



Douglas J. Nesbitt

November 11, 1947 - December 1, 2014

Douglas J. Nesbitt , born November 11, 1947 in the Bronx, NY, of parents Celia S. Jackman and Leroy A. Nesbitt, passed away peacefully the afternoon of Monday, December 1, 2014, at his home in Orlando's College Park. Our dear friend, father, grandfather, nephew, brother to many, and world renowned photographer, was surrounded by family and friends as he lost his battle with lung cancer.

In lieu of a funeral service or viewing, Douglas requested we all gather for a wine tasting and life celebration party in his honor. He loves the idea that we will share our stories and lots of laughter. The party is being planned for the second week of January 2015. For all information about Douglas, his family, his life, and his life celebration party, please go to: . Search Obituaries.

In Lieu of Flowers the Family request Donations be made to The Coalition for the Homeless in Orlando, Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gina Bernardini - January 30, 2023 at 07:47 PM

JH

“ *My name is J. D. Hall. I am an actor living in Los Angeles. It was here in Los Angeles that I met and knew Douglas.*

We met in 1975 through my then girlfriend and now my late wife, Eugenia Wright. Douglas had taken headshots for her and when I needed some she introduced me to him.

Douglas was one of the most gracious, kindest, gentle and soft-spoken people I have ever known.

It was through him that I got interested in photography and I learned a lot from him.

Recently I was going through some old headshots and found two that he had shot for us. They are among my all-time favorites of each of us; I have shared them in this post.

Upon seeing them, immediately Douglas came to mind. I had not seen him in more than 40 years so I decided to look him up on Facebook.

I was shocked and deeply saddened to learn that he had passed away.

My belated condolences and prayers to his family and for his soul.



J D Hall - September 28, 2022 at 10:11 PM

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Catherine Moulton - July 12, 2016 at 07:04 PM

CC

“ Still thinking and praying for you Douglas. Every time I see 11:11 on my clock day or night I say a prayer for you dear man. I am honored to have worked with you and represented your work for 3 years and missing your loving presence and your stories so much. Thinking of your beautiful family and Lexi in particular who I was lucky enough to meet; full of hope and wonderful things to come for them through the legacy you left behind.



Coralie Claeysen-Gleyzon - January 25, 2016 at 10:02 AM

LG

“ My sincere sympathy to your family. One of the first people I met when I came to Orlando and although we weren't close friends whenever we would run into each other he always greeted me with a warm and sincere smile. I'm sure he will be missed by many. My best to his surviving family members

Lisa Garabedian - January 23, 2015 at 07:44 AM

“ To the Family of Douglas, may I say, it is with a great sadness, and deep respect to you, as we have lost, a very dear Friend in our art Community. It is with such sorrow, and sadness as Douglas, is such a great loss, to us, he is, such a fine, bright, truly a man of Talent in Photography. Our dear Friend, Douglas will be so very missed, as a void, in our lives. He worked and was credited on a very important painting for the Morse Museum. His Photo-Documentation of the Leslie H Nash Oil Painting Provenance, will be forever recorded. This painting was completed at the turn of the Century, (19-20th Century), as was the Provenance written in Pencil, in handwriting, by the artist. Douglas captured this very important Provenance, and Priceless handwriting, by photographing the verso, of the Oil Painting for our Client. Bill and Beth Neidlinger; The finest work we commissioned him, to partake in this project. Douglas, will live on, with his mark, as he is recognized and acknowledged, for being an important, and an expert, or as we say a, " maven" , in the Field of Black and White Photography! He is the Best, that I for one, have come across, in the Preservation of Art, Conservation of Art and Historic artifacts in this Community. Douglas, has the warmth of his smile, the gentleness of his personality, and his Heart of Gold. His Family, was his finest contribution to our Community. This soft spoken, genteel, Gentelman, of an Artist in Photography, will leave a Legacy none can compare. He is the most kindhearted, always had a moment to giveeven after a very long day in his Studio; Douglas always had time for us; his Contemporaries in the art Community, to lend an ear or his keen eye for details! Douglas, has been duly noted, in the Morse Museum, Leslie H. Nash Report, with his Bio, and his attributes for his work, on this Project. He has made more History in his life than he choose to share; as a quiet and Modest Photographer, behind the Lens of his Camera. How lucky, to be the camera in which saw the image through the eye of Douglas . :) Please know he loved his Family more than anything on this earth; as he spoke so often about his time away, and hoping he had not missed their important events in the life Family, and that was his strength everyday of his life. By being His Family, that was all he needed; knowing he had beauty all around him, at home.

