



## Kenneth "Doug" Lentz

May 21, 1946 - November 14, 2019

Mr. Kenneth Douglas Lentz, Jr. 73, of Fort Oglethorpe went to be with Our Lord on Thursday, November 14, 2019 after a battle with cancer. Doug, as he preferred to be called, was born on May 21, 1946 in Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Lentz graduated from Central High School in May 1964. He was very active in the Chattanooga Boys Club where he was invited to attend a special ceremony in Nashville on May 21, 1965 (his 19th birthday) to meet Richard Nixon as the Chairman of the Board for Boys' Clubs of America. He received an Honorable Discharge from the Army National Guard in November 1972. He obtained his Bachelor Degree in Industrial Technology in 1992 from Southern Illinois University College of Engineering. He worked in Industrial Engineering in Florence, Alabama, Manchester, Tennessee, and Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was raised by his grandmother, Mabel Chittam, in the Lakeview and Chattanooga areas. He was preceded in death by his uncle, William "Bill" Lentz , father, Kenneth Lentz, Sr. and Mrs. Jo King.

Mr. Lentz is survived by his wife, Darlene Jenkins Lentz; his daughter and son-in-law, Erica D. and Jason Sullivan of Ringgold, sons, Shane Levan of Ashland City, Tennessee. and Dennis Lentz of Ringgold, Georgia; son and daughter-in-law, Derrick L. and Tosha Lentz of Rossville; sister, Donna Caldwell of Memphis; brothers, Steve Randall Misho of Hollywood, Ca, John Lentz of Flintstone, and Rick Lentz of East Ridge. He is also survived by several step-children, grandchildren, and step-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 on Friday, November 15th in the

parlor of Wilson and Sons Funeral Home in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. The Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, November 16th at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of the Funeral Home with Ringgold United Methodist Pastor Chris Bryant officiating. Interment will follow at Tennessee-Georgia Memorial Park in Rossville.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe Athletic Department, the Chattanooga Area Brain Injury Association (CABIA), or Ringgold United Methodist Church Music Department.

Pall bearers will be: Jody Tucker, Jason Sullivan, Bryson Sullivan, Eron Jenkins, Nick Jenkins, Shane Levan, and Dustin Clement.

# Cemetery Details

## Tennessee/Georgia Memorial Park

724 Hogan Rd.  
Rossville, GA 30741  
(706) 866-5533

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Doug & I grew up together. He was a kind, sweet boy who grew into an awesome gentleman. We stayed in touch through out the years and I can tell you he loved his family. Doug will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers for his family.

Lyndia Greene Johnson - November 16, 2019 at 01:37 AM

RY

“ Darlene,  
I have been honored to meet Doug as he helped us with CABIA events & it was easy to see why he was a much beloved husband, father & friend. My heart hurts for your loss & I will be praying for you & the rest of his family. Much love to you all. Regena Young

Regena Young - November 15, 2019 at 12:58 PM

LB

“ Doug and i have been close friends for 53 years. he was a kind, and forgiving person, who put others feelings first. He always fought to overcome bad breaks in life withouts complaints. kind of guy that would, give you the shirt off his back. We called each other Brother although not actual kin. I will miss him dearly. Leonard Baker

leonard baker - November 15, 2019 at 12:56 PM

CD

“ Shane, Darlene, and the rest of the family, I am very sorry for your loss. Doug will be greatly missed by many. He was filled with kindness and genuine care for everyone. The world would be a much better place if everyone showed as much kindness to others as Doug did.

Cameron Dodd - November 15, 2019 at 11:51 AM

 Erin  
Lee

“ I remember the very first Thanksgiving I lived in North Georgia in 2012, Doug invited me to come and share dinner with himself and Darlene and the whole family. I was never treated as a "step daughter in-law" ever. He was my father in law and my daughter's grandfather. He never missed or forgot holidays or birthdays for me, my husband and my daughter. Ever. I will never forget the kindness he showed to me. Such a sweet spirit. It breaks my heart to know of his passing but I know that if anyone deserves angel status it's him. He was an angel on Earth but now it's finalized. Rest in Heaven Papa Doug. Larry, Kyra and I will all miss you so, so much.

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**Erin Lee** - November 14, 2019 at 11:41 PM

PA

“ Hi Darlene, so sorry to see this, I ran across this because my aunt is at Wilson in Ringgold. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Pam** - November 14, 2019 at 11:05 PM

VT

“ I did not know Doug well except by watching the wonderful connection and love between Darlene and him. As Darlene's "former office mate" I witnessed the outpouring of love between the two. Doug, you brought humor and love into the world and you will be missed.



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**Valerie Thompson** - November 14, 2019 at 10:57 PM

DS

“ I was so sorry to hear about Doug. Only meet him a couple of times with Doug and Terry Roberson. he seemed like a very nice person. so sorry to hear that he has left this world. I am sure he is in a better place. let me know if there is anything I can do please let me know.

*David Scott  
God Bless*

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**David Scott** - November 14, 2019 at 07:21 PM