



Douglas Thorne Mullen

June 10, 1940 - January 26, 2015

Douglas Thorne Mullen, 74, of Altamonte Springs, FL passed away on January 26, 2015, surrounded by his family and friends.

Born in Chicago, IL on June 10, 1940 to Edward Francis and Gretchen Louise Mullen (deceased). Doug was a loving father to son, Gregory Thorne Mullen (Ocala) and daughter, Melissa Louise (Mullen) Everatt (Altamonte Springs). Husband to Karyn Posner-Mullen (Altamonte Springs), Brother to David Mullen (Bradenton) and Kathleen Louise Wingfield (Belleair Bluffs), a Grandpa to his grand dogs, Moose and Harper, a wonderful uncle, cousin and a true friend to so many.

Doug lived and experienced so much in life, living around the world for more than 25 years and ultimately retiring back to his favorite state, Florida. Growing up in Omaha, NE, moving to Florida as a youngster, graduating from Winter Park High School, known as “the Rock” at Emory University, serving his country in the U.S. Marines and retiring as a top executive with GTE Corporation; Doug was proud of his many accomplishments throughout his life. He truly loved people from all around the world, his favorite question, “where are you from”, which led him into all sorts of great stories of his lifetime. Doug was a man who fought for what he believed in – a very proud and true Patriot.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Doug's honor on
February 22, 2015 1 – 3p.m.

@ Francesco's 400 So Orlando Ave, Maitland, FL 32751

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Tribute Wall

KP

“ February 12, 2019

How we all miss you, my dearest Doug! I've been reading the lovely tributes from your co-workers through many years, and I hope they know how much we appreciate their special memories of you. Karyn

Karyn Posner-Mullen - February 12, 2019 at 06:10 PM

KP

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Karyn Posner-Mullen - February 12, 2019 at 06:06 PM

CC

“ *I'm sorry to say I just found out about Doug's passing. He was a wonderful person and I'm so glad I had the opportunity to know him in Caracas, visit with him in Rome and visit his home in St. Petersburg. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

Connie Carney - February 05, 2016 at 05:52 PM

KM

Connie. I am so happy you wrote. How is Jerry? Please email me at internationalkpm@gmsil.com. Much love, Karyn Mullen

Karyn Mullen - June 28, 2016 at 06:28 PM

GL

“ I am very saddened by the loss of Mr Mullen, I remember this noble and humble gentleman, who taught so many wonderful things to his staff in Caveguias, Venezuela back in the 90's. I'm sure his soul will find true peace and happiness as is truly deserving of such a person who was an inspirational leader and who guided me and many others during our time in the company.

Gladysmar - January 28, 2016 at 07:54 AM

EL

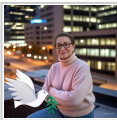
“ Today I was googling for Doug because I lost contact with him long time ago, and then I found this page... Terrible news. He used to be my boss in Caracas. He was one of the most inspiring persons of my life; gave me so many opportunities and trusted me like no one. I'm sure that since I met him, I became better person and a better professional. I will never forget him.

Eleazar - January 26, 2016 at 06:32 PM

EM

I am so sorry for that news. Rest in pace!

Eddy Mendoza - January 28, 2016 at 06:35 AM



I am so sorry. I just found out

Ame Lomelli - February 01, 2016 at 03:17 PM

BF

I just found Greg, my mentor and gym training friend, passed! Greg was his pride & joy, asked me to teach him weightlifting, with horse Polo, what an honor to be around them!!! Always talked of his daughter & wife, a beautiful loving family man, an inspiration!!! May Doug Rest In Peace!

Bill Folino - February 23, 2022 at 03:39 AM

IP

“ I worked with Doug in Caracas. A good and brave man.



Ivar Pettersson - July 29, 2015 at 11:40 AM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album Family photos



Judy Mullen - March 19, 2015 at 08:09 PM

DH

“ Dixie Hollins: Some of my fondest memories were working at St. Pete Printing Company with Doug Mullen. He had great knowledge of the printing industry and at the time I was under his supervision, which I naturally resisted. But as I look back I realized that he taught me a lot about the printing industry. Hope you all are doing well, our best to you and your family at this difficult time. I sent a copy of this to my sister Sandra.

Dixie Hollins - February 24, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JC

“ Doug Mullen

A personal memory by

Jonas Cibas,

St Pete Beach, Florida, February 16, 2015

The first time I met Doug Mullen was during a tour of St Petersburg Printing plant in 1972. Five years later, Doug dropped into my Guatemala operation and presented himself as the new GM for the Latin America & Caribbean region, my new boss. After lengthy discussions we decided that mutual cooperation would benefit all. Thus a strong friendship evolved alongside our common professional objectives. Our careers diverged, mine in Latin America, Doug's back in printing, until Doug was named International VP in 1988 and he became my boss again. Although we met infrequently, each time it was like we had seen each other yesterday; hey, what's up? Every time, after a quick information catch-up, we went on like our routines coincided and all was well, always retaining a comfortable ease with each other. Doug visited me several times in Argentina in the '80s and we did some joint travelling through the Americas in search of commercial opportunities or attending to current business issues. It was fun, interesting and mutually educational. As an example of our playful sides and competitiveness, every time we get to a country we step into separate lines for immigration processing, or customs, or bet on whose bag gets out first. Whoever finishes first wins a dollar from the other. Needless to say, neither got richer nor poorer. Whenever I was at HQ in Dallas, and Doug was travelling, he insisted that I use his office. On one of such trips I fielded a call which soon after resulted in our successful Argentina venture and we all became richer.

