



Douglas Duane Marsh

September 17, 1944 - October 2, 2023

Douglas Duane Marsh, 79, passed away at his home in Greene on Monday, October 2, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer. Woodley Funeral Home of Greene is caring for Douglas and his family.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2023, with public visitation starting at 11:00 a.m. until service time at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 324 E Traer St, Greene. Reverend Gary Hatcher will be officiating with burial to follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Greene.

Douglas was born September 17, 1944, at Charles City, Iowa, the son of Ralph Marsh and Gertrude (Stubbe) Marsh. Doug grew up on a farm west of Greene and received his education in country school until 8th grade and then went to town to finish high school. Doug was an outstanding high school athlete and participated in basketball, football, and baseball. He loved baseball the most, and in the summer of '61 he played high school baseball, Junior Legend, and semi-pro baseball in Allison coached by Vernon Harms. After high school he went on to Mason City Community College to play football and baseball.

After reinjuring the elbow on his throwing arm, Doug enlisted in the United States Navy in 1963 and served in Naval Intelligence as a Communications Technician until he was Honorably Discharged in 1967. He boasted that he

could decipher and send messages very quickly and was one of the youngest guys to be in his position. He also began playing fastpitch softball and was named "All Navy." While in the Navy, Doug was first stationed in Pensacola, FL, and then transferred to California. While home on leave and prior to being stationed in Japan, Doug married his long-time love Susan Jane Roose. They had started dating in high school, and she was truly the love of his life. He enjoyed telling his family and friends how he told her he was shipping out to Japan, and she could either get married to him and move to Japan, or break up! Thankfully, she chose the latter, and they were married on February 7, 1965, at St. John's Lutheran Church Vilmar. They then moved to Kamisaya, Japan, where they lived until Doug was discharged. While serving, he received the National Defense Service Medal.

In 1967, Doug and Susan moved to Greene and raised their family on the farm. They farmed with Galen and Jackie Lindell until Susan's death from cancer in 2010. Doug and Galen were joined by Dan, Jeff Lindell, and Nate Siemons. He continued to "show the boys how to farm" and convinced people he was the brains and the muscle behind the operation until his death. He loved learning about farming and spent countless hours reading magazines, newspapers—especially the Des Moines Register, and listening to AM radio. He was very proud of his conservation efforts, drying grain, and the yields he received from his corn and soybeans. While cancer ravaged his body, he was able to get back to the farm and get into the combine one last time!

Doug was probably best known for his sense of humor, quick wit, and big stories that kept his family and friends entertained whenever they were around! Everyone in Greene knew the deer and fish weren't QUITE as big as what he said. His fishing, hunting, and golfing trips that he took both when Susan was alive and after were a source of joy for him. He and Susan had such a wonderful group of friends with whom they traveled and spent time, and never a stranger did he meet. He loved driving around the big woods at

night looking at all the deer, pheasants, and turkeys! He also loved helping young kids have places to hunt and fish. He constantly offered his properties to any young hunters and fishermen! When they stopped in to visit him or called him to tell them about their successes, it really made his day! Doug loved his kids and grandkids and was very proud of their accomplishments. They all spent a lot of time on the farm with Papa while he regaled them with countless stories of his life. His kids, grandkids, extended family and friends frequented his trips.

Doug is survived by his children; daughter, Tina (Kurt) Graven, of Greene; son, Daniel (Sara) Marsh, of Waverly; and daughter, Amy (John) Teeple, of Montezuma; grandchildren, Maxwell Teeple, Dalton (Emma) Graven, Paige (Mitchell) Siech, Taylor Graven, Claire (Sam) Joerger, Elli Teeple, Anna Teeple, Lauren Marsh, Carson Graven, and Cole Marsh; great-granddaughter Sawyer Graven; brother, Bruce (Genny) Marsh; and sisters Jackie (Galen) Lindell and Marjorie (Roger) Weichers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Susan; his parents, Ralph Marsh and Gertrude (Stubbe) Marsh; and his in-laws, Stanley Roose and Elizabeth (Speedy) Roose; and many other special family and friends.

