



Douglas E. Bressler

May 11, 1931 - March 22, 2023

Douglas E Bressler passed away on Wednesday March 22, 2023 at Mike Conley Cornerstone Hospice House at the age of 91 after battling Alzheimer's for 6 years. He was born May 11, 1931 Rockford, Illinois. Doug graduated West High School in Rockford subsequently attending National Fire Academy in Gettysburg, PA. Doug spent a full tour with the US Army 1949-1952 and honorably discharged. He joined the Rockford fire Department where he was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief. He had a 26-year career when at the age of 50 he was hired by Orange County Fire Rescue Division in Florida as Chief of Operations serving for 11 years before retiring. After Retirement he served as a member of the Lake County Fire Rescue Advisory Board 1993-2001. Additionally, a member of two Honor Guards Orange County and the Plantation of Leesburg. Doug was a fierce athletic competitor throughout his life, actively competing in: Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Golf and Darts.

Doug was a beloved husband, father, uncle, grandfather, and friend to many. Doug is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia Sadewater whom he met serving on Rockford Fire Department. Doug is also survived by his two children; Eugene Bressler and spouse (Cathy) of Cookeville TN, Laura Olszewski of Leesburg, FL. His surviving grandchildren are; Courtney Bressler, Chelsea Enochs and spouse (Jim) Enochs, Carrie Bressler, Landon Bressler, Jonathan Bressler and Victoria Bressler. Predeceased is his son David Bressler, sister Sharon Pierce, and parents Terrell and Myrtle Bressler.

Dad, though his final years was blessed to be surrounded by friends and family who wove a wonderful web of support and love that were not only from the heart, but the inner depths of the soul. There are so many who did so much and we are all blessed as he was. We were overwhelmed, and reflect back on this with deep appreciation.

A memorial service will be held April 4, 10 AM. Officiated by Reverend Edward Barnett, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 130 South Lone Oak Dr Leesburg Florida. Military Honors will follow with private interment at a later date. Light refreshments to follow.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations made on behalf of Douglas E Bressler to Cornerstone Hospice House Mike Conley, 2100 Oakley Seaver Dr. Clermont, FL. 34711. www.cornerstonehospice.org click on Donate, Memory of Douglas E. Bressler Tree of Life. Or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church <http://www.gloriadeielca.com>

Online condolences may be shared at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
130 South Lone Oak Dr
Leesburg, FL 34748

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas E. Bressler*



Beyers Funeral Home - March 30, 2023 at 01:30 PM

AR

Fantastic so many good shots of Doug & Pat. RIP Doug 🙏❤️💔

Alice & Ben Regensburg - March 31, 2023 at 12:23 AM

JF

What a beautiful tribute to a wonderful man. He will be missed.

Jim Fischer - April 03, 2023 at 03:31 PM

CB

Such a beautiful & loving tribute to our favorite fireman. 🧑🚒 I've already watched it 3 times & I'm sure I'll watch it again! Aunt Pat, Gene, Laura & Cathy...please know I'm thinking of you today. I hope loving memories help get you thru the hardest parts... Love you! ❤️❤️

Connie Bussan - April 04, 2023 at 01:52 PM

SA

Today, as you experience the special service for Uncle Doug...please know we are with you in spirit and our hearts too ache for the loss of the most wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle and most of all inspiration for countless men who looked up to him and used him as the example of the way a good and decent man conducts himself. His character will live on in those men. How fortunate for all of us that we were able to know and share in the goodness of Douglas Bressler. The world will miss him. Such a special man... Well done Uncle. Now rest.

Sharon Atkins - April 04, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Bressler.



March 31, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Bressler.



March 29, 2023 at 08:33 AM

PH

“ Phil&Kathie Harnden Rick&Mary Harnden purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Douglas E. Bressler.



Phil&Kathie Harnden Rick&Mary Harnden - March 28, 2023 at 02:58 PM

MP

“*Doug was such a likeable guy. He was a very good district chief. Condolences to his family at this difficult time. He was a true asset to Rockford Fire. May he rest in peace.*

Mike Phelan

Mike Phelan - March 27, 2023 at 04:47 PM

RH

“*To Pat and Doug's family,
It is with great sadness to learn of Doug's death,
Doug was my officer when I was assigned to Ladder 1 as a new driver and he had a tremendous impact on me. I remember him for his great leadership and dedication to the fire service. He took me under his wing and helped me be a better firefighter. He even invited me to your home once where he and Bill Johnson and others talked about fire department issues with me, with me of all people! Doug was a hero of mine and I will always remember him with great admiration and fondness.*

Ron Hill - March 27, 2023 at 09:47 AM

DP

“*Dear Pat, Gene and Laura,
I'm deeply sorry to hear about Doug, your family was the best family to grow up with. Every day I sit in my living and look across the street and think how much fun we all had, I miss your family and wish you were still there, I will always remember the ringing of the dinner bell and Doug's whistle when it was time to come home. All the memories I have kept in my heart are priceless. My prayers are with your entire family, God bless all of you.*

Dawn Puckett

Dawn Puckett - March 27, 2023 at 08:07 AM

EW

“ Doug was Captain on Engine #2 when I was a Recruit. He was a great leader and I learned a lot from him about fire fighting. He was a good man and a great asset wherever he went. Sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Erin Winter - March 27, 2023 at 07:47 AM

HJ

“ Family of Doug,
It's been a privilege to know Doug.
My sympathies to your family.
Herb Johnson. RFD, Retired

Herb Johnson - March 26, 2023 at 10:55 PM

CL

“ Growing up it was always Aunt Mert and Uncle Terry. And Uncle Doug. I still have the child's table and chairs he gave me for my first Christmas. My kids and grandkids all used it. Lots of great memories.
Cynthia (Cindy Bodda) Linnabary

Cynthia Linnabary - March 25, 2023 at 02:42 PM

GB

Such a great friendship was your dad and my fathers. soon enough it included our mothers and later in retirement they all had and enjoyed some great memories that included my family from time to time during visits. My parents lives were enriched and I have heard so many Ron stories during polio epidemic in leaf river and after. I have envied how their relationship was rekindled and picked up where it left off despite the miles. A true and loving friendship.

Gene Bressler - March 31, 2023 at 03:09 PM

MF

*Pat, Gene, and Laura,
Kathy and I were saddened to learn of Doug's passing. It was an honor
serving with him at OCFRD. Please accept our condolences and
deepest sympathy for your loss. Mitch Floyd*

Mitchel C Floyd - April 04, 2023 at 10:35 AM

SB

*Dear Pat, Gene and Laura,
I am thinking of you today and sending hugs and prayers. I wish I could
be there today for the Memorial Service. I have the best memories
growing up with your family and will treasure everyone of them. I will
never forget all the fun we had together and how blessed I was to know
your family. Thinking of you during this difficult time and prayers of
strength for the family. Love, Sue Anderson Blough*

Sue Blough - April 04, 2023 at 10:49 AM