



Douglas Lee McFee

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Douglas Lee McFee, on Saturday, January 16th, 2010, of Lewes, DE died peacefully at his residence with his loving wife Maryann by his side after a lengthy struggle with emphysema.

Doug was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 20th, 1935, the second son of Leon & Marguerite who have predeceased him in death. His brother, Tom, also left this earth in June of 2006. The McFee family moved to the nation's capital in Doug's early youth, eventually settling in Montgomery County where he resided for more than fifty years. He attended Bethesda Chevy Chase High School graduating in 1953 and worked for McIntire Hardware in his early career. Doug also served in the U. S. Army Reserves in 319th Tank Battalion, 66th Armor, and was Honorably Discharged in October of 1962.

Doug found his true calling when he began his career as a police officer with the Montgomery County Maryland Department of Police in late 1961. He retired at the rank of Captain having served in many capacities and assignments including Director of Personnel and as District Commander of the Silver Spring District. He earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland while working with the Police department. He was well liked and respected in his career and known for supporting his troops even in the face of controversy.

In 1978, Doug was the recipient of the department's first Gold Medal, the highest honor given for bravery. His efforts in helping to resolve a hostage situation at a bank in Silver Spring earned this honor. After learning of a line of duty death of a friend and comrade, Doug wrote a well known poem entitled, "Our Brother is Gone." It is still read today in many areas across the nation to honor the line of duty deaths of law enforcement personnel. Doug and his family had relocated to Lewes in 1993 after 31 years of dedicated service with Montgomery County.

In addition to his wife, Doug is also survived by five children, Debbie, Doug, Maureen, Megan, & Kara McFee. Five grandchildren will also remember him fondly, Mallory Christensen, Mason McFee, Annabelle Josephs, Julianna Diaco, and Jack Streiff along with great grandchildren Jaxon &



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Brooklynn Christensen. Doug truly enjoyed life and especially his relationships with family and friends. He was quick witted and always had a joke or a smile to warm one's day. He was a sincere and caring person whose heart was extremely large. He will be greatly missed by all!

A Memorial Service in his honor will be held Sunday, January 24th at 2 PM at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. Entombment immediately following at Bethel Methodist Cemetery on Savannah Road in Lewes. Friends may visit with the family beginning at 1 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, friends and family may make a contribution to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963 or Heroes, Inc., 1100 G Street NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20005.

Sign guest book at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com

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CG

Calvin Grant posted:

My mother was in the bank that day. And I thank God that Mr. McFee was there on scene. It was my birthday and getting my mom home safely was the best present I have ever received. I could never express my gratitude.

January 2 at 1:28 AM

EP

Edward S. Price Jr. posted:

For a terrific person and police officer...We will miss you Doug.

January 31 at 8:00 PM

EP

Edward S. Price Jr. posted:

For a good person and a terrific police officer. We will miss you Doug!!

January 31 at 8:00 PM

DT

Diane Quinn Tillery posted:

Maryann: Lt. Doug was my favorite LT. He oversaw "Seagull Valley", (another name for the Potomac area of Rocville) for many years and was truly a cops cop. He had your back and never forgot what it was like to be on the street. My heart goes out to you and the kids.

January 31 at 8:00 PM

WS

William (Sandy) Sullivan posted:

We all have lost a great husband, father, friend, and police officer.....My prayers are with Doug's family.

January 30 at 8:00 PM

HG

Harry & Kathy Geehreg posted:

Doug McFee was truly one of a kind. He will be sorely missed by all of us in the Montgomery County Police Alumni Association. Our condolences to the family.

January 28 at 8:00 PM



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Jill & Wayne Christensen posted:

Our deepest sympathy to all the family. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We are honored to make a contribution in your beloved husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather's name. He leaves a living legacy through his descendants that reflect all that is wonderful. Jill & Wayne Christensen (Mallory's parents-in-law)

January 24 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Douglas Lee McFee c/o Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium funeral home.

January 23 at 8:00 PM



Mrs, Piccioni posted:

Thinking of you at this difficult time. Remembering all the good times. With deepest sympathy to all the family.