The family of Doug Marsh acknowledges your kind expression of thoughtfulness and sympathy during his battle. We will be celebrating Doug's life at the farm following the luncheon and all are welcome.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery - Greene

11381 Lodge Ave
Greene, IA 50636

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St Peter Lutheran Church
324 E Traer St
Greene, IA 50636

Funeral service

OCT 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

St Peter Lutheran Church
324 E Traer St
Greene, IA 50636

Tribute Wall

LA

“ Love, Eric, Deb, Alexa, Abby purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.



Love, Eric, Deb, Alexa, Abby - October 06, 2023 at 10:13 AM

LA

“ Love, Eric, Deb, Alexa, Abby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Duane Marsh.

Love, Eric, Deb, Alexa, Abby - October 06, 2023 at 10:13 AM

KF

“ Kyle Caven Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.



Kyle Caven Family - October 06, 2023 at 09:32 AM

KF

“ Kyle Caven Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Duane Marsh.

Kyle Caven Family - October 06, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.*



October 06, 2023 at 09:28 AM



“ *Sure had a lot of fun with Doug over the years fishing, golf. A great friend, sure going to miss him.*



Bob Knorr - October 06, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.*



October 05, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ *The Overmann Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.*



The Overmann Family - October 05, 2023 at 06:29 PM

TF

“ *The Overmann Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Duane Marsh.*

The Overmann Family - October 05, 2023 at 06:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.*



October 05, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.*



October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM

TG

“ *TOM AND POULET GREEN purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.*



TOM AND POULET GREEN - October 05, 2023 at 11:01 AM

TG

“ TOM AND POULET GREEN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Duane Marsh.

TOM AND POULET GREEN - October 05, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.



October 05, 2023 at 08:13 AM

PY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends. A terrific man that loved life.

Pat Yacinich - October 05, 2023 at 08:05 AM

BA

“ Bill, Val, Will, Rachel, Taylor Armstrong purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.



Bill, Val, Will, Rachel, Taylor Armstrong - October 05, 2023 at 06:01 AM

BA

“ Bill, Val, Will, Rachel, Taylor Armstrong planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Duane Marsh.

Bill, Val, Will, Rachel, Taylor Armstrong - October 05, 2023 at 06:01 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.



October 04, 2023 at 03:38 PM

MI

“ McRoberts Red Power Team- Case IH purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.



McRoberts Red Power Team- Case IH - October 04, 2023 at 11:13 AM

MI

“ McRoberts Red Power Team- Case IH planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Duane Marsh.

McRoberts Red Power Team- Case IH - October 04, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.*



October 04, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas Duane Marsh.

October 04, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Duane Marsh.*



October 04, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



john Teeple - October 03, 2023 at 06:35 PM

TG

“ Having played on several teams with my friend Doug at GREENE HIGH SCHOOL I could have never of asked for a better teammate than DOUG MARSH. I want to extend my sincere condolences to Doug’s family. May Doug’s soul rest in peace with the love of his life, SUSAN. God bless you all in this difficult time.

Sincerely

Tom and Poulet Green

TOM GREEN - October 03, 2023 at 05:28 PM

JT

“ We are so sorry for your loss. ☐
Doug will be missed by many. We all loved Doug.
My last memory of him is when he took me for a ride in his pick up truck through all the properties that they had in Greene. We drove through the fields and looked at the deer hunting spots. It was so much fun! I got quite the education that day.
He knew all the land inside and out.
He also was fabulous with his Vizsla's. No one could train their dogs like Doug did! Freddie is going to miss his Dad too.
I will miss his hearty laugh and his stories! He was always great company to spend your time with.

Rest in peace Doug. ❤️🙏❤️

Love,

Jean Tiernan

Jean Tiernan - October 03, 2023 at 05:26 PM

TH

Praying for your family...

The Hoover family

Thad Hoover - October 03, 2023 at 05:31 PM

JT

“ 4 files added to the album Doug



John Teeple - October 03, 2023 at 04:26 PM