



James Douglas Dedear

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James Douglas Dedear (Doug Dedear), age 58 of Lexington, Texas, went home to be with the Lord Saturday evening, September 19, 2020. A celebration of Doug's life will be held at 10 AM on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at the First Shiloh

Baptist Church, located at the intersection of FM112 and CR 481, physical address being 100 CR 481, Thrall, Texas, with Brother Ray Dennis officiating.

Doug was born on September 5, 1962 in Burnet, Texas, to Claude and Irene Dedear. Being faithfully raised in church, Doug accepted Jesus as his Savior at the tender age of nine and was baptized. He was raised in Florence, Texas, and graduated from Florence High School where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Becky Roznovak. The two were married on September 24, 1983. Prior to marriage, he attended Temple Junior College where he earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in architectural drafting and design. He worked for Central Texas Tiltwall of Pflugerville right out of college until 1985 when he entered into the Austin fire academy, which led to a 27 year career as a professional firefighter with the Austin Fire Department. Doug lived almost half of his married life in Georgetown before moving to Lexington

where he was active in the community and coached several youth sports teams. He was most proud to be involved in the homeschooling community. He and his wife directed a homeschool coop and athletic program in Lexington for many years. He loved teaching and mentoring young people, and being involved in the training up of children for God. He coached basketball for the better half of two decades and impacted many lives. Doug Dedear wore many hats, was a faithful friend, and touched many people's lives and hearts. He loved the Lord. He was a member of First Shiloh Baptist Church where he served God by teaching Sunday school, being a youth pastor, serving as a deacon, and singing with the praise team. Doug was blessed with three sons and made it his life's goal to raise Godly young men. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. His wife, children, and grandchild brought great joy and love into his life. Doug was a country boy through and through – he loved collecting guns and knives. He loved his country as well. He had an amazing life filled with family and friends, and will be remembered for his strong commitment to God, his family, and life.

Mr. Dedear was preceded in death by both his parents. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Becky Dedear, sons Jordan Dedear and wife Laura Kate of Austin, Reid Dedear and Fiancée Samantha Santora of Parker, Colorado, Ethan Dedear and wife Ashley of Bastrop, and his sisters Alecia Dedear of Belton, Karen Havins and husband Charlie of Florence, and Claudia Melton and husband Edd of Youngsport. Also, survived by his only grandchild, four-month-old James Cole Dedear, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and family.

Doug's body will be laid to rest at Lexington Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers or food, donations can be made to the American Bible Society, Wycliffe Bible translators and First Shiloh Baptist Church building program.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Fedor Rd
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **24**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Shiloh Baptist Church
100 Co Rd 481
Thrall, TX 76578

Interment

SEP **24** (CT)

Lexington Cemetery
Fedor Rd
Lexington, TX 78947

Tribute Wall



“ *James Douglas Dedear*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *James Douglas Dedear*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *James Douglas Dedear*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Doug was the best of what our cadet class had to offer. Gone way too soon for Doug and his family. Soft spoken, gentle and in every way a firefighter. It was an honor to know Doug. The service and people speaking was incredible. Becky, Ethan, Jordan and Reid; Cindy and I made a donation to firefighter cancer through AFD Firefighters Relief Fund in Doug's memory. RIP my brother. We will take it from here.*

Randell and Cindy Nations - September 29, 2020 at 02:03 PM

PH

“ *My cousins may not know what a blessing they were to my childhood. My father was in the Air Force and we had no "home" of our own, but when we visited Texas every summer my dear cousins were my home! We picked up where we left off from the last year and we were a band of kindred hearts once again. Surrounded by six older girls, Doug was our sweet, compassionate boy, the jewel of our Dedear family and the like spirit of our two kind, gentle fathers. I am so thankful God gave Doug such a beautiful wife and family and we are praying for them each day.*

Love,

Pattye and Mark Hagens



Pattye and Mark Hagens - September 27, 2020 at 02:21 PM

LG

“ *Linda And Anthony Gore lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Dedear*



Linda and Anthony Gore - September 25, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Douglas Dedear.*



September 23, 2020 at 05:44 PM

DD

“ *Dana Drummond lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Dedear*



Dana Drummond - September 23, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Douglas Dedear.*



September 23, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Douglas Dedear.*



September 23, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Douglas Dedear.*



September 23, 2020 at 08:28 AM

RD

“ Randy Denzer lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Dedear



Randy Denzer - September 23, 2020 at 12:32 AM

CL

“ Becky and family our deepest sympathies go out to you in this time! All of my memories with My cousin Doug are amazing. He always played with and tolerated the younger cousins like myself. He will be greatly missed, but his reunion in Heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ and all of the family passed on before him must be beyond glorious! God bless
CharlieRay Luker

Charlie Ray Luker - September 22, 2020 at 10:02 PM

DZ

“ I worked with Doug early in my AFD career many times as we would travel to each others stations. I will always remember his sweet and undeniable love of God. He truly spoke through his actions and our conversations always led to family or Jesus. It was the way he lived out his faith that I am certain many firefighters caught a glimpse of Christ. He was a great example for us all and he will be greatly missed.

Derick Zwerneman - September 22, 2020 at 09:51 PM

KH

“ So many memories from our childhood days. He was such a gentle and caring person. A wonderful brother, husband and father. A servant, a teacher and mentor to others. Always a witness for Christ in life and death. Will miss you dearly little brother but I will see you again someday.

Karen Dedear Havins - September 22, 2020 at 08:03 PM

KE

“ Kenneth lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Dedear



Kenneth - September 22, 2020 at 07:20 PM

BM

“ The world lost a truly great man. Doug often spoke of his children and mentioned how proud he was of them. He then smiled and said, but you have to meet the love of my life. Becky, I only had the pleasure of meeting you once, but you completed Doug.

