



Douglas C. Hodge

February 28, 1936 - August 31, 2019

Doug C. Hodge, 83, of Bristol, Virginia passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2019 in the VA Medical Center, Mountain Home, TN. He was born in Neva, TN on February 28, 1936, a son of the late B. Roscoe and Elsie Lee Snider Hodge. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by "The Great Love of His Life" Gunilla Hodge; one brother, David Hodge; his first wife, Patricia "Pat" Miner; and one granddaughter, Kalin Econom.

Doug moved to the Bristol Area 25 years ago after living in both California and Hawaii. His early career was as a motion picture cameraman in Hollywood, where he worked on movies and many popular TV commercials. He later moved to Hawaii, where he independently produced a record album of the World War II Attack on Pearl Harbor. He also produced media of Hawaiian Music and Culture. Perhaps most adventurous was his quest to be the first person to record live audio of a volcano, which he did at Hawaii's Kilauea. He was a father, brother, grandfather and friend who will be missed greatly.

Doug stated, "I did not accomplish all the things that, as a youth, I dreamed of doing and I failed miserably in some areas. But, basically, I have been a very fortunate person. If I had my life to live over, I would change some things, but I would not trade Gunilla and my five children for all the world's gold."

Douglas is survived by his younger sister, Jeanette Sonsalla; five children, Kristina Hermanson, Mark Hodge, Donna Econom, Richard Hodge and Sherri Feller; 8 grandchildren, Cole Hermanson, Luke Hermanson, Brooklyn Hodge, Blake Hodge, Erin Econom, Sheila Stenberg, Jeremy Stewart and Jaylynn Stewart.

No services will be held at Doug's request. His desire was however for friends and family to reflect on the following poem upon his demise:

"A Dream Within A Dream"

Take this kiss upon the brow!

And, in parting from you now,
Thus much let me avow -
You are not wrong, who deem
That my days have been a dream;
Yet if hope has flown away
In a night, or in a day,
In a vision, or in none,
Is it therefore the less gone?
All that we see or seem
Is but a dream within a dream.

I stand amid the roar
Of a surf-tormented shore,
And I hold within my hand
Grains of golden sand -
How few! Yet how they creep
Through my fingers to the deep,
While I weep - while I weep!
O God! Can I not save
One from the pitiless wave?
Is all that we see or seem
But a dream within a dream?

Edgar Allen Poe

Condolences for the family may be sent and viewed by visiting <http://www.BlevinsCares.com>. Mr. Hodge and his family are in the care of Blevins Funeral & Cremation Services, 417 Lee St., Bristol, VA 24201. Phone - (276) 669-6141.

Comments



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Jeanette Sonsalla - September 07, 2019 at 11:30 PM



“ Well stated Aunt Jeanette. Thank you.

kristina - September 13, 2019 at 11:51 AM



“ I worked with Doug at Mail and More. He was one of the nicest men I have had the pleasure of knowing and a true friend. He always joined my family on Christmas Day for lunch. We will truly miss his company. May God bless your family in the coming days as you remember your loved one. Linda Surber

Linda Surber - September 07, 2019 at 08:27 PM



“ Thank you for your generosity in including dad in your special family time on holidays. Thank you for being a friend to him.

kristina - September 13, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ Doug was a great brother - in- law and uncle. We enjoyed every moment we got to spend with him, especially his stories about family history. He always made us feel loved and an important part of his life. We will miss him
Darci Hodge

Darci Hodge - September 07, 2019 at 11:30 AM



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Fred & Jeanette Sonsalla - September 06, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ The Hodge Family, We will truly miss Doug. We got to know Doug thru Judy Ditmore and remained contact through the years. Doug was invited every year to our Friday night race party before the Spring race weekend. Our life is much better having spared his life with us. Carl and Frances Adcock

carl adcock - September 06, 2019 at 01:24 PM



“ He truly enjoyed those wonderful parties year after year and was grateful for your inclusion of him. Thank you for the kind words- Tina

kristina - September 09, 2019 at 12:22 AM



“ Dear Tina,

May God bless you and your entire family during this sad time of the loss of your Dad. I learned of his passing this morning. Doug was very helpful to me many years ago, and he was a fun, interesting, and very talented man who loved his family very much. You are in my prayers.

Linda Hill

Linda Hill - September 06, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ Thank you Linda, I know you were a good friend to him. I was actually looking for a way to contact you so I am glad that this news found it's way to you. Thank you for your kind words.

kristina - September 09, 2019 at 12:21 AM



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Dear Hodge Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Doug was a very gracious and compassionate person, in fact, one of a kind. He shared his movie industry moments by creating a great deal of interest. One time he did a story line for Georgia as we planned a commercial. His talent and preplanning were invaluable. Not only was Doug a hard worker he could since the right time to stop and share a funny joke with his own enthusiasm as he too enjoyed the joke.

Even though we have not lived near by in recent years, The Ditmore Family will always have fond memories of Doug.

Peace and Grace to you.

Judy Ditmore - September 02, 2019 at 05:39 PM