



Douglas G. Berkshire

July 16, 1928 - August 3, 2022

Douglas G. Berkshire, 94, of Kalkaska passed away August 3, 2022. Doug was born July 16, 1928 in Detroit to the late William and Virginia (Campbell) Berkshire. Doug is survived by his wife of 64 years Darlene (Nessett) Berkshire, Son Daniel (Diane) Berkshire, Daughter Diane Berkshire, Daughter Donna (Jay) Gordon, Daughter Debbie Berkshire, Son Doug Berkshire II and many grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Doug lived a full and happy life. At the age of 11 he hitchhiked alone from his grandmother's house in Montreal to Detroit. At 14 he left Detroit alone for Manistee Lake and worked cutting ice in the winter. At 16 he built a cabin on Pickerel Lake with the help of several buddies. At 22 he joined the Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed on Mayaguana in the Bahamas, relaying radio messages with Morse Code. When he returned from service, he continued being a self-taught carpenter and began building many of the homes that still stand on Manistee Lake. At 28 he married Darlene Nessett, and they spent the next 64 years raising 5 children and enjoying every sunset. Doug will be buried on August 23, 2022 at 10:00 Am at the Coldsprings Cemetery. Please visit kalkaskafuneralhome.com to visit Doug's tribute page and share a memory with his family. The family is being served by the Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Coldsprings Township Cemetery

6515 County Road 571 NE
Mancelona, MI 49659

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ It is such a pleasure to have the memories of Doug & our years of euchre playing. I enjoyed his smile, his laughter and of course, his euchre playing along with all the other things that made him Doug. He will be missed.....Love & hugs Joan

joan Nikischer - August 07, 2022 at 10:58 AM

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“ Dar and family,
So sorry to hear about Doug. He lived a long life and from what I read, quite the life it was. I will miss teasing my “ favorite euchre player”. Again , to you and your family, our sincere condolences. Heaven now has another angel, with that little twinkle in his eye ❤️
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Susie - August 06, 2022 at 10:21 AM

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“ Mr,Berkshire was a good man. Lived a long and good life. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Sending prayers to the entire berkshire family.

Joe Atemborski - August 05, 2022 at 07:05 PM

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“ Joe Atemborski lit a candle in memory of Douglas G. Berkshire



Joe Atemborski - August 05, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ *Laura Walter Latham lit a candle in memory of Douglas G. Berkshire* ”



Laura Walter Latham - August 05, 2022 at 06:10 PM