



Douglas Riney

July 21, 1957 - October 4, 2020

Douglas Cecil Riney, aged 63, of Austell passed away October 4, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Leslie, of 37 years; children: Morgan (Ben), Shelley (Matthew), Natalie (Rafi), Maggie (Seth), Emily (Josh), Regina and Andrew; grandchildren: Gabe (8 years), Jack (7 years), Levi (6 years), Rafa (5 years), Ryan (5 years), Taylor (5 years), Owen (4 years), Gemma (4 years), Joseph (3 years), Nathan (2 years), Mac (1 year), Evie (1 year), Bridget (9 months); and 13 siblings of his own.

Doug spent the majority of his life serving his family and working hard. As a long-time employee of Cleveland Electric Company, he was nearly always first on the job site and usually also the last one to leave. He believed that your priorities in life should be to love God, to love family, and to care for others. He lived this creed every day of his life.

Doug injected humor into every situation. He loved to joke, prank, and drive his grandkids around on the tractor. He loved peanut butter M&Ms, family beach trips, good music, and throwing firecrackers at his friends when they least expected it. He made an impact on the life of anyone he encountered through his generosity, mentorship and friendship. Doug was a loving and wise father, a faithful and caring husband, a wonderful brother, son and friend.

If you were privileged enough to know Doug, chances are that at least once he stopped what he was doing to come help you out. He was a wonderful example of putting your time and talents to good use. He lit the world through his hard work and through his example of what it is to truly be a servant to others.

The family will receive friends at their residence from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on Saturday, October 10th.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made on Doug's behalf to St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Mableton, GA (<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/fsspatl>) or you may request a Catholic Mass to be offered for him at your local Catholic Church.

White Columns Chapel & Cremations is honored to serve the family of Douglas Riney.

Comments



“ I was so sorry to hear of Doug's passing and I want the family to know you all are in my thoughts and prayers. I retired from Cleveland Electric 6 years ago. I worked in the purchasing department. so Doug and I were on the phone a couple of times a day taking care of material orders for his jobs. I always had so much respect for Doug and the job he did for Cleveland. I know he loved his family because he often talked about them often. Sincerely, Ruth Fair

Ruth Fair - March 27 at 11:49 AM



“ Someone once said; "In the end, we will be judged not by the first impression we make but rather the impressions we leave". For those of us that had the pleasure to know him, we will forever be touched by the way he lived his life. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. My wife constantly ask me, why I can't be the man Doug was, and I really have no answer.

I met Doug some twenty years ago and we soon realized we had some common backgrounds and experiences. We weren't local Georgia boys, Doug from Kentucky, and myself from North Carolina. We both grew up on Tobacco farms and during our youth, entertainment was somewhat limited so college basketball was an outlet; Every March at the start of the NCAA tournament without fail, Doug would show up on the jobsite with that dreaded Kentucky Wildcat tee shirt or ball cap on just to see if he could a rise out of a born and bread tarheel. I never really knew if he was a die-hard Kentucky fan but suspect it was just his way of having a little fun with me.

Doug personified what it was to be a friend and I will forever be grateful for for what he taught me about what was important in life.

Jay Bryant - October 09, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ Thank you for sharing these memories and kind words. Doug thought the world of you, too. He counted you as one of his close friends.

Leslie Riney - October 11, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ Bill and I are so sorry to hear about Doug. We have such fond memories of him, from helping us with electrical work in our house to the times we spent in your home. He was truly a saint in every sense of the word. You and your family are in our prayers.



Deborah Brons - October 08, 2020 at 07:01 PM



“ Thank you, Deb.

Leslie Riney - October 11, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I enjoyed growing up with Doug. Mass will be said at St. Meinrad for him. I will pray for you all. Ron, Gina and Christopher Cecil - Houston

Ronald Louis Cecil - October 08, 2020 at 10:38 AM



“ Thank you so much... Prayers and Masses are the best gifts!

Leslie Riney - October 08, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ We've lost a great man!! Mr. Douglas-Riney can never ever be truly replaced by another human being!! I remember my first day on the job site when he pulled up in his Cleveland truck and picked me up at my car at Baxter, my first Union job. I had went to Home Depot spent about \$300 on tools and power tools!! He said what's in that bag? I opened it up and when he saw what was inside... He almost choked on his cigarette, looked me straight in eyes and said, "Go put those Mickey Mouse tools back in your car, this is a Union job, you're working for Cleveland now, you can use those at home!!" I was a CE-5/helper back then. Now I'm a Foreman and I'm blessed to be able to show up on his latest job at Georgia Tech, with my new white hard hat on, his face lit up and he was soo proud of me!! To show his gratitude, he worked the "breaks" of me!! Damn I'm gonna always have a special place in my heart for Mr. Doug "Ricochet" Riney!! May his soul Rest In Peace!! I have another Angel looking over me as I strive towards excellence!! God bless y'all always and forever, I love y'all!!!! Brian O'Neal Bobo.

Brian Bobo - October 10, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ There might have been a few typos in this text message, don't trip, because I've left out a lot more than that, maybe I shouldn't but I just want to respect the family, y'all are in my prayers!!

Brian Bobo - October 10, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ Thank you, Bobo. Doug talked about you often with joy and pride. Some of you are just his special sons.

Leslie Riney - October 11, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ So very sorry for your loss. We are praying for you all!

Mary Lou and Bob Storm, and family

Mary Lou Storm - October 08, 2020 at 09:48 AM



“ Thank you so much, Mary Lou.