January 23 at 8:00 PM



Jerry And Candy Marceron posted:

Maryann we are so very sorry to hear about Doug. We have been at the girls for 2 weeks and came home to find an email from Paul Hrapchak telling us about Doug. Our heart breaks for you and the kids. I will be up to see you. Love...

January 23 at 8:00 PM



Joe & Dina Piccioni posted:

Doug and Debbie You are in our thoughts and prayers. Joe and Dina Piccioni

January 23 at 8:00 PM



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GB

Greg Bell posted:

To the McFee family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I got to help Doug professionally over the past 2 years and realized our paths had crossed long ago. I always wondered where the McFee Street sign went when I was a kid-Must have been Mr. Fried I guess!! Dale was always good for a prank. Douglas understood what "Service for Others" meant on the job-Many a Montgomery County person would vouch to that. I know that he has found peace.

January 22 at 8:00 PM

DS

Deirdre & Tim Sugrue posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Know that he was a well respected honorable man that will be sorely missed.

January 22 at 8:00 PM

PF

Paul Foringer posted:

Will always remember how he looked out for us as we were going through high school.I always knew I had an ear when I needed one. Doug and Debbie my heart goes out to you for your loss. He was a very fine man.

January 22 at 8:00 PM

MC

Mitch Cunningham posted:

Then-Lt. McFee was my first lieutenant in Rockville. I remember him handling a highly complex and involved incident where we were attempting to capture an escaped prisoner who had also taken an officer's weapon. After a long night he was finally captured. Doug McFee senior did a superb job handling it successfully.

January 21 at 8:00 PM

GP

Gene Piccioni posted:

I am very sorry to hear of the lost of your father. He was such a great person and was always very good to me.Love Gene

January 21 at 8:00 PM



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SC

Steve Colferai posted:

Please accept my heartfelt condolences as your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

January 21 at 8:00 PM

TE

Thomas Evans posted:

Doug was one of the nicest people I knew from our police department. He will be greatly missed.

January 20 at 8:00 PM

WC

Wayne Cleveland posted:

Maryann and the entire McFee clan please know that Doug is on a short list I keep of one of true good guys to come out of the MCP family. He was a mentor and a friend and I'm terrible sorry to hear of his death. My prayers are with you and the family. - Wayne

January 20 at 8:00 PM

CB

Cathy Bruce posted:

Doug left the department a year before I started here but I have worked with Doug Jr. and I have read the now famous poem and it always touches me. He was a man who made a mark that will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

January 20 at 8:00 PM

RC

Ron Cox Sr. posted:

I had the opportunity to work with Doug on several occasions in HQ and they were really a pleasure. Ron Cox Sr.

January 19 at 8:00 PM

CD

Cary And Cindy Daniel posted:

I shall never forget when our family moved here in 1995 Doug was one of the first neighbors that we met and he warmly welcomed us to Lewes. His warm smile and gentle manner will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Cary and Cindy Daniel

January 19 at 8:00 PM



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KC

Kay Corr posted:

I am saying my prayers for comfort to the family and friends of Doug McFee (aka Daddy Bear). Debbie, you are one of the best friends in the world. If I can do anything for you please don't hesetate to call.

January 19 at 8:00 PM

DP

Dawn Powell posted:

Maryann,Mo and family,We are so sorry for your loss. Doug will always have a special place in our hearts. The policeman's parade to Gate of Heaven for our Brian was very, very special. I cry when I think of it. That meant so much to our family. I am sure Brian is thanking him in heaven.Love,All of Us

January 19 at 8:00 PM

KW

Kristen Whitworth posted:

Mugger, Mo & the McFee family,I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. You know I always had a special place my heart for Doug McFee.What an accomplished and blessed life he experienced. My thoughts and prayers are with you, your mom and your family. Love you both, Kristen

January 18 at 8:00 PM

LB

Linda S. Brand posted:

Thinking of you and extending sincere sympathy.Linda S. BrandOcean Waves

January 17 at 8:00 PM

OS

O.W. Sweat posted:

You were and will always be a good friend. I will always miss you.

January 17 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Douglas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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