



Doc Dougherty Jr.

September 3, 1922 - August 24, 2015

Clarence Glen Dougherty, Jr., Doc, finally retired from the job he loved the most...living life. He passed away peacefully on August 24, 2015, at home surrounded by family and loved ones. He was 92.

Doc was born September 3, 1922, in Monroe County, Ohio. He grew up in Woodsfield, the county seat, where he was called Schooner by the men that worked the local oil fields as he delivered a schooner of water to those that beckoned him. His hard work at an early age led him to greater things. After high school he went to work as a crane operator in the steel mills of eastern Ohio until he entered WW II.

Doc served in the Army-Air Corp and spent his time in China where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He was often the only American at his duty station. He acted as a radio operator and mechanic with a little bit of demolitions. Staff Sargent Dougherty was the last one to depart more than one destroyed US airfield on his way across China.

After the war Doc returned to the steel mills until he “met a couple of girls that worked in the Admissions Office” of Ohio State University. He enrolled at Ohio State the following Monday. It was at OSU where his roommate mispronounced his last name but stuck him with Doc. He majored in business and talked his way into student work at the information desk in the Ohio

Union. This began the career that led him to Southern Illinois University as the first director of the Student Center in August of 1960. In 1964, the SIU Arena was opened and the administration asked Doc to manage this new facility along with his duties at the Student Center.

In 1975, Doc was tapped to become part of the administration as the Director of Campus Services, a new position created to oversee SIU's Plant and Service Operations which included the Physical Plant, Travel Services, Printing and Duplicating, and the Power Plant. His duties also included the SIU Arena, McAndrew Stadium, Shryock Auditorium and the SIU Police. In 1977, Doc was selected as Vice President of Campus Services where he served until his retirement in September 1992.

Throughout his career Doc touched thousands of lives. He was a mentor, a leader, a boss and a friend. He made a point of being where he needed to be, when he needed to be. He spoke the truth and stayed true to his convictions. And there were few that dared to face him head-on in a poker game.

Doc met Glorianna, his wife of 58 years, in July of 1952. They were married the following November. They danced throughout their lives while raising three boys and a countless number of students. She preceded him in death in 2011.

Doc was very active throughout his years. He served as chairman of the Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, he was a member of the 1956 Dipper and Bucket honorary of Ohio State University, the Flying Tigers of the 14th Airborne Association, the SIU Alumni Association, the Sphinx Club, the American Legion, VFW, Elks and the Eagles. He received the Boy Scouts' Silver Beaver, the Jake Goro Award and was inducted into the Carbondale Community High School Hall of Service in 2010.

Doc is survived by three sons, William Dougherty, Ashburn, VA, Brian and wife

Carol Dougherty, Altamonte Springs, FL, and Bret and wife Sherry Dougherty, Cobden, IL.; two grandsons, Brian II and Jonathan Dougherty, both of Altamonte Springs, FL and one granddaughter Meredith Dougherty, Ashburn, VA.

A special thanks to Diana, Delores, Paula, Elaina, Rachel, PJ and Crystal for all of their love and care and to India and Donna with Celtic Hospice for their guidance and support.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2015, from 10:00AM – 1:00PM, at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home. Funeral services will immediately follow the visitation with Dr. Samuel Goldman officiating. Entombment will be in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Memorials may be made to the Doc Dougherty Legacy Fund with the SIU Foundation or to the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Doc Dougherty Jr.*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Dear Dougherty Brothers and Families:
We offer our sincere condolences on the loss of your dad/grandfather. Our family enjoyed a special kinship with your mom and dad. Ben worked with your dad as "brothers" in the Vice President rank at SIU and Glorianna and Ann Marie enjoyed a warm relationship as they supported their men. Ben and Doc shared a special relationship as fellow VP's and few knew the bounds of the respect they shared for each other. Bret may know more than Bill and Brian, but it is highly probable that Doc and Ben kept secrets from everyone except Ann Marie and Glorianna. Doc and Glorianna were kind and supportive of our children, Tiger and Michelle. Doughertys, be strong, be proud of your parents, and know that they had genuine friends who respected them and loved them and who wholeheartedly feel your loss.
With deep affection, The Shepherds 4: Ben, Ann Marie, "Tiger" and Michelle*