Leslie Riney - October 08, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Making papaw’s cross



Morgan Riney Maniccia - October 07, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Doug was a genuinely good guy , I learned a lot from him ,he always treated his guys like they are important and made you feel wanted on his job site. I think the only times I seen him upset was if someone ever tried to handle his guys ,and that time at the CDC when he tried to stop smoking lol , yeah he was irritated the whole couple days. I will always remember all our water gun fights and pink florescent light bulb coverings pranks and all the lessons my friend . You will be missed sir

malike allison - October 07, 2020 at 10:33 AM



“ Awww, good memories

Leslie Riney - October 07, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ The whole couple days hahaha I love it!

Regina Riney - October 07, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ Doug taught pipe bending skills for the Atlanta Electrical JATC for more years than I can recall. He touched the lives of many who never worked for him but learned valuable lessons in the proper ways of installing conduit during his classes. He always got to the school in the afternoon with ample time to visit and most of the conversations centered around his family and the accomplishments of his children. He had a lot for which to be proud! It was easy to see that he loved all of his family, those still in Kentucky as well as his Georgia bunch. He left us too soon it's true, but the memories will be there for all of us who knew him to enjoy. God bless the family and friends and may Doug rest in eternal peace.

Danny Bowman

Danny Bowman - October 07, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ I'm so happy that you have such good memories to share. He lived full out, for sure.

Leslie Riney - October 07, 2020 at 02:31 PM



“ Doug's experience, work ethic, but mostly humor will be sorely missed. Sorry for your loss Riney family. He was a wonderful man to work for.

-Everyone at Crooked Creek Water Reclamation Facility

Tony Miller - October 07, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Yes, the Riney humor is a thing all its own... Takes a little getting used to.

Leslie Riney - October 07, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Doug what a great man. My Son Chadley Edge has always had the utmost respect for Doug. He left a great impact on Chad life and I know many others that knew him in life. The world was much better because of a man of his character. I know he is in heaven smiling now. God bless this family, you all are forever in my prayers. It is never easy to give up your loved one. My hearts goes out to everyone during this time.

Rhonda Edge - October 07, 2020 at 09:50 AM



“ Thank you for sharing. Doug loves Chad and told me many stories. When Andrew began working with them all, Chad said: I'm your older brother. Lol... Andrew didn't know what to think, but I told him he has several 'older brothers.'

Leslie Riney - October 08, 2020 at 08:11 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Doug. Love and prayers to all the Riney family.

~ Tony & Julie Ebelhar

Tony - October 06, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ Thank you, Tony.

Leslie Riney - October 07, 2020 at 07:07 AM



“ My Uncle Doug was not that much older than me, but when I was a young boy, there were very few figures that stuck out more in my mind. I was just an “ankle biter” but he never once let me feel like I was anything but special. He took me fishing, made me touch the electric fence, and held me on his lap and let me drive his truck. Yep, he let me drive his truck...and he LOVED his truck...and we both agreed that it “was best if we didn’t tell Becky.” I also remember how much he loved his dog, Boo. Doug was also the one that kept in touch with me when I was at Ft. Benning, GA. Having served himself, Doug understood what the life of a volunteer soldier was and he treated me like a man and we discussed many of the difficulties and pleasures that one goes through to serve this great country. I will never forget his kindness, his willingness to treat me, his nephew, as his equal, and the work ethic he demonstrated for me in spades.

Uncle Doug, I will forever be thankful for the role you played in my life.

Leslie and family, my family and I send our deepest condolences. Doug will be deeply missed.

Tony Reisz - October 06, 2020 at 09:39 PM



“ Thank you for sharing these memories. Our lives seem so small that it sometimes feels like we can disappear like ripples after a pebble falls in water, but we know that this is not true! While we may not see each other for awhile, we live on and will be reunited!

Leslie Riney - October 07, 2020 at 07:06 AM



“ So many happy memories from growing up with Doug and all his family. Doug was at our house so much growing up - -always fun to have around! My love and sympathy and care to all of you whom he loved so dearly. You were his life, his loves, his wonderful family. I hope all your wonderful, loving memories keep your hearts smiling and full of love in the days ahead. He will still be with you, looking after you and sending you his love and care. What a precious gift he was to all of us who knew him! The world is better because he was in it!
Love to all of you...Carolyn Sue

Carolyn Sue Cecil - October 06, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ Actually, Doug and I met at your house, Carolyn Sue! Thank you for all your love and support.

Leslie Riney - October 07, 2020 at 07:03 AM



“ To the Riney Family Doug was a old friend from Owensboro.I met Doug years ago working for Southern States hauling fuel to the Farm. May your memories of Doug be of comfort in the days ahead.God Blessings on y'all Family

Jackie Wyatt - October 06, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ Thank you so much. My children have been going through photo albums and asking many questions about their father as a child and young man. It is like they are beginning to see him as not just their father, but the person he was to so many others.

Leslie Riney - October 07, 2020 at 07:09 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Doug...we were in grade school together....he was a happy, smiling kid.. just like his parents... so sorry for your loss..

Bernice O'Bryan Howard - October 06, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Thank you, Bernice. We will all miss him.

Leslie Riney - October 07, 2020 at 07:10 AM



“ Riney Family, Doug was always special. You have condolences and will be in my thoughts.

tom timbrook - October 06, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ Thank you, Tom. I remember Doug always had us stop in your place for meds and other things because he wanted to support you by giving you his business. He taught me how important this was, and I still follow this today.

Leslie Riney - October 07, 2020 at 07:12 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Jennifer Meadows - October 06, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ Praying for Doug and his family with sympathy.
Denise Pace



denise pace - October 06, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Thank you
Leslie Riney - October 07, 2020 at 07:12 AM



“ My heart breaks for your family, Sr. Judy!



Darlene Runyon - October 06, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



White Columns Funeral Chapel - October 06, 2020 at 01:02 PM