



Douglas Wallace

August 23, 1936 - August 15, 2024

Douglas "Doug" Wallace passed away on August 15, 2024, at the age of 87, just shy of his 88th birthday, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was born on August 23, 1936.

Doug was a highly intelligent, creative thinker known for his ability to unite people. He was a gifted storyteller. His charisma and conversational skills helped him cultivate, develop and nurture lifelong friendships and partnerships. Thoughtful, in-depth questions sustained conversations and helped to uncover deeper understanding of one's own experiences. He approached challenges with a can-do attitude, never accepting "no" or "it can't be done" as an answer. His life was an example of gratitude and compassion.

He is survived by his loving wife, Peggy Hunter, his son, Steven Wallace (Nancy Ebsen), and his daughter, Tracy Wallace (Elgin Switzer). Doug was preceded in death by his parents, William Glen Wallace and Stella Finwall Wallace, and his sister, Priscilla Ender.

Doug attended Pratt Elementary and Marshall University during his early years. His undergraduate work began at the University of Minnesota. He attended seminary at the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and returned to the University of Minnesota, earning a PhD in Educational Design. This robust foundation supported his varied and impactful career.

Professionally, Doug dedicated many years to the University YMCA as both Program Director and Executive Director. He later served as Vice President of Social Responsibility and Corporate Policy at Northwestern National Bank Corporation (later Norwest Bank Corp.) and was part of the faculty at the College of St. Thomas, where he influenced many through his leadership and vision. He consulted on ethical leadership in an office at the College of St. Catherine.

Doug was a member of the University Baptist, Zion Baptist and Judson Memorial Baptist Church, where he participated in community and spiritual activities.

His passion for the outdoors was evident in his hobbies, which included environmental photography, wilderness hiking in the mountains of Montana and Wyoming, canoeing in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and Green River Utah, and spending time at his remote cabin on Lake Vermilion. His lifelong love of music was expressed through playing jazz piano, a passion which he shared with many. Film was an important part of his life, and he was able to delve deep into the many layers and lessons hidden in the art. Doug mastered creating exquisite meals from scratch with his wife Peggy, and as a connoisseur of wine, took pride in pairing culinary creations with the perfect wine.

Doug's memory is cherished by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy of service, kindness, gratitude, and his zest for life will be deeply missed.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 4. 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Avidor Residence
5220 Eden Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55436

Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to Peggy and the entire family. Peggy as you know Doug loved coming to chat cameras and photography with me at the store and I always enjoyed seeing you both. I will miss seeing him and his wonderful photos he shared with me when you came for visits. What a lovely obituary and I'm wishing you much peace during this difficult time. Rebecca from National Camera.

Rebecca Lawson - November 15, 2024 at 07:43 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Peggy, and to Doug's family including Steven and Tracy. I came to know Doug first as a student at the YMCA in 1972. We became good friends, and he later officiated at my wedding. Doug was a bright presence in my life even until now, some 54 years later. His ability to inspire you to do what you thought was not possible, to think beyond yourself, and his appreciation for the great outdoors was contagious and shared with many. While his physical presence will be terribly missed, his memories and values will live on, and that I will cherish.
God bless you Doug,
-Ron Reitan

Ron Reitan - October 02, 2024 at 01:14 PM

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apologies, I meant to say 52 years.

Ron Reitan - October 02, 2024 at 01:15 PM

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“ *My condolences to Doug's wife & family.
I knew Doug in the early 1970s when he was Director of the
University of MN YMCA. And I've seen him a few times in more
recent years.
Doug always had a joyful, optimistic spirit. He touched the lives of
many hundreds of young adults & inspired many of us to find
careers in serving our community. May his memory always be a
blessing. ~ Helen Raleigh*

Helen Raleigh - September 12, 2024 at 08:43 PM