



Douglas Clay Smith

July 2, 1942 - February 15, 2023

Douglas C. Smith age 80, of Minneapolis, MN passed away unexpectedly on February 15, 2023.

Doug was born July 2, 1942 in Brookings, South Dakota to Donald and Evelyn (Rasmussen) Smith. Doug grew up in Holt, Michigan and was active in school activities, including setting the mile record in track and being nominated to the Capital Circuit all-star football team. He met Arletta at a community dance, and their love blossomed. They moved to Minnesota to pursue a career opportunity with the Minnesota Fair Housing Agency. Doug's career path further focused on the real estate field as he co-managed Edina Realty's main office, taught real estate licensure classes at Normandale Community College, and co-authored a real estate licensing test manual.

Doug was an amazing person in every way! He touched so many lives out of a genuine desire to love, serve, and bring happiness to all. He appreciated his wonderful friends, loved his family beyond measure, and had a deep and profound love for his Savior, Jesus Christ. This passion to serve was also reflected in his volunteer work in the community. He will be remembered as a creative person who blessed others with his gifts and talents.

Doug was preceded in death by parents Donald and Evelyn Smith; siblings Gerald, Roger, and Donald, Jr.

Doug is survived by his loving wife, Arletta, of 58 years; children Lisa (Glen) Spencer and Michael (Connie) Smith; grandchildren Grace, Nathan, Olivia, Ava, Charles, James, Bryce, and Sophia; sister Susan Smith; sister-in-law Arlene Smith.

A celebration of life service will be held at Hope Presbyterian Church in Richfield, MN on Saturday February 25th at 11:00 am.

Memorial gifts may be made to:

Salvation Army
2445 Prior Ave N
Roseville, MN 55113-2714
651-746-3400
<https://salvationarmynorth.org>

New Covenant Missions
P.O Box 218
Coeur D'Alene, ID 83816
208-561-9006
<https://www.newcovenantmissions.org/donate>

or Hope Presbyterian Church

Previous Events

Church Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Hope Church
7132 Portland Avenue South
Richfield, MN 55423

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas Clay Smith.*



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“ *I was blessed to know Doug and learn from him about the history of all of Hope Church's properties as we prepared to smiths denominations. His detailed notes were very impressive as was his understanding of real estate law. I felt like I was should be paying for a graduate level course as he took through the history step by step. Doug was a gentleman and a man of God, and he leaves a lasting legacy to his kids and grandkids. God is good all the time!!*

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