



Douglas Donald Lopas

May 18, 1962 - November 19, 2016

Doug Lopas, age 54, passed away at his home in Orlando, surrounded by his family on Saturday, November 19, 2016. He was born on May 18, 1962 in Appleton, Wisconsin to Donald and Darlene Lopas. Doug celebrated 29 years of marriage with his best friend, Katie (Geenen) and was blessed with two amazing children, Skylar and Courtney. Doug loved competition of any kind, even games he would make up to play with the kids. He enjoyed long walks on the beach, watching his kids play sports, listening to Alice Cooper, and decorating his house for Christmas. Doug was an amazing athlete excelling in basketball and baseball. He always strived to stay at the top of his game, taking pride in the fact he could still compete with Skylar and his buddies when they stopped by to play basketball. Doug worked as the head groundskeeper at Tinker Field for the Minnesota Twins and ended his career at Space Coast Stadium with the Washington Nationals. Those who knew him and worked for him describe his work ethic as second to none. People at all levels of baseball talked respectfully about Doug. Those who worked under his leadership highly esteemed and loved working for Doug, and he treasured "his guys," too. Left to honor Doug and remember his love are his wife Katie, his two children Skylar and Courtney Lopas, his mother Darlene Lopas, sister Kris Rau (Tim), brothers Greg Lopas (Kim), Ken Lopas (Jenny), Barney Lopas (Lori), nephews Scott Weeman(Jacqueline), Adam Weeman(Jessie), James Rau, Logan Lopas, and Gunnar Lopas, nieces Cassie Lopas and Justine Lopas. Mother-in law, Char Geenen, Sister-in-laws, Julie(Jim) Neubert,

Janette(Eric) Landis, Mary(Victoria) Geenen. Doug was proceeded in death by his father Donald Lopas, father-in-law David Geenen and his grandparents , Art and Dorothy Van Handel and Jerry and Toni Grissman. Doug will be remembered as a deeply devoted father and husband who always provided and took care of his family before himself. His celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Fraternal Order of Police Orlando Lodge 25, 5505 Hansel Ave., Orlando, FL 32809. The family will greet friends beginning at 3:00 p.m. followed by a ceremony at 5:00 p.m. The Lopas family would like to extend their gratitude to the family, friends and neighbors that generously lent a helping hand as Doug fought his brave battle. A special thanks to both Doug and Katie's mothers for all their help and selfless gifts of time and love right to the end. There were very few opponents that Doug could not beat, but after a courageous battle with cancer, he ran out of time. Flowers may be delivered to the Fraternal Order of Police Orlando Lodge 25 Saturday between 10-3, donations may be made to The V Foundation for Cancer Research (<http://www.jimmyv.org/get-involved/donate/>) at 14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513 or Vitas Hospice (<https://www.vitas.com/community-connection>) 2201 Lucien Way, Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751

Previous Events

Greeting of Friends

DEC 3. 3:00 PM (ET)

Fraternal Order of Police Orlando Lodge 25
5505 Hansel Avenue
Orlando, FL 32809

Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory

DEC 3. 5:00 PM (ET)

Fraternal Order of Police Orlando Lodge 25
5505 Hansel Avenue
Orlando, FL 32809

Tribute Wall

CR

“ *great man, great boss, great friend. I'll miss you doug*

chris rand - December 06, 2016 at 08:39 AM

TF

“ *Taheri's Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.*



Taheri's Family - December 03, 2016 at 10:38 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.*



December 03, 2016 at 06:10 AM

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“ *WINWARD TRUITT AND FAMILY purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.*



WINWARD TRUITT AND FAMILY - December 02, 2016 at 04:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.*



December 02, 2016 at 02:43 PM



“ *Girl Scout Troop 2047 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.*



Girl Scout Troop 2047 - December 02, 2016 at 11:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.*



December 01, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.*



November 30, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.*



November 28, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ *Dear Katie and family,*

You are in our thoughts and prayers,

Deb Neubert, Larry and Emily



Deb Neubert - November 28, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ *We're very sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.*

Ken; very hard to lose a brother. keep the good memories in your mind.

Schultz's

Jeff Schultz - November 28, 2016 at 09:39 AM

GK

“ Even though I haven't been able to see Doug in a while, we grew up together and worked together at goodland field, and again when he was the head groundskeeper at tinker field, he would let me work at the night games. Doug was always the best person to be around, he loved to laugh! And it was always fun just to be around him, I think of him a lot and he will always be one of the best friends I ever had. Great great person. I will miss you Doug, your friend
Kaufer

greg kaufman - November 27, 2016 at 10:43 AM

SF

“ Steven Roller and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.



Steven Roller and Family - November 27, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ All my Prayers are with Douglas and his family.

Kim Kusserow - November 26, 2016 at 02:19 PM

RP

“ Robert Schramm and Parents purchased the Beautiful White Lilies Basket for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.



Robert Schramm and Parents - November 26, 2016 at 12:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Donald Lopas.*



November 26, 2016 at 11:44 AM



“ *You are an incredible example of what it means to be an exceptional son, brother, uncle, father, and husband. And to me.....friend!!*



*You will be missed but never forgotten.
Mike Kemp*

Michael Kemp - November 26, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ *Doug you are now making Heaven your Diamond i know it will be Beautiful ! Thank you for being a Awesome neighborhood friend who never forgot his Rogers av buddies ! No more pain for you my friend R.I.P till we meet again God bless , Boomer Kohli & family*

Boomer Kohli - November 25, 2016 at 01:59 PM



Wish we could be there to give you strength, prayers and hugs are with Doug and family

Rick and Susan Stermer - November 27, 2016 at 12:39 AM

BT

May God bless you & your family. We have many good memories of you growing up in Appleton. Our prayers are with you. Barb & Steve Tadych

Barb Tadych - November 27, 2016 at 09:26 AM

SW

Played Softball With Doug and Watched him Play Basketball what a Athlete. Also a Great Guy Sorry for Your Loss Katie and Family.

Sweets - November 27, 2016 at 08:05 PM