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Douglas Edward Read, age 62, of Palm Beach, FL passed away on Saturday, June 1, 2019, in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Born in California in September, 1956, Doug spent his childhood in San Diego, Mississippi and Syracuse, New York. He received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from the State University of New York at Oswego in 1978 and a Master's of Science in Organizational Management from the University of Maryland, Towson, Maryland, in 1992. He had an interesting and varied career, including as a teacher and designer of products for Black and Decker, Inc. After moving to Washington, D.C., he spent almost twenty years as a lobbyist for organizations such as The American Petroleum Institute, Society of Automotive Engineers, The National Electrical Manufacturers Association and The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers. By far his most rewarding "career" was his volunteer work in retirement as a "Junior Cashier" at The Church Mouse Thrift Store in Palm Beach and the All Saints Episcopal Thrift Store in Rehoboth Beach.

Doug is survived by Wayne Wenzel, his husband and partner of 25 years; his mother, Marilyn Munger of Syracuse, New York; two brothers James Read and Larry Munger; nieces and nephews and countless friends. Doug was the life of the party, the center of attention and never met a stranger. He will be missed by his many friends in Washington, Rehoboth and Palm Beach.

Please join us in celebrating the life of Doug Read on Saturday, August 17th at the Club House at Baywood, 32267 Clubhouse Way, Millsboro, DE. The program will begin at 11:00 am., with lunch to follow. Please dress casually. Attendees will be invited to speak. If you are planning to attend, I would appreciate it if you would let me know by August 1, at wrrw1420@gmail.com, so we can get an approximate head count for lunch. Thank you and hope to see you there.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963, the Cancer Support Community Delaware, 18947 John J Williams Hwy, Suite



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312, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 or to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research,
415 Crossways Park Drive, Suite DE, Woodbury, NY 11797.

Please sign Doug's online guestbook located on this site.



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RJ

Rocky Jonie posted:

I worked with Doug for about 6 months. He was kind, humble, and understanding - a blessing to be around. Love and miss you Doug.

May 27 at 7:25 AM

MM

Mark Morrison posted:

We love Doug so much and sorely miss him. Although we knew him for a few short years, our friendship with him was so uplifting, positive, inspiring and loads of fun. What a great and loving person. We are with you Wayne, always! Mark and Kuang

August 9 at 10:46 PM

AG

Andrew Goldberg posted:

Wayne, I had the pleasure of working with Doug while he was at ASHRAE and I worked for a related organization. His dedication to his work, his sharp wit and ebullience made it a joy to work with him. But it also was clear that his heart was with you and the love the two of you had made together. Please accept my sincere condolences on his passing.

July 15 at 11:59 AM

CG

Carl Grimm lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

Wayne, My heartfelt condolences for the loss of your partner Douglas. Cherish the memories you have of him..for they are the souvenirs of a wonderful man. With my sympathy and prayers, Carl Grimm

June 12 at 10:11 AM



DB

Dave And Nancy Beck posted:

We had the pleasure of knowing Doug only a relatively short time, but we shared enough time with him to see him as a devoted husband, a happy man who enjoyed life to the fullest. He was equally at home entertaining the blue-haired ladies of Palm Beach and sharing his home and garden with Wayne in Delaware. We will remember his fun-loving spirit and great sense of humor. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Wayne and the rest of his family. Nancy and Dave Beck

June 10 at 6:32 PM



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JH

Judith Hightower posted:

Dear Wayne, There are no words to describe the sadness we feel. Doug was such a wonderful and kind person, always ready with a quick smile or a good natured zinger. He will live in our hearts and memories forever. Gone much too soon. Judith and James Anderson

June 10 at 8:54 AM

SK

Spencer Kingswell posted:

Oh My!! My feelings are beyond words. I saw him last at Beebe and he said he was doing well so this came as a shock to us, but then I probably knew his condition was not good, but just like him he did not let it be known. He still smiled and we chatted what an amazing person. We will think of him often. Spencer and Frank Beebe volunteers

June 8 at 5:24 AM



Beth Benvenuti posted:

Wayne, Dino and I send our most sincere condolences to you. Doug's engaging smile and humor will be missed by us and everyone at 3200. We were blessed to have known him. Dino & Beth Benvenuti

June 8 at 5:01 AM

HD

Harriet DiFilippo posted:

Wayne, When I think of your Doug, the words handsome, upbeat, warm, and open to life come instantly to mind. What an easy person to like - a rare quality and one everyone who knew Doug will sorely miss. I am so sorry for your loss, Harriet DiFilippo

June 6 at 12:27 PM

SL

Susan Lipman posted:

Jay & I will miss you very much, Doug but will hold the memory of your warmth, caring, friendship & humor in our hearts forever!