Ann Marie Shepherd - August 30, 2015 at 01:48 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family. The Poindexter's Patti, Mark Chuck Nancy and families. All our love*

Chuck Poindexter - August 29, 2015 at 05:09 PM

ST

“ *Dear Dougherty Family,
I am so saddened to hear of Doc's passing.
I always enjoyed conversations with him, so much, on the phone or
when he visited Gallipolis.
My prayers of comfort are for your family.*

*Sue Tipton
(John Foster's Friend)*

Sue Tipton - August 29, 2015 at 02:29 PM

DP

“ *we are so very sorry for your loss...he was a very sweet man..we
were privileged to know him...may god provide support, strength and
comfort..love to the entire family...ginny and debbie..maryville,tn*

debra parmly - August 29, 2015 at 05:22 AM

BD

thanks ladies

Bret Dougherty - August 29, 2015 at 06:37 AM

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debra parmly - August 29, 2015 at 05:22 AM

GR

“ So sorry for your loss. Your father was always such a nice man.
Keeping your family in my prayers.

Gayle Goro Reifschneider

Gayle Reifschneider - August 28, 2015 at 01:15 AM

DM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our
thoughts.

*With Love,
David and JoAnn McNeal and Mandy Horn*

David McNeal - August 27, 2015 at 11:04 AM

LH

“ Sorry to here about your fathers passing Bret. He was a great man
and loved by all. You are in my family's thoughts and prayers.
Lisa Hawkins

Lisa Hawkins - August 27, 2015 at 10:28 AM

PS

“ I met Doc when I was a shy, quiet freshman and started working at the Student Center Bookstore. I always felt as if he was looking out for me; he never forgot my name, and generally had a moment to stop and chat. As time went on I graduated, married, divorced and moved out of Carbondale, but when I would come back home and accidentally see him, he made it a point to speak. He was always happy, always interested in what I was doing, and is one of the few people in Carbondale I honestly respected and liked. Doc was a good man; and there aren't too many people you can say that about. As I like to say, "Let's not morn the person that is gone, but let's celebrate that life that was lived". His life mattered.

Phillis Steinbach

Phillis Steinbach - August 26, 2015 at 12:26 PM

BM

“ Bret So sorry to hear of your fathers passing! What a great guy to say the least. Doc lived life to the fullest and appeared to have a great go of it along the way. He will be missed by many. God Bless you and your family.

Bruce Martin

Bruce Martin - August 26, 2015 at 11:30 AM

SJ

“ I am one of the thousand of lives he affected. He was my boss at the Student Union the entire time I was an SIU student and I learned as much working for him than I did in many of my classes! I even babysat a couple times with their "active" sons! Mr. D (as I knew him) and his wife will always hold a special place in my heart. They definitely loved and lived life. My prayers to his family. Harry and Sharon (Hish) Johnson.

Sharon (Hish) Johnson - August 26, 2015 at 10:11 AM

TF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have so many cherished memories of our time together and the support Doc always afforded me personally. I love and will miss Doc and GoGo, bless them both as they will unite again for eternity. The Farel Family.

The Farel Family - August 25, 2015 at 10:08 AM

RS

*Doc was one of the sweetest man we've ever met, and he will be truly missed by so many. We send our comfort and support to Bret and Sherry...that along with all of our love.
Robin Ray and Lawrence Schilling*

Robin Ray and Larry Schilling - August 26, 2015 at 05:52 PM

WJ

*Doc~
You will live forever through those whom you have mentored and whom they have mentored, in turn. Thanks for being my mentor and for your friendship through all these years. And to you, Bill Joe, Brian, and Bret, my thoughts and prayers are with you.
Blessings, Dean Justice*

William Dean Justice - August 27, 2015 at 12:53 PM

BF

Doc was a mentor for me during my tenure at SIUC. An honest man, a true professional and a friend when you needed his sage advice. I always admired and respected him greatly. Rest in Peace, Doc. My condolences to Brett and Sherry.

Bruce Francis - August 27, 2015 at 04:15 PM

SB

Brett and Sherry we extend our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. We will always remember your father. He was a Kind hearted individual. And was loved by many. We respected him greatly. We will always admired the giant he was in his own rights. May he rest in peace. Your family have our Condolences.

Michael and Sharon Bryant

Sharon Bryant - August 27, 2015 at 06:36 PM