



## Douglas Joseph Kokes

December 21, 1966 - October 14, 2019

Douglas (Doug) J. Kokes, 52, died October 14, 2019 at UCHealth Hospital in Loveland, CO. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 24, 2019 at Timberline Church, 2908 S Timberline Rd, Fort Collins, CO. Immediately following the service, there will be a light reception at the church. A private interment for the family will be held at the Grandview Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a celebration of Doug's life at Club Tico, 1599 City Park Drive, Fort Collins, CO from 5:00 to 8:00pm Thursday evening. Celebration to include a potluck meal with cash bar.

Doug was born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, December 21, 1966 to Thomas and Marcella Kokes. After several moves with the military, and the tragic loss of Doug's mother, the family settled in Nebraska in 1978. Doug graduated from Bellevue East High School in 1985 and attended Kearney State. After college, Doug moved to Colorado and later began his career with the city of Fort Collins.

Doug was a lover of all things sports, especially the Nebraska Cornhuskers. In high school he participated in gymnastics, swimming and diving. He was a true competitor with a zest for life. When he wasn't spending time watching his son Caden compete at sports, you could find him playing softball, football, golf or bowling. Doug also spent time as a mentor and a coach. Doug was a Crew Chief with the city of Fort Collins for over 28 years and was proud of his

involvement with Parks and Recreation. He made many friends during his years of service and played a big part in creating some of Fort Collins' finest parks and resting places.

He will be dearly missed by everyone who knew him. Perhaps Doug's most important legacy will be the lasting impact he had on the many lives he touched. Doug was a gracious, giving, loving and joyous person. He freely shared those qualities with everyone who was blessed to know him, as they were manifest in his infectious smile, his heartfelt laugh, and the genuine joy that resonated throughout his very being.

Doug is survived by his son, Caden Kokes; partner, Amy Holmes; mother, JoAnne Kokes, siblings, Connie (Jeff) Garrett, Tom (Heidi) Kokes, Michelle (Mike) Kieny, Martie (Chris) Peters, numerous nieces, nephews, and the Gillette family. Preceded in death by his parents.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ We will miss contributing to Doug's Nebraska Huskers traveling fund. There was no one better at aerating then Doug. We will miss the plink plink on a summers eve when Doug and Amy practiced to perfect their washer game. We will miss our dog Sadie trying desperately to play with Amy's dogs, hoping some day a gate could of been in the future. Jenny will miss that Doug always got to the sidewalk before her since Doug got up so early. We didn't talk all the time, but always knowing Doug was there as a good neighbor was always a comfort. We will miss you Amy!!

Jennifer Hall - November 07, 2019 at 07:57 AM

DJ

“ Our sincere condolences to Amy, and Doug's family & friends, on this far too soon loss of a man who was the clear definition of a "stand-up guy." Doug literally personified the saying "Hard times make strong men. Strong men make good times." Because Doug certainly saw some hard times and he was about getting things done, if he was in your corner you certainly had a strong man on your side, and you always had a good time with Doug - he made sure of it. We never spent as much time with Doug as we would have wanted since we lived so far away. We will miss him dearly.

Doug & Niki Jones - October 24, 2019 at 12:39 PM

GF

“ Gary and Sue Fournelle purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Douglas Joseph Kokes.



Gary and Sue Fournelle - October 23, 2019 at 11:50 AM

RS

“ We hired Doug into our family business when he first moved to Fort Collins from Nebraska. He rapidly became more than an employee. He was my husband’s best friend, my life coach, our children’s favorite uncle and ALL sports coach - in short, part of the family. Those were hard times but Doug was the silver lining. His integrity, strong work ethic and cheerful personality was a ray of sunshine. He always said, “When your thoughts get you down, think something else! If that doesn’t work, turn up the music! It worked, our house was rockin!  
His influence remains a part of us, we will always love and appreciate him with fond and happy memories.

*Rich and Sherry Grossmann*

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**Rich & Sherry** - October 22, 2019 at 01:47 PM

PR

“ Peter & Tina Robertson purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Douglas Joseph Kokes.



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**Peter & Tina Robertson** - October 21, 2019 at 02:58 PM



“ Doug has lived next door to Mitch and I longer than I can remember. He was much more than a neighbor sharing his joy for life, laughter and was always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. Equally important he shared Amy and those three cute little chi dogs. Doug you will be greatly missed at Sunday beers as well as each and every day. God speed dear friend and rest in peace.

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**Jody O'Rourke** - October 19, 2019 at 10:25 PM

LJ

“*Doug has been a piece of the puzzle that makes this neighborhood such a wonderful place, for many years. Missing seeing you always busy across the cul de sac, neighbor. We share in grief of his loss with Doug's family, friends, colleagues and neighbors.*

*Norris and Lauri Gail Jones*

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**Lauri Gail Jones** - October 19, 2019 at 10:30 AM

KA

“*Doug was a big reason I joined Sigma Tau Gamma. He embraced all the things he he did with incredible energy and pushed every one else to do the same. Though many years have passed since we last met face to face, I know we could have picked up conversation as if no days have passed. I am truly saddened by your loss, but know you have touched many. See you soon brother, as all of our time on earth is but a moment in all eternity. Kip Anderson*

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**Kip Anderson** - October 18, 2019 at 09:43 PM