



Douglas Duane Gilbert

September 9, 1935 - January 20, 2022

Douglas D. Gilbert, 86 years old of Lansing, passed away on Jan 20th. Doug was proudly employed by Bud Kouts Chevrolet for an amazing 63 years. He began his career in 1955 as a technician and grew to become an invaluable employee and the Truck Sales manager. He met numerous clients during those years, they all left the dealership with a new friend and a new truck! His pleasant personality & customer service earned him many awards including his treasured Chevrolet “Legions of Leaders” sales award.

Doug was born in a farmhouse in Portland on September 9th 1935, the middle of 9 children. He told stories of life on the farm, like eating squirrel, rabbit & pheasant stew and raising sheep, pigs, chickens and cows.

Doug served in the US Army and was stationed in Puerto Rico. The Army was not enthused about him being a “southpaw”.

In the 50’s, he could be found at Capital City Speedway, racing as a stock car circuit driver.

He is survived by his wife Julie of 35 years, sister Mary and brother Jim. His Children; Lucinda, Dawn (Frank), Ronald, Angela, Lisa (John), Randy (Jennifer) & stepson Reggie. His Grandchildren; Chad, Nathan, Danielle, Skylar, Logan, Chase and Tabitha and many great grandchildren.

He is additionally survived by his mother-in-law Ellie Sandborn, sister-in-law Cindy Stump (Tim) and brother-in-law Jon Hayden (Anne).

He always had an interesting story and good conversation; like eating sautéed alligator in Florida. He enjoyed traveling, boating in Grand Haven & growing

fresh vegetables. He will be lovingly remembered for his cooking, especially his homemade bean soup and baked beans.

Per Doug's request no public services will be held. In his memory, donations can be made to Sparrow Hospice House of Mid-Michigan. <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/spaheasys/> Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Tribute Wall

Jl

“ I havn"t seen doug since he was married to my sister he was a great brother-in-law I remember him drive the stock cars and we all were there to cheer him on. we also had pizza every sat night. I stayed with them and helped take care of the kids when they needed help I know he was a good father to his kids. I will miss all the story when his kids come to michigan randy did a lot for his dad may god wrap his arms around his children and comfort them . our thoughts and prayers are with you all we love you kids

jerry and judi Idalski - March 28, 2022 at 09:15 AM

DS

“ Daniel Schneider lit a candle in memory of Douglas Duane Gilbert



Daniel Schneider - January 24, 2022 at 03:57 PM

BB

“ I was one of Doug's repeat customers all the way back to 1975. I always looked forward to visiting with him and knew I would be treated professionally, fairly, and graciously. RIP

Bob Benezette

Bob Benezette - January 23, 2022 at 11:08 AM

CS

“ *What a terrific son in law Ellie Sandborn had!! He made delicious dinners that they shared, shopped and shared time with her. I'd liked to have a son in law that was as considerate. Rest in peace.*

Connie Swix - January 22, 2022 at 09:37 PM

BR

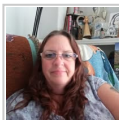
“ *We have had the privilege of living next to Doug for the past 3 years. He was always a friendly neighbor and our boys adored watching him on his big green tractor! We will miss his presence in our neighborhood. Sending strength and love to Julie and his family.*

Brittany - January 22, 2022 at 06:40 PM

BH

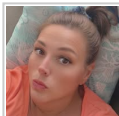
“ *My old boss. A great boss and mentor. He forgot more about Chevrolet trucks than anyone else in the business knew. If you bought a truck from Doug you got a fair deal from a straightforward guy. He wasn't your "typical car salesman". His customers were friends. I met him in 1978 and he didn't wait on fresh customers. His were 100% repeats or referrals. Thanks for your mentorship and make sure St Pete is driving a Chevy!*

Bill Hallenbeck - January 21, 2022 at 07:15 PM



Thanks for the kind words. Keep those memories alive in your everyday life.

Lisa Gilbert-Asher - January 22, 2022 at 12:13 PM



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Jennifer Gilbert - January 22, 2022 at 02:04 PM

DM

*I think (but I'm not sure) that Doug worked at my family's business, Portland Dairy.
I also was in school with Bob Gilbert at Portland (class of 1959).*

Diane Millis - January 23, 2022 at 01:51 PM

SA

I met Doug while working at Bud Kouts, he was a very kind soul, never a mean word. I always thought he had a off the cuff humor about him. I feel very privilege to have met and knew him. I remember him talking of Julie with the great big smile. he was dear man. Prayers to Julie and family.

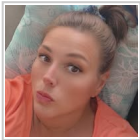
Star Ames

star ames - January 24, 2022 at 10:17 AM

NC

Uncle Doug was an wonderful uncle to me. When my husband and I moved back home from Texas he reached out and gave us good, sound advice. He always made sure we got a "dealers" car. A calming voice, I considered Doug both uncle and friend.

Nancy Cannon - January 31, 2022 at 04:29 PM



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Jennifer Gilbert - January 21, 2022 at 06:28 PM

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Cindy Stump - January 21, 2022 at 11:13 AM

RG

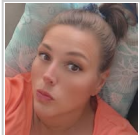
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Randy Gilbert - January 21, 2022 at 04:22 PM

DH

“ I will love you forever daddy.

Dawn Hernandez - January 21, 2022 at 10:44 AM



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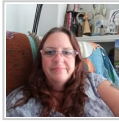


Jennifer Gilbert - January 20, 2022 at 06:41 PM

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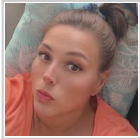
Heartfelt sympathy to the entire Gilbert family. The pictures are a beautiful tribute to his full and interesting life. Love and prayers to you all.

Carrie Schon - January 21, 2022 at 11:22 AM



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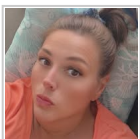
Lisa Gilbert-Asher - January 22, 2022 at 12:16 PM



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