



Douglas Henry Linde

July 4, 1936 - July 20, 2018

Douglas Henry Linde, loving father and husband, peacefully passed away July 20, 2018 at his home in Gilbert, AZ at the age of 82, as a result of colon cancer.

Doug, born on July 4th, 1936, was the second child born to Bror Henry Linde and Rachel Maude Lay Linde in Bellingham, WA. He always loved the 4th of July, parades, and fireworks. He grew up in Bellingham and nearby Lynden and enjoyed interacting with uncles, aunts, and cousins – picking beans, berries, riding bikes, and was a newspaper boy. He enjoyed sports his whole life, playing tennis in high school, softball, basketball, and golf.

He served in the United States Air Force, achieving the rank of Airman, 1st Class. He was stationed in Guam, Hawaii, and finally Barksdale AFB in Shreveport, Louisiana.

It was during his tenure at Barksdale AFB that he met the beautiful Marilyn Clark, and quickly fell in love. They were married January 21, 1959 in the Salt Lake City, Utah, LDS temple and were married for 56 amazing years. Three children followed – Sheryl, Brenda, and Clark.

Doug's parents taught him to be honest, a good citizen, and to work hard from an early age. He was always known for his positive attitude. He believed in a good education and he and Marilyn helped their children in their educational pursuits.

Doug worked for J. C. Penney's as a merchandiser for 36 years, a career that would take him from Bellingham to Seattle, Spokane, Los Angeles, Renton (WA), Rawlins (WY), and Healdsburg (CA). He used his creative abilities as department manager, assistant store manager, Regional merchandiser over furniture and carpet, Northwest Division Manager over women's fashions, and finally a store manager. He met many good people whose association he enjoyed. He gained the nickname, "Mr Terrific". There was never a challenge he could not overcome with Marilyn and God's help.

After retirement, Doug and Marilyn moved to Gilbert, Arizona so they could be closer to their son, Clark and wife Marilynne, and their children, who they thoroughly enjoyed. They were able to serve for 2 ½ years at the Mesa, Arizona LDS Family History center as missionaries. They both loved family history and helping others connect with their own ancestors.

Doug loved people. He had a kind and generous heart. He was a big fan of westerns,

John Wayne, and the Arizona Diamondback's baseball team, but his favorite team was he and Marilyn's "Linde team" – Sheryl, Brenda, and Clark, his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Marilyn was the love of his life. They loved being together. He was able to help care for her during the seven years she had Alzheimer's until her passing in 2015. They had a true love story and he missed her very much.

Doug was a good neighbor and friend. He believed in his Savior, Jesus Christ and was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He and Marilyn loved to bless and help others.

Doug was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn; his parents, B. Henry and Rae Linde; her parents, A. V. and Delia Clark.

Doug is survived by his sister, Yvonne (Elmer) Hughes of Mesquite; children – Sheryl (Curtis) Smith of Irvine, CA; Brenda (Mark) Johnson of Spanish Fork, UT; Clark (Marilynne) Linde; 11 grandchildren – Becky (Jeff) Diamond, Calvin (Ashton) Smith, Sarah (Julian) Barrio, Jessica, Julianne (Brandon) Young, Cameron, Emily, Allison, Candace, Jenna, and Bethany; 10 gr-grandchildren – Luke, Genevieve, Emma, Ellina, Tyson, Amelia, Jaynee, Maylee, Brienne, and Benjamin; brother in law, Melvin (Donna) Clark of Midland, TX; sister in law, Barbara Lasyone and Hulen (Pat) Clark of Provençal, LA. We are especially grateful to the tender, respectful care Dad (and Mom) received these past few years by Natalie Wolf and granddaughter, Jessica Linde.

Cemetery

National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona

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