



Douglas Andrew Elsberry

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Doug, as he was known by his friends and family, lived an extraordinarily complex life during his short 42 years. He had an artistic eye, was the consummate photographer for wildlife, nature, and unusual artifacts in our modern world. His artistic skill was evident early, and he perfected his technical expertise as a graduate of North Fort Myers High, Edison Community College and as a Cum Laude graduate of Florida State University College of Communications. It was quite an achievement for a dyslectic visual-spatial genius. Doug was in fact, a lifelong Seminole who “bled garnet and gold”. Video production allowed him the opportunity to be creative behind the camera rather than in front of it. He enjoyed long term employment as a video producer for Seminole Productions (Seminole Sports & The Bobby Bowden Show), the Tampa Bay Rays and Waterman Broadcasting. Given the choice, he always preferred creating his still images as an expression of his artistic eye. He would have been a traveling photographer if his health conditions had not prevented his travel interests. Doug was passionate about cinema history, baseball, college football, politics, and trivia across a broad spectrum. During his last two days on the planet, he reveled in the mixed success of his two favorite Major League Baseball teams --the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox, on opening day.

Doug was a large man who had blond hair and blue eyes, a quick smile, and a quirky sense of humor. Although he had no children of his own, he was always very patient as a mentor to children of all ages. He had a wide and diverse circle of friends and kept up with hundreds of them through social media and electronic means. Doug is survived by his immediate family: his parents -- Debbie and Dr. Jeff Elsberry, his brother -- Greg Elsberry (Christy), his nephew -- Michael Elsberry, his maternal grandmother --Barbara Johnson and numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins. Although his life was short, he made a significant difference in the lives of so many who will miss him and remember him fondly.



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Please join family and friends for a celebration of life and memorial for Douglas A. Elsberry, to be held Saturday, May 20th from 1-4 pm, at the Lee County campus of Florida SouthWestern State College, 8099 College Parkway SW, Fort Myers, FL in Walker Health Sciences Hall - Building A, Room AA-177.(see Map Link)

<https://www.fsw.edu/assets/pdf/about/maps/LeeParkingMap.pdf>

Please wear one of Doug's favorite teams' attire or colors — Chicago Cubs, Boston Red Sox, or Florida State Seminoles.



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Meredith Doeksen sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Elsberry family.

May 18 at 6:50 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Elsberry family.

May 17 at 1:10 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Douglas.

May 17 at 1:10 PM



Jacob Goldberger & Margarita Galmarini sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Elsberry family.

May 9 at 9:14 AM



Stacy Schoeneck Clark posted:

Jeff and Debbie, I am so sorry for your loss. I always was impressed with the innovative things Doug was pursuing, and saw how proud of him you were. Sending prayers and love to your family.
Stacy Clark

April 20 at 10:56 AM



Laura Maness posted:

I am grateful for 20 years of friendship with Doug! Although, that's not enough! He was a wonderful friend and I'm so thankful for him. We met in the Devil Rays control room (Raysvision) in 2003, became quick friends and stayed friends throughout the years. Two people in my life send/sent :(me physical birthday cards, like clockwork. My mom and Doug. :heart: My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. :pray::skin-tone-2:

April 17 at 12:53 PM



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BZ

Brandi Zurbrick posted:

I knew Doug from FSU. We worked on FSU Live on assignments together. I met him his first semester on campus and we became fast friends. I have so many wonderful memories of him and I treasured our time together. He was always smiling and always had a joke to tell. I'll miss him so much.

April 17 at 5:24 AM

DG

Dave Giompalo posted:

As one of Doug's high School instructors he was my all time favorite student. He won awards in my drafting class every year at North High. He was such a loving person with a great since of humor. He reminded me of the way I was in school because he had the same passion for drafting as I did. He was the person you wish everyone was like because he was so friendly and caring. I miss him dearly. Dave Giompalo (Mr. G)

April 12 at 1:25 PM

SK

Sindee, Larry, Brad, And Jordan Karpel sent a Serene Retreat to the Elsberry family.



April 10 at 4:56 PM

WO

William Oneill posted:

I recall how much Dough loved baseball. We used to go to the old Red Sox stadium at City of Palms when Dough was just a child. God Bless and God Bless Jeff and Debbie and Doughs brother Greg

April 6 at 6:23 AM

SW

Shanna Westrem posted:

To post one memory of you would be an injustice to our friendship. Knowing you are no longer with us is a heartbreak, from our annual birthday singing texts, the millions of stories from 6th grade and beyond, our Outback dinner dates, hockey and baseball games; I know my life will always have a Doug sized hole in it. Rest easy my friend, I know you are no longer in pain and that is my only comfort. Until we meet again...Shanna

April 5 at 5:44 PM



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Virginia Pipitone posted:

So sorry for your loss. Praying for peace to fill you in your grief.

April 5 at 5:42 PM



Sonia Conde Teacher Pf Lma April 7 at 5:45 PM

 My heart with the family and my prayers



Sonia Conde Teacher Pf Lma April 7 at 5:43 PM



Lisa Murphy posted:

My sincere condolences to you entire Elsberry Family...Lisa Murphy / FSW

April 5 at 9:58 AM



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JE

Jesse Elsberry posted:

Doug was such a great person to know. I always enjoyed his numerous photographic postings he presented on social media. He truly had a passion for sports and providing the public entertainment through his broadcasting skills. Although he passed way too soon his impact on his family and friends will always be remembered. He was one of the good ones and will be missed.

April 5 at 5:27 AM

NC

Nancy Costello April 8 at 7:56 AM

Dr. Elsberry, My deepest sympathies to you and your wife at this terrible time. You and your wife are in my thoughts. Nancy Costello

KD

Kathie Dilascio April 6 at 3:47 PM

Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of Doug. May you have peace in your time of sorrow. Sincerely, Kathie and John DiLascio

DA

Dana April 6 at 5:55 AM

Over 25 years of friendship is hard to describe when you are talking about someone like Doug. He was an amazing friend and confidant. Doug videotaped my wedding back in the day, and there is short part during the reception where my brother took the camera from him and videotaped Doug doing a little dancing. A memory I will never forget. He was happy. Our mutual love for the Chicago Cubs, although not as many wins as either of us would have liked, it was so fun texting back and forth during a game and I am going to miss that tremendously. I am so grateful to know that he is no longer in pain and looking down on all of us. He will be so missed. Prayers to the Elsberry family during this difficult time. Doug, we will see you on the other side! Rest easy.

SK

Sindee Karpel April 5 at 12:58 PM

Our sincerest condolences to the Elsberry Family. From the Sindee, Larry, Brad, & Jordan Karpel



Memories only last if you share them

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



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