



Douglas Paul Stark

February 14, 1960 - June 1, 2020

Douglas Paul Stark age 60 passed away June 1, 2020. Doug was born February 14, 1960 in Toledo Ohio. Doug is survived by his loving wife Laura (nee Smith) of nearly 30 years, his devoted children, Eli (Katie), Austin, Emma, Isaac, Oliver and his siblings Barbara (David) Ziesmer, Randy (Pat) Stark and Maureen Stark. He is also survived by his brothers in law and wonderful friends Kevin (Karin) Smith, Doug (Shellie) and Steve (Jodie) Smith and mother-in-law Judy Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents Maurice and Helen Stark. Doug leaves cherished memories to his many nieces and nephews as well as a lifetime of friends and colleagues.

Doug was a gifted determined athlete fondly remembered for his love and skill in all sports, especially baseball. Doug was one of the longest serving Michigan High School Athletic Association referees serving as an official throughout metro Detroit for more than 32 years. Doug's childhood could realistically be seen as one long ball game. Doug graduated from Temperance Bedford High School in 1978 and the University of Toledo in 1987. He received his Master's of Finance from Walsh College in 1989. Doug served the Henry Ford Health system for the past 33 years in a number of roles most recently as the Director of Finance for the Henry Ford OptimEyes Eye Care division.

Doug was a devoted father and husband and especially looked forward to

time with his family at their half Stark lake cottage in Croswell. Just spending time with his family gardening, fishing and enjoying the wildlife was very special to him. He will be forever remembered for his charity, compassion and willingness to always be there for his family, friends and community. He leaves cherished memories of his infectious laughter, humor and devotion to family.

Doug was an active fan of most sports with special support for all things Green Bay Packers. He thoroughly enjoyed Tiger ball games at Comerica Park and supporting UM at the big house.

The family will be having a private visitation and committal service. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date. The family intends that donations and memorials will be pledged to charities at a later date.

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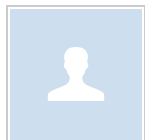
“ *I went to school with Doug at Bedford Public Schools and our families attended the same church. Thank you for putting his obituary in the local paper despite being shocked and saddened by the news. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a kind and good person and I'm sure he was the same as a husband and father. God bless you during this challenging time. Monica (Satkowski) Dull*

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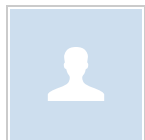
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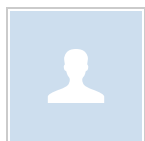
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“ *To the Stark Family, Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. We could always count on Doug for a warm smile and friendly greeting when we saw him out in the yard or taking your dog for a walk. Please know you are in our thoughts, and in our hearts.
Your Neighbors - The Kapernick Family*

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“ Doug was a great man with such a beautiful smile and humor to go with it. We had a lot of fun when we were younger at family functions but unfortunately I haven't been able to see him much over the past thirty years. Loved him and will remember him with fond memories. 💕💕💕

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“ I worked with Doug at Optimeyes. He made me laugh on countless occasions! I remember a work trip the billing department took to Chicago. As soon as we got off the plane Doug and his lovely wife. Playing that find that silly Poka Man game. Like two little kids. Made me laugh. One time at work that poka man was underneath my work chair. Such a good man with a great laugh and much love for his family. You will be greatly missed.

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“ I am sorry to hear about Doug he was a great help to me when he found my little girl when she ran away when she was 7. She is now 45. I lived one street over from Aunt Helen and Uncle Maurice. I know Laura how it is to lose a husband I lost mine 2 years ago. We lost our Dad at 56 Raphael Stark Doug's Uncle. I have 30 trees I am growing from seed I will plant some in his honor. I send my deepest sympathy for you and your children and to my first cousins Barb, Randy, & Maureen. All my love your cousin Margaret Mary (Stark)Kastel

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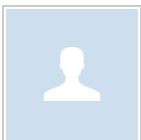
“ *Laura and family, my deepest condolences on your loss. I had the privilege of working with Doug at Henry Ford Hospice for over 15 years. While he was tight fisted with our money, always reaching for his wallet to secure it when I came around because he know I was going to ask for money, he never short change the things that matter most to help patients and their family. Doug was a great resource and good friend and person to work with that I'm sure he tried to teach all of you children. I have 6 children of my own and we would share how each of our kids were doing and what they were doing. So while he might have been away at work, each of you was in his thoughts and mind. Again, my condolence on your loss. Sincerely - J Schalm*

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“ *Dear Laura, I am truly sorry for your loss. It was always a gift to see Doug show up at our office to bring the finances up to date. Doug was always a calm and confident presence. He was always willing to take a moment while preparing his hot water with lemon to share a moment of conversation, the best way to prepare treasures from the garden and get us started with the fruits of his dedicated labor. He was a wealth of knowledge in so many ways and his love for family was always apparent. I will continue to keep each member of the Stark family in my thoughts and prayers. If there is a time when you need to lean on your Henry Ford Family know we are a phone all away. Kathleen Kortebein*

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“ Laura and the entire Stark family. It pains me to have to write this today. Like all of you, I have lost a great friend. Doug and I spent countless hours together in our youth. Not one of those minutes together was anything but great! I have Doug to thank for many things, but he turned me on to the rock band " Bad Company". The song " Silver, Blue and Gold was a favorite, but perhaps "Shooting Star" is most appropriate at the moment. The song that I most associate with Doug every time I hear it, is the 1973 song by Uriah Heep called "Stealin". In the first couple of verses lead singer David Byron gives a sarcastic "Ha! ha! That Doug loved to sing out loud and then look at me with that Sarcastic Chit eaten grin that only he could give and laugh out loud. I will miss that! I know he will be missed by many, including myself. I guess the song that is most appropriate for Doug's passing is the Eagles song "Hole in the World". Rest in peace my friend.

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“ I am so very sorry to learn of your loss of Doug. He was such a delightful man. Please accept my most sincere condolences.

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