We send you all, our deepest condolences, and our sympathy, as we share your loss of the Finest Human and most respected photographer and Family Man, your Douglas. Thank you for sharing him, within our Community.

*Fondly and Respectfully,
The Suberman Family
Jan, Aubrey, Dave and Jeff*

Jan Suberman - January 13, 2015 at 08:35 PM



Swa
Winkler

“ *My friend, my confidant. I cannot believe I am writing this on your wall! I literally threatened to fly from Europe and poke you for not telling me that you were so sick. Even then you expressed how quickly this illness was taking you by surprise in your wonderfully witty way. You Introduced me to the world of MAC computers! You inspired my photos that I took during my first visit to Italy. I couldn't wait to share them with you Mr. 11:11! I still can't believe I am writing this. I can see and hear you, you are ever so quick and clever and of course GQ. You encouraged my aspirations to live abroad! I will not be able to make your Roast...isn't it wonderful how Mr. 11:11 will have his celebration on 1:11. Thank you for showing the world the magnificence through your lens, stories and heart. Thank you Roda Ward Carter for introducing me to this legend. I'm thankful for the stories and experiences and will carry them with me forever.*

Swa Winkler - January 01, 2015 at 09:15 PM



CS

“ *I met Douglas at my first big art show, we became fast, dear friends. He was a mentor about the business of art, and an amazing artist. My husband & I have two of his large scale photographs in our home which we will treasure even more now. Our hearts are broken, but his love & friendship will live in our hearts always. Sleep well our dear friend...*

Cindy & Ryan Sbrissa - December 28, 2014 at 04:01 PM

AK

“ So sad to find out the news. My mom passed away on Dec 1st also.
I'm sure they are enjoying the beauty of heaven.

Anthony K - December 21, 2014 at 10:17 PM



“ All of us have a special bond, in that we shared a great love for Douglas. Since December 1st with the loss of his gracious presence in all our lives day to day, there has been a great emptiness more vast than we could have imagined. It is Douglas' intention to have his life celebrated, not mourned. He is counting on us to come together and fill that space with all the love, joy, funny stories, and as many hugs and smiles that we can give to one another. It is through our gathering together in his honor, that we will fill the space left by his absence.

Douglas' Party is being held at the Dr. Phillips Performing Arts Center in the DeVos Family Room <http://www.drphillipscenter.org/>. Kathy Ramsberger is graciously and in honor of Douglas, doing an amazing amount of work to help all of us make this event happen. But it is only through all of us, that the event will come together. The following are things that will make it successful for him.

~ We ask that everyone bring a 'potluck' dish or dessert. Maybe there's something you used to cook for Douglas that he loved, or know of a restaurant that he frequented and enjoyed a favorite food. Bring it on!...and encourage all others to do the same.

~ People should be encouraged to bring 1 or 2 favorite snapshots of Douglas in his life.

We will have framed boards to pin snapshots on so that we can share our memories of him with everyone. We will have a printer set up too, so that people can make a copy of someone else's snapshot that they want for a keepsake.

~ There will be a scheduled presentation time. Those who wish to, can say a few words, or preferably tell a funny story about Douglas, because he loved the idea of a 'roast at his expense!'

This is an event of sharing. Sharing Food, Photos, Stories, Laughs, Love, and Memories of Douglas. Friends Joyfully Gathering Together and Loving Life...all things Douglas loved.

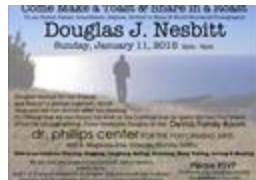
Please forward this invitation to all those friends of Douglas, whom you believe would like to celebrate his life with us. Contact me with any questions, ideas, or to volunteer to help with something more.

Love to you all,

Julia

facebook.com/JuliaL.Goldthwaite

Facebook.com/PaintboxProject



Julia Goldthwaite - December 19, 2014 at 02:41 PM

ME

“ *This past Kanuary Douglas met my 95 year old Dad and we discussed photographing him. My Dad is a WWII Veteran and Doug loved the way my laughed and smoked his cigarettes. We never did do the photo shoot. Time got away from us and my dad went back to NY. I will always regret not trying harder to make it happen. Doug and I shared a few glasses of wine at Maxine's and lots of smiles at Fadhion shows and snap! He said he didn't lime to get his picture taken yet I managed to get two of him this past year. I posted them on my fb but he still insisted I send them to him via email. I miss chatting with him.*

maxine earhart - December 11, 2014 at 05:19 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *To Douglas from Mark and Julia*



Julia Goldthwaite - December 10, 2014 at 01:12 PM



“ *Douglas we will forever love and adore you. To say we will miss you, is an understatement. Not long enough in our lives but forever in our hearts. Sending kisses from home- Love, Aunt Hattie, Davina, David Sr. and your family in New York.*



Davina Johnson - December 09, 2014 at 07:06 PM

KP

Douglas u were always loved by my sisters and i. U will be missed but never forgotten . I will always remember the joy and happiness that u brought with you on every visit.....We will hold u forever in our hearts....Rip....

