



Douglas DeRaadt

June 19, 2009

Douglas Jacob DeRaadt, 53, of Fort Collins, went to be with his Lord on June 19, 2009 as the result of a motorcycle accident. Doug was born March 23, 1956 in Hackensack, New Jersey. He was the youngest of three children born to Pat and Meta DeRaadt. Doug was self employed for 26 years with two businesses, Wood Revival and Counterfitters. Doug was married to Lois Hoch in Fairbanks, Alaska, sharing 29 years together. Doug is survived by his wife Lois, son Jacob and daughters, Dania and Talia; his mother, and sisters, Deanne Hodgson David Hodgson and Patrice Riegal Roy Riegal; his in-laws, Chuck and Marie Hoch, of Loveland; Linda and Bruce Hancock; Lee and Jackie Hoch; Larry Hoch; many nephews, nieces, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father Pat. Doug had a life-changing experience when he moved to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1975. He was radically saved and delivered by his encounter with Jesus Christ. He lived his entire life after December 15, 1975 as a changed man. He never forgot where God brought him from, and shared his exuberance and love for life with everyone he met. Doug was passionate about people. He loved to laugh with friends and family, loved being in and around water, hiking with his wife, traveling, fishing and camping, spending time with the Band of Brothers and many friends, motorcycle riding and getting to know his Lord. He was an active member of Timberline Church. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 26th, at Timberline Church, 2908 So. Timberline Rd., in the South auditorium.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“Lois, I have no idea if you will receive this. This is Marty Saxton Johnson, I came across Doug's card and I thought I'd look Doug and yourself up just to find out if I could contact you. I was sad and alarmed to find this site and find out that Doug had died. I'm so sorry and I feel sad that we haven't been in touch over the years that we've been here in CO. Jim and I have just sold our house and are moving back to Tucson. My email is martylsj@gmail.com if you get this and want to get in touch with me.

Love, Marty

Marty Johnson - November 16, 2016 at 09:43 PM

JJ

“Just found out on 16 September. Doug was such a kick to be around, always encouraging and positive. As the Malays say, "Walaupun jauh dari mata, dekat di hati." Even though far from the eye, always near the heart. J&J

James and Jeanne - September 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“Bless you guys. I knew Dania from YWAM Denver Summer 2005 DTS. And stayed a few nights the following 2006 summer at her parents house where I met Mr. DeRaadt. Bless you guys. my heart goes out to you.

Megan Fitzgerald - July 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. The Lord give you comfort and strength. Merrie is visiting us now and sends her love and prayers too.

Jim & Vi Johnson - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Lois, Jacob, Dania, and Talia, I love you all so much and my heart is with you. Dena and I will see you soon. Uncle Dougie was one of those magic people that could make any situation fun and adventurous. He visited our house in NH for the first time when I was a freshman in highschool and he let my sister and I dress him up in this rainbow knit dress. We have a picture still. He founded the Dutch Mafia on my 21st birthday when we were all sitting around the table at the Macaroni Grill in Colorado. When he visited us in AZ he was so excited to go into the freezing cool pool everyday... I think the entire city heard him when he jumped in. I will forever have the most amazing, kind, loving Uncle. I love you Uncle Dougie.

Jenny B Riegel - June 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Dear Lois, Jacob, Dania And Talia, We only met Doug a month ago when he stained our fence, but we really enjoyed the visits we had with him. He had a very engaging and likable way about him and he spoke very fondly of his family and especially his hike through Rocky Mountain National Park with Lois. We are very saddened to hear of this news and our thoughts are with you all today. We're sorry.. bob & lynda gerber

Bob & Lynda Gerber - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Dear Lois and Family, I was deeply saddened to hear about Doug's tragic accident last week. I was really pleased that you both came to my daughter's wedding two weeks ago. Although it had been several years since I had seen Doug, it was so easy to talk to him. He was truly a real nice guy. I pray God will surround you with peace and protection as you weather your great loss... God Bless you all

Dr. Lee A. Whittemore - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Doug, Lois and the children were good friends of ours when they lived in Fairbanks, Alaska. Though they have been gone for quite a few years they were not forgotten. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with you all during this time. Thank goodness we have hope through the love of God that we will see our loved ones again. Much love. Darryl and Ruth Earnshaw, Fairbanks, Alaska

Ruth & Darryl Earnshaw - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Though I did not have the privilege to meet Doug in person, his testimony, and love for his Lord make such a great impression on me. I look forward to meeting this brother in Christ when I get to heaven. Our church also has a Band of Brothers men's ministry, so I can identify with the group that has suffered this loss as well. My heart goes out to his family members including his mother in law, Marie Koch, with whom I had to speak with recently.

C.T. Strickland Jr. - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I met Doug as he was painting the neighbors fence and asked him to keep on coming my way to my paint my fence. He then came to our store to paint all of the logs at Thunder Mountain HD. He took on this major task and did a beautiful job along with the help of his kids. Not only did he win the hearts of our staff with his sunny attitude, but more importantly he became a friend. We felt like he was one of the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loving family at this difficult. We know how deeply he'll be missed. Shelley Erdmann Thunder Mtn HD

Shelley Erdmann - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I just spoke with Doug two weeks ago after Jacob finished staining the fence at our house. I am so very saddened by his death and my thoughts and prayers are with you. Doug was such an honest and likeable guy. He always carried that trademark smile and always shared a story! Jacob..hang in there. I'm sure you will have alot of great memories to carry you through the down times.