June 6 at 12:13 PM



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GK

Gary Kushnier posted:

So very saddened to hear this news. Doug was such a kind, caring and smart man. He always looked out for me when I was new to the DC scene.

June 5 at 2:11 PM

JS

Jane Schweiker June 6 at 3:55 AM

Awful news. Doug was a bright spot in my life, and knowing him was a true gift. So very sorry, Wayne. Grateful that I have happy memories of the two of you--and of your beautiful wedding.

FD

Francis Dietz posted:

Oh dear, this is such sad news. Doug was such a warm, funny, mischievous individual - someone with whom I shared many an irreverent joke or story. We worked for a time in the same office suite when I was at ASME and he was with ASHRAE. We had many good times, all us standards geeks. He will be sorely missed.

June 5 at 1:32 PM

DK

David Karmol posted:

I worked with Doug through much of his career in Washington, and enjoyed every minute I spent with him. Doug could make the dullest meeting fun, and could always make fun of the situation, himself and his friends. In DC, it was always helpful to have a sense of humor, and Doug never failed to show his wit and his warmth, wherever he was. I am so sorry to lose him as a friend and I am sending my thoughts and prayers to Wayne and Doug's family. He will be missed greatly.

June 5 at 12:41 PM

SY

Sara Yerkes posted:

I knew Doug for decades. Always in a good mood, positive and friendly. He was one of those people that you meet and never forget. He made an impression on me that will last forever. I feel privileged to have known Doug. I hope he is looking down on us and making funny comments as he liked to do.

June 5 at 12:31 PM



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KG

Krystin Gilstrap posted:

Doug and I worked together and he was kind to me when I was starting out. He could always make everyone laugh. He will be missed.

June 5 at 12:15 PM

DB

Diane Barlow posted:

I first met Doug through Beebe Healthcare when he became a Beebe Volunteer. Such a warm-hearted and generous person, and what a strong and amazing spirit! -- Diane

June 5 at 5:07 AM



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NM

Nancy & John McGovern lit a candle in honor of Douglas.



June 4 at 1:15 PM

GM

Get Moy July 15 at 12:03 PM

My deepest sympathies. Doug was a mentor and partner as we stood up the High Performance Building Council at the National Institute of Building Sciences. He always brought the right mix of intellect, humor and common sense to our discussions. Sorry for your loss.

RV

Ron Vaughan June 7 at 1:09 PM

I am a 15 year Docent at the Flagler Museum. Only met Doug once when he worked with us at our Holiday Evening Tours of Whitehall. He seemed so enthusiastic about being a Docent. I'm glad to have spent just moments with him and am sorry for your loss. Ron Vaughan.

SL

Sue Lim June 6 at 8:38 PM

Wayne, I'm so, so sorry for your loss. Doug was such a nice, sweet, funny, handsome, (I could go on) man. You are in my prayers and may God bless you. With sincere sympathy, Sue Lim

FF

Fred Sciallo And Tom Flanagan June 6 at 2:42 PM

Tom and I will miss Doug very much. He was so special to us. He was a man who can love and also welcome it. His ability to socially acquaint himself to people and exhibit an authentic interest in others was a quality which was admired by us. Doug thank you your positive force in this world. Our hearts are with Wayne and Doug's family.

MA

Mark Ames June 6 at 9:35 AM

Doug was my supervisor, mentor, and friend when I was a young government relations professional in Washington, DC. For years, I had the pleasure of seeing him almost every day. His office was next to mine, and we shared many long hours talking about work, our careers, and life in general. His unique sense of humor still makes me smile as I remember his jokes, the barely office appropriate GIFs he'd send, and certain sayings that, while funny, contained deep wisdom. He was infinitely kind, understanding and wise. He was a builder who left the world a better place. He is missed.

JM

Joyce Munger June 4 at 5:37 PM

I've known Doug since we were freshmen in high school. He was always a great friend and I will carry fond memories of him forever. Joyce Munger



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Nancy June 4 at 1:19 PM

We will miss you forever and a day. You brought happiness and humor wherever you went.

That is a special gift.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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