



Douglas D. Shaffer

August 9, 1950 - December 23, 2021

Janesville – Douglas D. “Doug” Shaffer, age 71, of Janesville died Thursday, December 23, 2021 at the Denver Sunset Home in Denver, Iowa after a brave battle with cancer.

Doug was born on August 9, 1950, the son of Donald and Lenora (Heinmiller) Shaffer in Sioux

City, Iowa. He graduated from Postville High School in 1969. He earned a BA in music and

percussion from the University of Northern Iowa in 1973. Doug was married to Julie Ball in

August of 1974 and had two daughters, Trina (#1) and Kristi (#2). They were divorced in 1991.

Doug was united in marriage to Vera “Vee” McCormick on February 15, 2003 in Lansing, Iowa

and gained daughter (#3) Lisa. Vee preceded him in death on July 2, 2014.

Doug was very passionate about music and sharing his talents with everyone who would listen.

Doug played organ for Greeley United Methodist Church, Greeley, NE. Our Saviors Lutheran

Church, Lansing, IA, Linden United Methodist Church, Waterloo, IA, Trinity United Methodist

Church, Waverly, and retired in July 2021 at First United Methodist Church in

Cedar Falls. Doug played percussion, keyboard, and sang vocals in a number of bands including Jim Adams and the Wagonmasters, The Wanderers, The Hearts, Country Deputies, and The New Buckaroos.

He also directed Sweet Adeline Singers and played percussion with the Waterloo Municipal Band. He also enjoyed teaching in the Waverly Shell Rock Schools until his retirement and traveling.

Doug is survived by: his daughters, Trina (Jim) Springsteen of Cedar Rapids, IA, Kristi Shaffer

(Todd Ellis) of McGregor, IA, Lisa Dixon (Derrek Sommerfelt) Tripoli, IA, Grandchildren Ben

Springsteen (Payton White) of Cedar Rapids, IA, Katlyn (Ram) Ramanan of Columbus, NE, two

great grandchildren Kennith and Lillyan of Columbus, NE; He was preceded in death by: his

parents, wife, Vee, and granddaughter Rebecca Springsteen.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 am. Saturday, January 15, 2022 First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Memorials may be directed to the family or Cedar Valley Hospice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Tribute Wall

BD

“ Our prayers and sympathies to your family during this most difficult time. Doug was a member of the class of 1969 from Postville high school. As a class we have given in his memory \$40 to the Postville dollars for scholars.

Barb Duwe-Peterson - January 10, 2022 at 09:32 PM

CM

“ Such a talent for MUSIC, FRIENDSHIP, And Personality. I always will remember all 3 of Doug! C.J. McCunniff

CJ McCunniff - January 03, 2022 at 06:28 PM

LP

“ Doug spent time at Trinity Methodist in Waverly. It was fascinating learning who he was and appreciating him.

Linda Podhajsky - December 29, 2021 at 12:14 AM



“ Doug was a wonderful organist, an incredible, energetic musician and a fantastic personality with a rich sense of humor. He will be missed! I will never forget one day when I walked into the sanctuary at Trinity UMC on some errand on a weekday shortly after I first met him and he was playing "You Can't Always Get What You Want" by the Rolling Stones on the organ. I just knew we were going to get along!

Karla Shea, Member, Trinity UMC

Karla Shea - December 29, 2021 at 12:13 AM

SB

“ Doug was my second cousin. I didn't know this until we connected on Facebook. It was a joy and a pleasure to meet him, even long distance. I'm very sorry I was unable to travel to Iowa to meet him in person. My thoughts are with his family . . . my belief is that he is making beautiful music in heaven.

Sandra Barber - December 28, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas D. Shaffer.



December 27, 2021 at 03:04 PM

CI

“ I worked with Doug during several funerals. He was a talented musician, an interesting person to visit with and a nice guy. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this sad time. With deepest sympathy, Chris Hesse Isley

Christina Isley - December 27, 2021 at 02:38 PM

NS

“ Doug has been a dear friend since college days. He had a quick wit, was knowledgeable about many topics, a great conversationalist, and a great supporting friend.. We will miss him terribly.

Nancy Standafer - December 25, 2021 at 08:12 PM