for many years, before retirement. When Douglas was young, he was a good athlete, playing football and basketball in high school. In his later years he became an avid golfer and would take golfing trips with his friends. He loved the outdoors, especially working on his yards landscaping.

He is survived by his wife: Patricia Heaton; son: Brad Heaton; two grandchildren: Travis (Whitney) Heaton and Tessa (Jeffrey) Pupilli; two great grandchildren: Johnathan Pupilli and Sadie Heaton; two sisters: Donna Downer and Twyla Zerwas; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Donald Heaton and Robertus Downs.

Cremation rites will be accorded, per his wishes. A memorial service, to honor Douglas, will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church in Salem on January 17th, 2026, at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society and will be accepted at Sutherland-Rankin Funeral Home, PO Box 97, Salem, Illinois 62881. Online condolences may be left by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhom

e.com or the Sutherland-Rankin Facebook page.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church
116 East Schwartz Street
Salem, IL 62881-2905

Tribute Wall



“ Doug was such a good friend of mine for many years. We played a lot of golf together and went on many memorable golf trips. He was such a good person! I could not have asked for a better friend. I just learned of his death today by reading his obituary on Facebook. I would have attended his funeral if I had known sooner. My prayers and condolences are with his family.

Jeff Troutt - January 18 at 06:42 PM

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“ Sharon Fillipponi lit a candle in memory of Douglas Heaton



Sharon Fillipponi - January 16 at 11:08 AM