



Douglas F. Samples

August 27, 1953 - October 14, 2021

Douglas F. Samples, 68 passed away at his home in Surfside Beach, October 14, 2021.

Doug was born in Glendale, California. He graduated from Chico State University with a degree in Public Administration and The American University in Washington DC with a Master of Public Financial Management. Doug worked for the Department of Navy in Seattle Washington and Washington D.C. When he moved his family to Surfside Beach, SC in 1991, he worked at Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments. After he retired from government service, Doug served as a council member on Surfside Beach Town Council for 10 years until he became Mayor in 2012 for which he served 4 years. He was a loving husband and amazing Dad. He spoiled his family and loved his friends.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Ron and Brad. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Julie (Surfside Beach) and daughter Katie (Charleston, SC).

A memorial service is planned for Monday, October 18, 2021 at 11:00 am at Surfside United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Surfside United Methodist Church
800 13th Ave N
Surfside Beach, SC 29575-4163
(843) 238-2734

Tribute Wall

SE

“ *Shannon Ron Escarsega/Samples lit a candle
in memory of Douglas F. Samples* ”



Shannon Ron Escarsega/Samples - March 10, 2025 at 07:50 AM

SE

“*Saddened to find that my uncle has passed. my condolences to Julie and Katie. my father was Ronald Richard Samples, one of uncle Dougs brothers. now all 3 brothers are deceased. Uncle Brad, Uncle Doug, and my dad Ron. ill call my mother and let her know of uncle dougs passing. i have memories of uncle doug and his genuine personality, his knack for honesty and loyalty and his caring heart for family. From making me laugh when i was a young boy, he could be so funny, to having talks on the phone about my dad after my dad had passed away to working out the estate and inheritance that was left by the passing of uncle Brad's passing. I had hoped to visit uncle Doug and meet you both, and get to know you all. Its only now that i've moved from maui to oregon after being displaced by the fires a year ago, that im grateful to finally have a home again. Now that im settled in portland oregon, i thought id look up my uncle on google and try to reach out since i had lost his contact number. but now its too late . ill leave my contacts here if you would like to reach out .My mom and i have photos of uncle Doug you may want. prayer:*

Well bless your heart uncle Doug

Heavenly father i pray for Doug, that he may be at your side in heaven and watching over his family... that he is recognized and remembered as the loving husband and father and to all those people that knew him, may there hearts carry good thoughts for him, dont you know,,, god bless you uncle Doug.... Amen

Shannon Ron Samples/Escarsega

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Shannon Ron Escarsega/Samples - March 10, 2025 at 07:48 AM

AA

“ Julie I know it's been years but I learned of Dougs passing and just wanted to send my condolences. Prayers to you and your family.
Alice Atkinson

Alice Atkinson - October 20, 2021 at 08:45 PM

MH

“ Julie, I was shocked and saddened to learn about Doug.No one at WRCOG knew about Doug's passing until after the memorial was over. Our sincere apologies for not being there. Doug was a friend and coworker for many years. We had many conversations over lunch and games of spades and hearts and an occasional round of golf. Doug was very knowledgeable on a wide variety of topics. I consider myself a better person for having him as a friend.

Mark Hoeweler

Mark Hoeweler - October 19, 2021 at 11:43 AM

JV

“ Julie & Katie, Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.
Amanda & Jerrie Vibbert

Jerrie Vibbert - October 18, 2021 at 11:21 AM

PB

*Julie & Katie, You have my condolences and prayers. Doug and I worked in workforce development at Waccamaw Regional for many years.
The staff always chuckled as Doug stated his position and ended all with a swift comb through his hair.
The day of his retirement, he told the staff to look out for each other. Many of us still recall those words. Sadly, I never saw or spoke to him after his retirement. However, I've never forgotten him.
May you find comfort and joy in beautiful memories. May God strengthen and guide you.
Patricia Burgess, Pawleys Island*

Patricia Burgess - October 18, 2021 at 11:59 AM

GM

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you Julie and family. I am so sorry . Our town has lost a good man May he rest in peace . Georgie Martin

Georgie Martin - October 18, 2021 at 12:08 AM

SG

“ I send sincere condolences to the family of Doug Samples in the loss of their love one. Shirley Gamble Graham, Retired WRCOG



Shirley Graham - October 17, 2021 at 10:38 PM

DC

“ David and Mariann Croll purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Douglas F. Samples.



David and Mariann Croll - October 17, 2021 at 08:10 PM

SR

“ *Our family sends our thoughts and prayers to you and family.*

Shawn Roth - October 17, 2021 at 07:56 PM

JC

“ *My Family and I send our deepest condolences.*

Jenn Cribb - October 17, 2021 at 07:42 PM

LJ

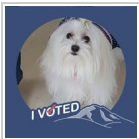
“ *So sorry for your loss .
Linda and Norman Joyce
Surfside Beach resident.*

Linda Joyce - October 17, 2021 at 04:18 PM

KL

“ *Julie and Katie.
I am very sorry for your loss. I met Doug when he did some property
management work. Doug was always kind and helpful.
Sending you prayers. 🙏❤️*

Kim Lewis - October 17, 2021 at 10:01 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Julie and Katie, hugs and prayers.
Frank & Sandi Ginac*

Sandi Ginac - October 16, 2021 at 10:15 PM

KB

“ Julie & Katie so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved husband and dad...may he rest in peace and the wonderful memories bring you both comfort in the days ahead 💔 Karen & Joe Bruggeman and Jason Bruggeman

Karen & Joe Bruggeman - October 16, 2021 at 02:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas F. Samples.



October 16, 2021 at 02:45 PM