



Douglas R. Oglesby

March 19, 1923 - August 22, 2014

Douglas R. Oglesby, 91, passed peacefully in his sleep, August 22, 2014 at Maryhill Manor in Enderlin, ND. His funeral service will be 1:30 PM, Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at the Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City, ND. Visitation will be held the hour prior to the funeral. Burial will be in the ND Veterans Cemetery on Wednesday, August 27, 2014. Doug was born to Art and Freda (Flach) Oglesby in Sanborn, ND. He along with four sisters and two brothers were raised on a farm outside of Wimbledon, ND. Doug was the oldest of 7 children. In 1941, he enlisted in the US Army at the age of seventeen. He completed officers training program in Ft. Knox, Kentucky before going to North Africa with the 1st Armor Division in 1943. In 1944, Doug also served in Italy during the Anzio Invasion. He was honorably discharged in 1946. In 2008, his son George accompanied him to Washington, DC in honor of all living WWII veterans.

Doug married Alvera Shockley in 1947 and together they had 5 children. He pursued a degree in education, graduating from Jamestown College with a Bachelor's of Science Degree. He later pursued a Masters Degree in Administration from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. Doug's first teaching job was in Sutton, ND. From 1952-1961, he was Superintendent of Schools in Hurdsfield, ND. Doug moved his family to Esparto, CA in 1961 and was Superintendent of Schools there for 8 years. In 1969, he returned to ND where he was Superintendent of Schools in Enderlin for 10 years.

In 1975, Doug married Louella Harrison. They enjoyed life together for 36 years. During that time he served as Superintendent of Schools in Garrison, ND and North Central, ND. He retired in 1983 with over 35 years in education.

He was known as an avid fisherman and hunter and spent many a day fishing with family and friends on the lakes in Canada and hunting in the Dakota Badlands and Red River Valley. He was a life member of the VFW as well as belonging to the American Legion and Eagles Club. Doug was also a member of a number of administrator and teacher associations including the ND Administrators Association and the ND Education Association.

Mr. Oglesby is survived by his two daughters, Melodye (Lyle) Thompson of Seattle, WA and LeeAnn Matson of Wenatchee, WA; three sons, Doug (Sandy) of Eldorado Hills, CA, George (Peggy) of Lone Tree, CO, and Nayland of Leavenworth, WA; four step-children,

Victor (Carolyn) Harrison, James Harrison, Glenda (Larry Reidman), and Debbie (James) Lochow; 18 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren; 9 great great grandchildren; sisters, Elverna Becker and Ardella Fugelstead; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Louella; and siblings, Norman, Art, Francis, and Rose.

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel of Valley City, ND has been entrusted with the arrangements for Doug's service. Please sign the register book online at <http://www.oliver-nathanchapel.com>

Cemetery

North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

1825 - 46th St.

Mandan, ND,

Comments



“ I always enjoyed visiting with Doug at Bridgeview and Maryhill when I would go to visit my Grandma Elsie Ludwig. His devotion and deep love for Lou was so touching. He was such a positive person and always upbeat and smiling, that is so rare. My Dad, Leonard (Butch) Kracht said he spent a lot of time in Doug's office at Wimbledon, however I did not at Enderlin! I was always impressed with how sharp he dressed, it commanded respect from the kids. He knew how to get tough with the bullies and that was appreciated by those of us who got hit by them! When I returned for my class reunion a few years ago and they gave a tour of the school I was surprised that it wasn't in the immaculate shape that Doug always kept it in. Very sorry to all of you, his family, but we know he's in a better place where he is hunting and fishing. Hi to classmate, Jim. Blessed Be, Christi Kracht Enzminger

Christi Kracht - September 04, 2014 at 11:41 PM



“ To all of the family...my Mom, Ethel Heckman and I, Kathy Heckman Langemo, would like to send our sympathy to each and everyone of you. I, of course remember well the times I spent with all of you at Gordon and Geneva's house in the country. LeAnn and Melody and I had great times when all of us would visit. Even tho I haven't seen you for years, they are still fond memories. Your Dad was always so nice to us and we were included in everything. We will remember you in our thoughts and prayers as you morn his passing. Take care and know that others are thinking of you !!

God bless, Ethel Heckman and Kathy Langemo

Kathy Langemo - August 26, 2014 at 06:31 PM



“ Your father was like a second father to me. He was such an honorable man, a person we could look up to and count on. He did so many things for so many communities and he will never be forgotten. My father (Leon "Leo" Reis) had many wonderful times with him. As I lost my father, a year ago, these are very tough times and my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. He may be gone, but he will never be forgotten.. The world lost a great person today and Heaven gained a wonderful man. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely Charles Reis

Charles Reis - August 24, 2014 at 03:50 PM



“ My deepest sympathys for your loss. Only knew him for a short time. I went to school in Hurdsfield for 3+ years (7th -10th grade, Class of '65). I remember him very well. Always a smile and kind word. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.

David Gienger - August 24, 2014 at 12:44 PM



“ George-So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family. Debbie (Kemmer) Johnson-Enderlin High School Class of 74

Debbie (Kemmer) Johnson - August 24, 2014 at 09:41 AM



“ My Very Dear Friend ; Going to Miss that fellow, we charred lots of Life story's Wonderful Fishing trips & Playing pinochle, He always Kept score.(He was always right) Lots Of Fun Times. Bill & Angie Werner
Valley city, ND

Bill Werner - August 24, 2014 at 08:28 AM



“ Oh the memories I have with my Grandpa Doug. He was such a vibrant man, always making sure we felt welcome. Loved the time I spent with him through the years. I'm sure he's playing a trick on someone in heaven.

Loved him so much
Terri Dee Thompson Kline



Terri Kline - August 23, 2014 at 09:01 PM



“ I have very fond memories of your Grandpa Doug. He always had a smile and he certainly did like to play tricks whenever he had the opportunity! I knew Doug when he was the Superintendent at North Central School, Rogers, ND. I was employed at Bridgeview Estates in Valley City when I got to know him and Lu personally. They were such a fun couple and I will cherish the memories!!! My sympathy to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Dinah Heinze

Dinah - August 24, 2014 at 11:46 PM



“ Grandpa Oglesby will always be remembered by me as a kind and happy person. I know that he loved me very much and that is a gift I cherish. Fondly and with admiration, Jackie (Thompson) Bailey, Seattle WA



Jackie Bailey granddaughter - August 23, 2014 at 12:53 AM