Douglas Jay Whitaker

April 12, 1943 - February 14, 2009

Douglas J. Whitaker, 65, of Newnan, Ga. died February 14, 2009 at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta from complications from surgery. Doug was born April 12, 1943 to Carl V. & Everill Thompson Whitaker.
The memorial service to honor Doug's life is Friday, February 20, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the Pavilion at Serenbe, 9222 Selborne Lane, Palmetto, Ga 30268 www.serenbe.com . Memorial contributions may be made to Opportunity Village, PO Box 622, Clear Lake, IA 50428 or www.oppvill.org
Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com
He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Margaret Whitaker; son, Chance David Whitaker; grandchildren, Austin Chance Whitaker, Marina Callan Whitaker; sisters, Mrs. Connie (Rae) Bieber and Mrs. Kay (Tom) Twetten.

McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory

38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com
http://www.mckoon.com

Previous Events

Service

FEB **20**. 2:00 PM.

Pavillion at Serenbe, 9222 Selborne Ln, Palmetto

Tribute Wall

MB

We are both sorry for your loss. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers...

Mandy and Shawnee Brooks - February 20, 2009 at 10:18 AM

JP

Mary, I was very sad to learn of Doug's passing and it brought to mind when I learned by accident that you and Doug had moved to Newnan. One Saturday you stopped by an old victorian house being restored at 64 College St and asked if you could look around. Neither of us recognized the other at first until we began inquiring about where we were from . I said I was from Sandy Springs and you asked me (again) what my name was. I replied "Jim Palmer". At first you looked confused but then you questioned with a bit of recognition "Jimmy Palmer"? I said yes noting that not only had I grown up since last seeing you some 15 years before but I had also grown out(in other words I was a bit heavier) Of course you looked your old trim self. Mary, I know this is a difficult time for you and I regret that that I cannot attend the service tomorrow for Doug and tell you and friends directly what a fine man he was. However, please know that you you are in my thoughts and prayers and I hope you will call on me if you have a need. Jim (Jimmy) Palmer

Jim Palmer - February 19, 2009 at 10:15 PM

JL

I remember Doug from Sandy Springs High School. He left this earth too soon. I know he touched many people's lives while here. I pray the memories you made together will give you and your family the comfort that is needed at this time. Joe Lupy

Joe Lupy - February 19, 2009 at 03:12 PM

TW

Dear Mary, Sue and I would like to convey our most sincere and deepest sympathy. We talk so often of our visit with you and Doug in Creede, Colorado a few years ago and feel so fortunate to have had that wonderful time with you. Our memories of Doug will be very special and we join others in prayer for you and your family. Love, Sue and Ted

Ted & Sue Whitman - February 19, 2009 at 12:45 PM

JL

Mary, Joe Lupy sent me the information about Doug. I am so sorry. While it has been years since I have seen you two, I have fond memories from Sandy Springs High. What a precious couple. Doug was always upbeat and positive, and stands out in my memories. Bless you and your family while you endure this terrible loss. My thoughts are with you.

Jolaine Wood Lanier - February 19, 2009 at 11:19 AM

RS

Mrs. Whitaker, I wanted to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. You and Mr. Whitaker were two of my favorite people and I will remember kindly the last time I saw you when you two and Donna came to our office for an afternoon of celebration with all the nice goodies and wine. Truly, Doug was the salt of the earth.

Robin Sockness - February 18, 2009 at 03:41 PM

TG

Chance, I attended OMA with you and rode the bus with you to school and by your home each day. I met your family and knew you were blessed with the best parents! I learned of your loss from Beth Burson Callaway who is my neighbor and your classmate too. Please know that we are thinking of you. I too lost my father a few years back at the young age of 65. I know you will feel a great void in your life without your father, but will be there for your mom. In my prayers, Tonya

Tonya Davis Gray - February 17, 2009 at 08:06 PM

AL

Mary and family: we continue to pray for God's awesome peace, comfort and rest. We pray the Lord will provide the wisdom, guidance and direction in how to glorify the Lord's work through a celebration of Doug's life. God bless you! Anne & David Lucas

Anne & David Lucas - February 17, 2009 at 03:05 PM

DK

Mrs. Whitaker and Chance, I hate to contact you under these circumstances. It has been so long since I have contacted either of you. But my heart just breaks into a million pieces. Mr. Whitaker was such a special person to me when I was a little girl. I remember him always being around at riding events. I will always remember him. I know God will provide peace for you during this time. I will keep you and your families in my prayers. Love to all! Delyn

Delyn Benedict Kennedy - February 16, 2009 at 10:09 PM

TF

Mary & Chance and Family, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this very diffcult time.Go bless and keep you and give you continued strength.

The Ronald J. Duffey Family - February 16, 2009 at 09:19 PM

JC

Mary, Please accept my deepest condolences and may God Bless you and Chance. Although it has been years since we've talked you know that Doug was very special to me. Teaching me to ride and just being my friend as I tried to adjust after my military time. A man could not have asked for a better friend and a more supportive one than Doug. His smile and warmth radiated to all that were around him. He was very special and God has a special place for him. Our prayers are with you. With Love in Christ, Jim Cagle

Jim Cagle - February 16, 2009 at 05:48 PM

SH

Mary and Chance, Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you both as you go through this difficult time, If there is anything that we can do for you, please call. God bless you and the family. In His love, Steve and Nancy

Steve & Nancy Hardegree - February 16, 2009 at 05:02 PM

GJ

Dear Mary, We are so sorry to hear of Doug's death. We know that the two of you were soulmates and that your heart is surely broken. We pray for God to comfort you and help you have peace in knowing that you two will meet again. In God's love. George and Kathy

George and Kathy Justiss - February 16, 2009 at 01:40 PM

RJ

Mary, Our prayers our with you through this difficult time. Our memories of Doug are because of our common love of horses and then of the common love of our country atmosphere. I know you have many treasured memories of Doug to ease your loss. Ron often commented on the closeness you two shared. If you need a neighbor we are just a call away. In Love, Ron and Jodie Jones

Ron and Jodie Jones - February 16, 2009 at 10:50 AM

KW

Dear Mary and family, We share your grief and your loss. We will certainly miss Doug - his wit, wisdom and wonderful way of making all feel welcome and important. I can think of so many times he came to my aid with a 'horse problem' in years past. We will look forward to meeting him again in God's pastures. Please don't hesitate to call on Eddie and I for anything you need. Our love and prayers, Kathy & Eddie Wilson

Kathy & Eddie Wilson - February 16, 2009 at 09:54 AM

JS

Mary, we love you and are praying for you.

Joanie and Terrell Sanders - February 15, 2009 at 04:41 PM

CB

Dear Mary and Chance, Our prayers go out to you in this time of grief. Try to remember in your hearts that Doug is in a better place while we are left here to suffer the pain of his loss. He touched so many with his outgoing manner and friendship and caring, leaving a wonderful legacy. He will be missed by all who knew him for his smile lite up the room and his caring manner made all feel loved. We are here for you if you need us; just call. Carla & Ray

Carla & Ray Brown - February 15, 2009 at 03:52 PM

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Carla & Ray Brown - February 15, 2009 at 03:51 PM

AL

Mary and family: our family and Liberty Park Baptist/Birmingham are praying for each of you! God bless you! Anne & David Lucas

Anne & David Lucas - February 14, 2009 at 05:49 PM