



## Douglas Charles Foss

August 25, 2016

Foss, Douglas Charles "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." -- Ralph Waldo Emerson Douglas Charles Foss - Anoka, MN. On August 25, 2016, in the family home and on his own terms, our dearest and bravest Father and Husband was called to his heavenly home after a 6 month battle with cancer. Doug was with his wife Denise who loves him dearly and deeply. He spent precious moments and time with their children: Joseph Douglas 25, Michael Christian Robert 23, and Chelsea Victoria 23. He was fiercely proud of his children. Doug was a fearless competitor in all areas of his life. In high school and college he played sports and excelled in football. He loved all sports, except soccer which he amusingly refused to acknowledge as a sport. As a man of God, he was willing and able to defend the gospel to his dying day. Acts 4:12. Doug was a Navy man serving as an Operations Specialist all family members found humor in that all three of the children chose the Army branch. Doug served as a Firefighter and Training Officer on the Oak Grove Fire Department, and was fulfilled in this calling and considered it an honor to serve. As a husband and father, he was a leader, strong in body, mind and spirit. He worked many years in the construction field to provide for his family and give his wife and children opportunity in education and life. Doug worked hard and played hard, and he taught his children to do the same. He taught his family to never fear trying new things and experiences, to always challenge themselves and never quit. He taught them to think beyond what others told them or taught them, and to

always search out truth, and to find their strength in Christ. Lastly, he showed his wife Denise of 26 years, what it was like to be truly, unconditionally and thoroughly loved, respected and cherished. She'd not known the enormity of love before him. "Rest in peace darling, we'll be together again." Denise Foss Chapel Service held at Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel on September 16, 2016 at 12:30pm. Burial immediately following Chapel Service.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Michael Perry, I'm from Tyngsborough, MA and I went to Navy Boot Camp and Seamanship School with Doug in 1984. I'm very sorry to find that Doug had passed away almost ten years ago ... we unfortunately went our separate ways after we completed Navy Training and school.

I can say that I met Doug on/about August 1, 1984 at Great Lakes Recruit Training Center in Illinois. Doug and I were both Squad Leaders for our Company (84-241) and we had another close friend/Brother while we were there ... Cam Williams from North Carolina. The three of us were inseparable for most of Boot Camp and then through our days of Seamanship School. We saw *The Terminator* together in Autumn 1984 and the three of us (along with a couple of other guys), went up to Chicago to see John Waite and Patti Smyth/Scandal that Autumn.

Doug was always the sensible one of the three of us ... throwing wisdom and good sense at our screwy ideas, but he always did it with a half smile on his face like he just knew we were out of our minds and he was our "reality specialist".

I'm very sorry to see that Doug passed going on ten years ago - I'm sorry that it took me as long as it did to learn his fate. Doug was a good man when I knew him ... a Fine Navy Man, as we would've put it back then.

*Continue to Rest in Peace my Brother - I'll see you in the next life!*

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**Michael J Perry** - March 16 at 08:45 AM