



Douglas Won Lee

January 3, 1936 - September 7, 2024

Douglas Lee aka Sang Won Lee (1936-2024), age 88, passed away peacefully on September 7, 2024, at Our Lady of Peace.

Douglas was born in Gyeonggi-do, South Korea in 1936, where he began his life journey. There are many milestones that he experienced until his life took a significant turn when he immigrated to the United States in 1977; a decision that would shape the rest of his life. After becoming a U.S. citizen, Douglas and his dear wife, Catherine, welcomed their daughter Ellen into the world.

An American dream, Douglas started with nothing and spoke no English but grew life skills working diligently in various work environments. He gained many life skills, where his expertise and dedication were highly valued. Douglas worked in our society accomplishing many areas as well as an entrepreneur. He owned a shoe repair shop for several years as well as owning a janitorial business. In his final years, he worked at Takeda/Marsden for 20 years, building lasting friendships with his fellow colleagues. He also had a passion to fix cars, changing the oil, figuring out mechanical issues and rebuilding his daughter's old Chevy Blazer.

Despite his busy work schedule, he always found time for his passions. He was a huge admirer of wrestling (WWE) and knew every name of every professional wrestler, never missing watching an episode with Catherine and

a Budweiser in hand. The MN Twins was another sport he cherished, frequently attending games with family, and cheering them on. Douglas had a deep love for the outdoors, particularly enjoying the tranquility and challenge of fishing during the summer and cold MN winters. He regularly attended the Brainerd Ice Fishing Extravaganza with Ellen and Eric (son-n-law). Douglas also traveled the world with Catherine, experiencing everything he could to create lasting memories.

Douglas suffered a stroke in 2020 and endured brain surgery in 2023, which overtime his health declined. He spent a year in a nursing home, which we know ultimately deteriorated his quality of life. Most recently, he spent time at Mercy Hospital and sadly was moved to Our Lady of Peace. We believe it was the best place he could have been when he passed. The staff at Our Lady of Peace were incredibly compassionate and attentive, ensuring that Douglas was always in a comfortable and peaceful environment. We are grateful for the care and support they provided during his final days.

Douglas was known far and wide for his caring and selfless nature. He was the kind of person who would drop everything to help a family member in need, always putting others before himself. His generosity and kindness left a lasting impact on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Whether it was through his work, his hobbies, or his everyday interactions, Douglas's legacy of compassion and selflessness continues to inspire those around him.

Family was everything to Douglas. His endless love and support for his family have profoundly touched our lives forever. The positive impact he has made will resonate through time, continuing to inspire and uplift everyone who has been fortunate enough to be part of his life. He will be missed dearly.

Douglas was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Catherine, daughter Ellen (Eric), grandchildren Alexis, Everett, & Emerson; sons Daehui, Jay & family, daughter Mihee & family, along with

several extended family members including brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, nieces, & nephews. Douglas has several family members in South Korea including a sister, brothers, cousins, nephews, & nieces. Douglas has reunited with his father Dukwoo Lee & mother Imson Yun, relatives, & many friends who have sadly passed.

We invite you to join us in honoring the life of Douglas Lee on Friday, September 20, 2024, at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Funeral Chapel (5125 W. Broadway, Crystal, MN 55429).

- Viewing begins at 10:00-11:00 a.m., providing an opportunity for friends and family to gather and share memories.
- Funeral service will commence at 11:00 a.m., celebrating Douglas's life and burial to follow at 12:00 p.m.
- Luncheon will be held after the burial at Teppanyaki Grill & Supreme Buffet in Fridley, MN at 1:00-3:00 p.m., where we can continue to remember together and celebrate our beloved Douglas.

Cemetery Details

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens

5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429
(763) 533-8643
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Chapel Service

SEP 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Graveside Service

SEP 20. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Reception

SEP 20. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Teppanyaki Grill & Supreme Buffet
268 57th Ave NE
Fridley, MN 55432

Tribute Wall

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Doug. I have known Doug for a long time through work at the Brooklyn Park facility. He was always there to welcome anybody with a broad smile. He always seemed a person at peace with himself. During the many conversations that I had with him over the years, not once did I see any anger or frustration in him. He seemed happy and contended and very eager to have a conversation about anything. It was always a pleasure to see him around in the facility. A truly simple person with a big heart. May his soul rest in peace!

Amitava Kundu - September 16, 2024 at 05:10 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Lee family. I worked at PDL, Genmab, and Takeda with Doug. He was such a positive presence: always smiling, an infectious laugh, and a true pleasure to see around the facility. May you all find comfort in the happy memories that you have of him.

Samantha Haldeman - September 16, 2024 at 01:44 PM

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“ Nicole Kunza & Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Douglas Won Lee.



Nicole Kunza & Family - September 13, 2024 at 08:24 PM

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“ Nicole Kunza & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Won Lee.

Nicole Kunza & Family - September 13, 2024 at 08:24 PM

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“ There are so many, many, many memories of Doug. Doug honored me when he agreed to participate in my wedding. We worked together for many years. He was very dependable, honest. If memory serves me correctly. He only called in sick for work 1 or 2 days in 31 years. There will never be anyone like Doug. Will miss him dearly.

Santos Bustamante - September 12, 2024 at 05:08 PM

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Meant 21 years not 31. :)

Santos Bustamante - September 12, 2024 at 09:28 PM