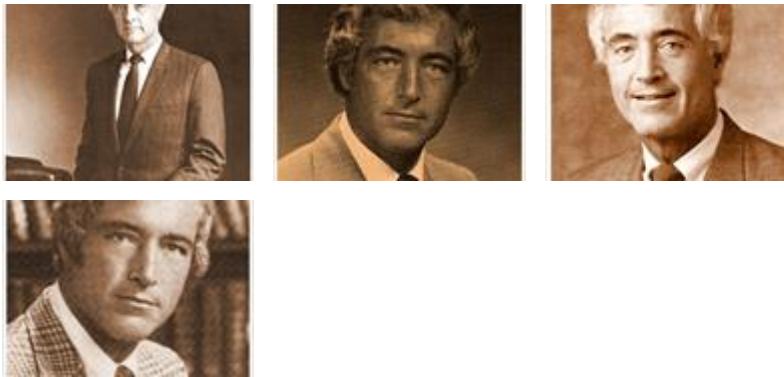
Even our last chat by phone was enjoyable. Last September I caught Doug atop a tree, directing the pruning tree trimmers to the targeted branches. Despite some shouting to manage the trimming, he got a chance to brag about his gym and work-out friends, and I about still playing racquet-ball and beating “youngsters”. We had a good chat about the kids, wives, both being proud about our families, and several other topics, mostly former careers and people

we knew. We ended our chat in good spirits and agreed to really meet-up, sometime soon, in Ocala.

My memory of Doug shall remain as I saw him in his thirties through sixties as vibrant, strong, well humored, feisty, competitive, goal oriented with many other good attributes of a great guy, and a fine friend.

I include some pictures showing Doug's more serious side. These photos were published in the company bi-annual books. This is how I wish to remember my friend.

To you, old Former colleague, boss, warrior, companion in journeys and battles, esteemed friend, I bid you farewell, may you rest in peace, and I will not forget you.



Jonas Cibas - February 20, 2015 at 10:54 AM

HB

“ *I have such fond memories of Doug and the Mullen family from growing up with them in the Old NE in St. Pete. Our hearts go out to you all.*

Love, Heather, Jim, & Teddy

Heather Brady - February 18, 2015 at 09:16 PM

HB

“ I have such fond memories of Doug and the entire Mullen family from growing up with them in the Old NE neighborhood in St Pete. Our hearts go out to all of you.
Love, Heather, Jim, & Teddy

Heather Brady - February 18, 2015 at 05:14 PM

ME

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Melissa Everatt - February 06, 2015 at 03:04 PM

JM

Doug and son, Greg

Judy Mullen - April 13, 2015 at 08:58 PM

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Melissa Everatt - February 06, 2015 at 01:32 PM

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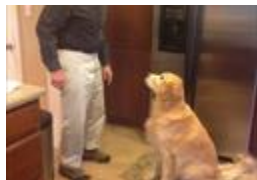
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Melissa Everatt - February 06, 2015 at 09:14 AM

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Melissa Everatt - February 06, 2015 at 07:56 AM

DE

“ *Doug was a great guy and friend. We had adjoining offices in the GTE headquarters building at DFW for a number of years. Doug had a good heart and really cared about the people who worked for him. He was a man of his word and if he said he would accomplish something, you could count on it being done. His role in obtaining the hostage release in Panama was nothing short of miraculous and a legendary story in GTE. Rest in peace Doug. Our condolences to the Mullen family.*

*Don and Linda Engleman
Southlake, Texas*

Don Engleman - February 04, 2015 at 02:34 PM

JC

“ I first knew Doug when I joined GTE Directories in Des Plaines, IL in 1982. Doug although held a senior position in the company was always very personable. I worked with him on some projects on the publishing side of the business and got to know him as a easy going senior executive.

He was fluent in Spanish and became a national hero during a hostage crisis years ago. He was instrumental in the negotiation which resulted in the release of all of the hostages. I saw him briefly after that and he just laughed about the incident. We are going to miss you, Doug and my condolence to the Mullen family.

James Cheng

James Cheng - February 03, 2015 at 07:31 PM

ME

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Melissa (Mullen) Everatt - February 03, 2015 at 01:36 PM

HF

“ Thinking of the Mullen & Everatt familues- thank you for allowing the the opportunity to meet Doug. Genuinely an amazing man whose legacy will far exceed his life here.

Heather Davis (CK family) - February 03, 2015 at 01:28 PM

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Melissa (Mullen) Everatt - February 03, 2015 at 01:24 PM

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Melissa (Mullen) Everatt - February 03, 2015 at 01:17 PM