Kermelle Person - December 10, 2014 at 07:57 AM

PC

“ *Douglas you will be ever so missed. My life was brighten by knowing you. Love this picture of you and RL Lewis....so glad you got to meet. Pam*



Pam Carman - December 09, 2014 at 10:14 AM

 Toni Taylor

“ Douglas, you are missed more than you know! The blessing of your friendship has enriched me and so many more whom you've touched during your stay here on planet Earth. I hope to share more beauty with you in the ethereal realm... maybe there we can share a glass of wine on the Amalfi Coast and I can hear you call me 'Sweet Face' once more. Love you my dear friend xo! <3 Toni



Toni Taylor - December 08, 2014 at 11:49 AM

SW

“ Doug and I served as each other's champion. He always had my back, as I did his. My cloak is fallen, and it is cold. He cannot be replaced. I am desolate.
Sally Ward

Sally Ward - December 07, 2014 at 12:55 PM

AO

“ Anastasia Ocuneva lit a candle in memory of Douglas J. Nesbitt



Anastasia Ocuneva - December 06, 2014 at 06:24 PM

DM

“ Celebrate life in your Great memories of your loved one.

Donna Mansperger - December 05, 2014 at 12:27 PM

PC

“ *Paula Clark lit a candle in memory of Douglas J. Nesbitt*



Paula Clark - December 05, 2014 at 12:20 PM

JD

“ *Every now and then we are blessed to know a very special, and talented individual. From the moment I met him in the classroom, I recognized his extraordinary talents and enjoyed his vibrant personality. In short, Doug had a mesmerizing and hypnotic effect on friends and co-workers. As photo editor of the Collegian, Los Angeles City College campus newspaper, he demonstrated the work ethic of Gordon Parks, the legendary Life Magazine photojournalist, and the eye and sensitivity of Henri Cartier-Bresson. On a personal note, he made me laugh and I enjoyed his sense of perspective of photography, and people in general. And like others, I was devastated to learn of his passing.*

I always will have fond memories of him, and pray that the good Lord will allow him to shoot pictures of all of his friends in heaven. May he be blessed for all his good deeds and gentle kindness. When you think about him, look into your own life to find ways of sharing your love more deeply with others now.

Forever in our thoughts,

*Joe Dojcsak, Prof. Emeritus
LACC Media-Arts, Journalism Dept.*

Joe Dojcsak - December 05, 2014 at 11:29 AM

AS

“ Douglas was an inspiration to myself- and so many others. His gentle spirit was contagious- his energy was bright- and he always had time for a good conversation or a laugh. He will certainly be one of the brightest stars in the heavens. Love you always, Douglas. ❤️

Angelique Sambrook - December 05, 2014 at 10:57 AM

LC

“ My Condolences to Douglas's Family & Loved ones for the loss of this beautiful soul. Douglas was so loved here in Orlando and I am sure that wherever his travels took him there are people feeling the sadness of his leaving us. He was such an inspiration to so many not only because of his incredible talent but also of who he was as a person. I would like to share the memory that whenever I was with him he would have to show me pictures of his beautiful granddaughter and tell me stories of what she was involved with...there was so much love and pride just shining out of him during these conversations, it was beautiful to see. May Angels surround you all as you go through this journey of saying good bye
oxox

Lisa Cuatt - December 05, 2014 at 10:34 AM

LC

“ Lisa Cuatt lit a candle in memory of Douglas
J. Nesbitt



Lisa Cuatt - December 05, 2014 at 10:25 AM

MB

“ *Marca Barr lit a candle in memory of Douglas J. Nesbitt*



Marca Barr - December 05, 2014 at 08:37 AM

MB

“ *My condolences to the family.. Douglas was a wonderful, happy soul that always warmed my heart with his smile. I will always remember him as an inspiration and a person who loved life and people unconditionally. He will be missed dearly.*

“Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.”

Eskimo Proverb

Marca Barr - December 05, 2014 at 08:36 AM

CR

“ *My sincere condolences to the family.. What an awesome man we've lost ! I remember a time Douglas made a home made cheese cake for me which he and I shared over a nice glass of wine.. My heart totally breaks that we've lost you... You will forever live in my heart.. You will surely be greatly missed...*

Carol Rasheed

carol rasheed - December 03, 2014 at 10:37 PM