May God grant each of you peace, and please carry on his legacy of love for family, country, and our Lord.

*Bev Malke
Goodwin & Company
The Colony HOA Bastrop*

Beverly Malke - September 22, 2020 at 04:28 PM

KA

“ Quite possibly, the nicest person I have ever met. I feel so blessed to have known and worked with Doug. He was the epitome of kindness and caring. My deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends. He will be DeDearly missed!

Kayla - September 22, 2020 at 03:38 PM

MH

“ From the Harris's and ALL those that benefitted from your Faithfulness to friends family and TCA...we say thank you and will miss you greatly!! We hold very dear the years we got to serve along side of you and Becky to bless soooo many kids and families with the opportunity to enjoy, learn and minister to each other through the TCA sports program.

Papa always had the TCA program in His hands because it was His from the beginning. We know He is really enjoying you in Heaven with Him. We are confident He has great plans for your family and will keep them and walk with them through all their challenges and joys of life! You raised your boys well and we know you and Becky are soooo proud of them!

*Love Always,
Mickey and Gay Harris*

Mickey & Gay Harris - September 22, 2020 at 02:33 PM

TD

“ Traci Duncan lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Dedear



Traci Duncan - September 22, 2020 at 01:34 PM

EV

“ *Sorry for your loss, my condolences and prayers to all family and friends.*

Eva - September 22, 2020 at 01:13 PM

EV

“ *Eva lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Dedear*



Eva - September 22, 2020 at 01:12 PM

BS

“ *I knew Doug from AFD, worked with him several times over the years traveling to Station 26. He was such a kind man. He was always welcoming to me at his home station and was always respectful and hard working when he traveled to my station. He was proud of his family and treated the Citizens of Austin with dignity and respect. I'm sorry to hear of his illness and untimely passing. Rest in peace, Doug. Condolences to his family. Sincerely, Bara Scotti.*

Bara Scotti - September 22, 2020 at 11:07 AM

BW

“ *Worked with Doug at Station 28. A good man and gentle soul. Rest in peace brother. Billy West*

Billy West - September 22, 2020 at 10:49 AM

LB

“ I have worked with people and families all my life. Doug was the most caring and attentive husband I think I've ever seen. When he would bring Becky in for her appointments, he would beam with love no matter how small the improvements were. He would join in on conversations whether we were talking about Becky's health, Jesus, his former job, the weather, bees and honey, or any other topic. I'm a big hugger and both Becky and Doug would greet me and leave me with warm wonderful hugs. I know that Doug is with Jesus now and will continue to watch over his family and friends; and I have no doubt that when we least expect it we will all get a big hug from Doug.

Linda Becker

Linda Becker - September 22, 2020 at 10:01 AM

MF

“ I worked with Doug when he would travel to the fire station where I worked. He was always so nice and pleasant to be around. He was methodical about checking out the truck at shift change and making sure all the medical equipment was stocked and ready for the shift. God be with your family here on earth as they will miss you but know that you are in heaven with our Lord God Almighty.

Marcus Faske - September 22, 2020 at 09:14 AM

DP

“ I remember Doug as being a super guy around the station....always willing to dive into work, no matter what the job. He talked about his family a lot...back in the day. Greater love hath no man for his family. Love and miss you brother....dp

Drew Palmer - September 22, 2020 at 02:02 AM

JD

“ *J Doyle lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Dedear*



J Doyle - September 21, 2020 at 11:44 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of James Douglas Dedear.*



September 21, 2020 at 11:34 PM

MS

“ *Becky & family - I'm saddened to hear of Doug's passing, but grateful to know he's with his Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. Doug was a gentle spirit with a heart of gold. I'm lifting you all up & praying for peace & comfort during this difficult time 🙏*

Mary Jane Swope

Mary Jane Swope - September 21, 2020 at 08:39 PM

CL

“ My precious little brother... what a fun- filled childhood we had. We could get into some real scrapers! I was always so proud of you... always did the right thing, always had a kind heart, and a kind word for people, always offered a smile and a hug. A gentle boy that grew up into a gentle Man. You will be missed terribly... but I know we will see each other again soon. I know you are enjoying seeing Mom and Dad and all the others and have prob already joined in on a domino game (or two!)
I love you, Doug... I'll be listening and watching for signs that you're around visiting for a bit. 🥺

claudia - September 21, 2020 at 08:31 PM

BG

“ In jr high and high school Doug was always nice to whomever he met. Never a negative word. I am praying for you Becky and all his family and friends. God Bless

Brenda Lipe Gillespie - September 21, 2020 at 08:29 PM

EB

“ Our hearts ache at the loss of our dear brother in Christ. Doug has been a true friend...always encouraging, always faithful, always serving. He was an example of a man after God’s heart; gentle strength was his loving character, always seeking God’s presence in all that he did and so what he laid his hand to, prospered! What a privilege it has been.

He now rests with our Lord, awaiting us all.

When we get to Heaven, Doug will be so excited to show us how extraordinary Heaven is, taking us here and there 😊...We miss you, our brother, but we will see you again, and we are rejoicing that you are now enjoying time with our Lord.

We love you brother and friend ❤️

Efren and Nancy

Efren Barrientos - September 21, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Douglas Dedear.



September 21, 2020 at 07:05 PM

CR

“ So very sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in my thoughts and prayers.



Carol Walston Roll - September 21, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of James Douglas Dedear.* ”



September 21, 2020 at 06:13 PM