Steve Stiesmeyer - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Lois, Jacob, Dania and Talia, You have all been in our thoughts and prayers since we heard of Doug's going to be with Jesus, his Lord. We are grieving with you for your great loss but find consolation in imagining Doug there in heaven in the presence of the King, adoring the One who changed his life forever. When we think of Doug, we immediately remember his genuine smile and the laughter that welled up from deep within a heart filled with zest for life. He was a positive influence for so many and a man well respected in his field for his excellent craftsmanship and business integrity. He will be greatly missed by all of us who had the good fortune to know him.

Vernie and David Campbell - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Lois, Jacob, Dania and Talia, I feel your pain and heartache for the loss of Doug. May God embrace you with loving arms and give you strength during this very sad time of your lives. Doug will be missed by all of those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Mary L Avery - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My deepest and most heartfelt sympathy, I give to you Lois Jacob,Dania and Talia, and I offer to you my help in any way I can to help you through this sad time. Doug was one of the finest men I have ever known and it has been my honor to have had the oppurtunity to get to know him on a personal level as well as share a very good working relationship with him.It is rare to find a person so full of compassion and sincerity, offering his friendship so freely and without judgement. Doug, you have helped me in so many ways, and having the opportunity to befriend you has without question, made me a better person. Your presence, smile and laughter was always uplifting and I will deeply miss. I wish that I would have said Thankyou more often for all you have done for me. Thankyou my friend

Mike Mohan - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ We at Thunder Mountain Harley-Davidson have many fond memories of Doug. He was exceptional in his work and was very passionate and caring. We are saddened by his family's loss and we will miss Doug.

Barbara Harris - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Doug, I miss you. You have been a huge blessing in my life! You have left a lasting legacy in your beloved family, friends and quality work. We rejoice that you are with the Lord, who will one day "swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces" Isaiah 25:8.

Kerwin Stover - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Lois I am so saddened to hear about Dougs accident. I always admired the relationship that the 2 of you had and you two were an inspiration to me. He was a relaxed caring man and it is always so sad when they leave early. My prayer will be that God will send his comforting angels to hold you during this time of loss for you and your family and that He would hold you in His hands and send peace and hope during this time Bob and Nel Golba

Bob Golba - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Lois, we so enjoyed our few meetings with you and Doug, and could tell how close you two were. We pray for continued strength and faith. Know the Lord is with you and your family.

Sally and Phil Hutchinson - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ To a very dear friend who will truly be missed. Your frequent visits that brought laughter and joy. A great craftsman who shared his trade. Thank you so much for your loyalty and contributions. We all love you and will always be in our thoughts. The Employees of Cedar Supply

Skip Thomas - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Our most loving and tender wishes and prayers are for you, dear daughter and our darling grandkids, Jacob, Dania and Talia. We cannot express in words our deepest sorrow at this loss. We are constantly praying for and thinking of you as you/we grieve this loss. We love you so very much.

charles & marie Hoch - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Dear Lois, Jacob, Dania and Tania, Though we only met Doug within the last few months, we thank God for the opportunity to enjoy him for awhile. We'll miss the sounds of his Harley rolling up to the stop sign on the corner near our home and we will look forward to seeing him again. Our hearts hurt for you all and our prayers are with you that you will experience an extra measure of God's unfailing love, comfort and healing. In Christ Always, Bob and Angie

Bob and Angie Green - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Lois, Jacob, Dania, and Talia- Doug was such a great man who I truly enjoyed being around. I loved growing up with Dania, spending tons of time at your house with you all. There was never a dull moment. I can hear Doug's laugh still, and it always brings a smile to my face. Steve and I loved the couple of times we got to spend time with you guys. Our heart is grieving for you guys, we are always here for you, and praying for you constantly. Doug will be greatly missed. We love you guys so much.

Steve and Stephanie Assmus - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“*Doug was a good man and a good friend. He loved the Lord and it showed in his life, the way he talked to people and the way he walked the walk. I had the honor of working with him on several occasions; His sense of humor and personality were greatly enjoyed. Grace and peace to you, his family as you go down this path. He will be missed.*”

Jeremy Cameron - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WF

“*We are so sorry for your loss, Doug was such a great guy & we always enjoyed talking & laughing with him. He will be missed.*”

Wojo Family - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“*Dear Doug DeRaadt family: Please accept our most sincere condolences for the loss of your beloved husband, father, son, and brother. Our heart goes out to you in this time of tragedy. No words can express how you are feeling but please take comfort in the fact that Doug is now in the arms of his beloved saviour Jesus Christ. May God comfort you through your tears and sadness. In Christ's Love, Skip and Bea Bryant*”

Skip and Bea Bryant - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“*We loved Doug and appreciated his friendship we had over the years. Doug was so good at opening the door to friendship--and we gladly walked in. We will miss his positive attitude, laugh and joy for life. He touched so many of us in Fort Collins, we will miss him dearly and terribly sorry for your loss.*”

Chris and Jenny Wright - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Our family would like to send our thoughts and prayers to your family at this difficult time. Dania is engaged to my brother Scott. She is a sweetheart and our hearts are breaking for all of you. I am saddened to have never met Doug but he must have been an awesome person to have such a wonderful and beautiful daughter.
~The Jones Family

Brian, Annastasia, CC, Orion, Liam and Jasper Jones - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ To a brother in the Lord who not only could do miracles with his hands and ingenuity of mind, but that could and did touch the lives positively and spiritually of those fortunate enough to know him. Doug, you are remembered fondly as a man among men. You will be missed tremendously and that is the way it should be for that is part of the legacy left by a righteous man. To you, his family, we thank for sharing your cherished gift with us, while he was here. These days ahead will certainly be a time of transition, but do keep in mind, "You are not alone" and "Oh, how great will be the upcoming reunion before the throne!"

David Hartman - June 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM