



# Douglas John Shepard

May 24, 1974 - April 3, 2024

Douglas John Shepard

Douglas Shepard, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away on April 3, 2024, at the age of 49, in Crystal, Minnesota. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him.

Douglas was born on May 24, 1974, in Chisago City, Minnesota. He grew up in Forest Lake and later settled in Crystal where he built a life filled with love, adventure, and cherished memories.

Douglas received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minnesota and his MBA from the Carlson School of Management. He was the Senior Director of IT for 1517 Media in Minneapolis for many years.

Douglas married Melissa on August 18th, 2001. They have two sons, Spencer, 27, and Wyatt, 19.

His life revolved around his family. He was an amazing and loving husband and dad. There was nothing that he wouldn't do for them. It was important to Douglas that his family knew how much he loved them.

Douglas enjoyed traveling the world with his family. He loved many outdoor activities with them, including dirt biking, wakeboarding, jet skiing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling.

He is survived by his wife, Melissa, and sons Spencer and Wyatt; and

siblings, Kathy (Ricky) Powers; Teresa (Tony) Hunter; Garret (Deborah) Shepard; and Lee Ann (Bill) Shogren. He also left behind many nieces and nephews.

Douglas is preceded in death by his parents, Arlin and Sue Shepard, grandparents and other loved family and friends.

Douglas leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and inspiration. His memory will forever live on in the hearts of his beloved family, his devoted siblings and their spouses, his nieces and nephews, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A memorial service to honor Douglas's life will be held on April 11, 2024, at 11:00 AM, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM, at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, located at 5125 W Broadway, Crystal, MN 55429. Service available via live stream in the photos and videos section.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Prodeo Academy <https://www.prodeoacademy.org/apps/pages/donate>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

## Memorial Service

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

## Reception

APR 11. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Osseo-Maple Grove American Legion  
260 4th Ave SE  
Osseo, MN 55369

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Douglas John Shepard in memory of Douglas John Shepard



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Washburn-McReavy - April 08, 2024 at 10:12 AM

AV

“ I got to know Douglas through our work together at 1517 Media. He was quiet and kind, and he took great pride in his family. I loved hearing about his travels with Melissa and his boys. He was whip smart. He was a problem solver with an easygoing yet efficient approach to complex issues. Douglas's deadpan sense of humor was unparalleled, every comment made all the funnier when delivered with a straight face and flat affect. He'll be missed in the office. I will miss him.

*Sending peace and love to his family and friends.*

*Alison Vandenberg*

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Alison Vandenberg - April 15, 2024 at 08:02 PM

SA

“ Douglas' presence at 1517 Media will be greatly missed. For the past 15 years, he was an amazing supportive colleague that always went out of his way to help employees. His witty humor, his love for problem solving, his intelligence and his dedication to his work were truly gifts to this organization. May your many family gatherings, adventures and travel memories with Douglas bring you comfort and peace in the coming days. Peace, Sandy Amundson, VP Human Resources 1517 Media.

Sandy Amundson - April 11, 2024 at 09:41 AM

UF

“ UPS family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Douglas John Shepard.



UPS family - April 10, 2024 at 12:13 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Douglas John Shepard.



April 10, 2024 at 07:11 AM

TB

“ The Shin-Dig Family and Beyond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas John Shepard.

The Shin-Dig Family and Beyond - April 09, 2024 at 02:56 PM

TB

“ *The Shin-Dig Family and Beyond purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Douglas John Shepard.*



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**The Shin-Dig Family and Beyond** - April 09, 2024 at 02:56 PM

CB

“ *Cindy and Mark Brumfield planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas John Shepard.*

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**Cindy and Mark Brumfield** - April 09, 2024 at 01:48 PM

CB

“ *Cindy and Mark Brumfield purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Douglas John Shepard.*



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**Cindy and Mark Brumfield** - April 09, 2024 at 01:48 PM

YF

“ *Your Insulectro Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas John Shepard.*

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**Your Insulectro Family** - April 09, 2024 at 12:32 PM

YF

“ *Your Insulectro Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Douglas John Shepard.*



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**Your Insulectro Family** - April 09, 2024 at 12:32 PM

WC

“ *Wendy Carlson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas John Shepard.*

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**Wendy Carlson** - April 09, 2024 at 08:57 AM

WC

“ *Wendy Carlson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Douglas John Shepard.*



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**Wendy Carlson** - April 09, 2024 at 08:57 AM

JJ

“ *Jill Joseph lit a candle in memory of Douglas John Shepard*



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**Jill Joseph** - April 08, 2024 at 08:07 PM

KP

“ Kathy, Lyle, Kevin, Anna, Maura, Pete purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Douglas John Shepard.



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**Kathy, Lyle, Kevin, Anna, Maura, Pete** - April 08, 2024 at 11:51 AM

TH

“ Douglas was my little brother. I admired him for being such a loyal abba loving husband and an amazing dad! He loves all children but his 2 sons were the light in his eyes! He was a caring and empathetic friend to everyone he met. I can't believe I will never hear his giggle or a witty comment from him again! I pray I will meet you in Heaven again someday! You were loved by so many and I hope you felt all the love. I love you Doug! Teresa

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**Teresa Hunter** - April 07, 2024 at 10:12 PM

SS

“ Stefanie and Carl Svendsen purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Douglas John Shepard.



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**Stefanie and Carl Svendsen** - April 06, 2024 at 11:48 PM

RS

“ Rob Schulz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas John Shepard.

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**Rob Schulz** - April 06, 2024 at 07:21 PM

RS

“ Rob Schulz purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Douglas John Shepard.



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**Rob Schulz** - April 06, 2024 at 07:21 PM