



Douglas S. Strang

May 25, 2021

Douglas S. Strang, 69, of Pittsgrove, passed away on Tuesday, May 25th, at his home. He was born in Elmer, NJ to Lester “Bucky” and Betty Strang.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Navy. He served during Vietnam War on the USS Basilone from 1971 to 1975. He managed a family business, Owen’s Supply Company in Woodstown. Not only was he amazing at farm equipment sales, he was known in the farming community as a good friend to many. Doug graduated with his associates degree in business from Salem Community College.

At 6 foot 5 inches tall, he was a gentle giant. Throughout his life he was passionate about sports- playing football, basketball, soccer, and baseball. He also enjoyed playing church softball and coached multiple teams for his children.

He was a long time member of First Baptist Church of Elmer and was involved as a youth leader, Sunday School teacher, and Sunday School Superintendent. He had a personal relationship with Jesus and read his Bible regularly every day.

His countless hobbies included fixing up cars, motorcycles, and lawn mowers. He had an impressive clock and vinyl record collection. He loved to kayak and

ride his bike. Much of his time was spent spending time with his children and grandchildren. He never let distance stop him. He often travelled to Lancaster and Michigan to visit his out of state children and grandchildren.

Doug and Joan were married almost 44 years on June 11, 1977. They met at Tice's Flower Shop, where Joan worked and their first date was playing tennis. Their marriage was perfectly imperfect and they had a covenant committed love.

Doug treated his kids like gold, which also included his sons in laws and daughter in law. He had a special birthday gift in his daughter and loved having a "birthday buddy." He loved going on coffee runs and going on breakfast dates at The Elmer Diner. He loved to play basketball as a family.

He was known as Poppop and spent many days taking his grandchildren to and from school, spending time chatting and singing. A favorite song to sing on the road was "Everybody Ought to Know." His grandchildren loved watching movies, the Eagles, NASCAR, the 76ers, and WWE. They all loved cuddling on Poppop's lap in his favorite chair.

Doug was known to all as friendly, relational, and encouraging. He had a dry sense of humor and was always willing to lend a hand. He was a great teacher- whether he was teaching his kids to change their oil or share a few words of wisdom.

Doug is survived by his wife Joan (Kummer) Strang; his children Maureen Prohowich and her husband Brian of Pittsgrove, Amy Pancoast and her husband Doug of Traverse City, MI, Joel Strang and his wife Lauren of Paradise, PA and Meg Strang and her partner Samuel Long of Pittsgrove; grandchildren Kaia and Kian Prohowich, Isaac, Ethan and Lily Pancoast, Sebastian and Delancey Strang and Madelyn Strang; sisters Lisa Carll and

her husband Bob of Strasburg, VA and Sharon Litwak and her husband Ken of Wake Forest, NC; father and mother in law Paul and Marian Kummer; sisters and brother in law Barb Murray and her husband Mike, Joyce Garrison and her husband Bill, Paul Kummer Jr. and his wife Danielle and Beverly Kopko; and many beloved nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Susan Schaller.

Services will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098. There will be a visitation from 10 to 11:30 AM. The funeral service and burial will be private for the family. It is asked of everyone coming to the funeral home to please wear a mask. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Doug's memory to the Fearless Movement by going to <https://www.fearlessmovement.org/getinvolved>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home

64 Broad St.

Woodstown, NJ 08098

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Tribute Wall

BL

“ Sorry very sorry to hear of Doug’s passing. I had the pleasure to serve aboard the Basilone for 3 years with Doug together in Operations Division. A very good and pleasant person. Certainly a gentle giant. I remember him having me at his home for one weekend during this time. My condolences to the entire Strang family. I wish you fair winds and following seas my shipmate. May you rest in peace.

Bob Lester - June 25, 2021 at 06:44 PM

AS

“ Doug and I spent a lot of time together as he was my workout partner for several years. He was like a wise older brother to me as we would share our life experiences. He was even tempered and taught me how keep life in perspective. He encouraged me to push myself. We also played hatchet league basketball together. He was a competitor and a good sport. What a great guy he was. He is with Jesus now and we will see him again.

Andy Simkins - May 31, 2021 at 10:37 PM

MZ

“ I grew up across the street from the Strangs, one of the great Elmer families. Being good friends with his sisters, I remember him from the time I was 6 years old, thinking back of “how tall” he was. We attended the same church, where I taught Sunday School to each one of his children. For a short time Joan and I taught together. I am so sorry for his departure from this earth and wish the entire family my sincere condolences. How wonderful that he is now in Heaven with both his Savior, and his Mom and Dad. My brother Buddy also expressed great sadness at Doug’s passing, but there is comfort in knowing we will see each other again someday in Heaven. So very sorry to the entire family, including Dougs sisters, Lisa and Sharon.

Marjie Pfeffer Zimmerman - May 30, 2021 at 01:38 PM

GH

“ What wonderful memories of Doug and the entire Strang family I have. Our families had the joy growing up of sharing many family and church gatherings and were blessed by both Doug and his entire family, parents and siblings. A great memory of Doug was when he decided at 6’5” to ride our Shetland Pony and his knees dug the ground he was so tall. We laughed and wondered what that poor pony must have been thinking.
It is a joy to know that Doug personally knew Jesus Christ as his Savior and I am so thankful that it is not goodbye but see you soon brother. Love you all. Glen Hill

GLEN HILL - May 29, 2021 at 02:20 PM

DC

“*Doug was such a wonderful example of a faithful Christian with such a good sense of humor. Of course he was a big guy but it was nothing but funny to dress up as a woman in one of our Elmer Baptist Sunday class CIA skits. Memories of church softball and even golf excursions that included many walks through the woods looking for golf balls. He loved working on his cars and spending time encouraging his kids in every sport they played. His presence will be missed but only with the confidence that we will see him one day by our Lord's side. Debi and Curt Coughlin*

Deb & Curt Coughlin - May 29, 2021 at 11:29 AM

BS

“*Our heart felt prayers for the family. May the God of all comfort be near and give you strength for the days ahead.*
Bob and Pan Sankey

Bob Sankey - May 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“*Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas S. Strang.*



May 28, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ *I can still picture Joanie & Doug's Wedding. We lived next door to them & were fortunate to share in many Celebrations-weddings, birthdays, Births, & anniversaries. Doug was always there, often with a child on his knee and a smile on his face. I saw him Recently & got a hug-I wish now that I had squeezed him alittle harder.*

Joanie, you & your family are in our thoughts & prayers-we hope your happy memories will sustain you.

Love. Sue & Ed

Sue Clarke - May 28, 2021 at 07:04 PM

LP

Joan ,My thoughts & Prayers are with you and the family ..Doug was such a nice guy ..Hugs ❤️ Love Linda Passarella

Linda passatella - May 31, 2021 at 06:34 PM