



## Douglas Fredrick Berhalter

May 26, 1971 - September 1, 2014

Doug Berhalter, Big Hearted, loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and dear friend passed away suddenly Monday morning, September 1, 2014 at the age of 43 years.

Douglas is survived by his wife, Teresa Berhalter; his children, Tanner Berhalter and Thomas Wilson Jr, of Manassas, VA; his parents, Eileen and Larry Mayfield and Frederick and Joyce Berhalter, of Pawleys Island, SC; Wonderful Big Brother, Greg BERHALTER, loving siblings Michael, Sean, Shannon Kearney, sister in law Karen, Nephew Derek, Nieces Kelsey and Courtney who he loved greatly of Farnham, VA and 3 uncles Byron, Edward and Bob. Douglas was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edward and Mary Bobilin, of Upper Saddle River, NJ and Victor and Jean Berhalter of Summit, NJ.

Douglas was born on May 26, 1971 in Silver Spring, Md. to Eileen and Fred Berhalter. His childhood was filled with summers outside building forts, stealing apples for his grandmother and fishing with his uncle and brother, visiting his grandmother's house where he would jump into her freezing swimming pool. As a teenager his late night escapades earned him the title, "Prince of Darkness". He graduated from Osborn Park Senior High in 1989. When he met Teresa, he knew she was the love of his life, and they married in 1994. Doug was a loving husband to his wife Teresa. He was a devoted father to both sons Tanner and TJ. Doug raised his sons by his example of hard work, dedication and affection. His passion for life was evidenced by the

adventures he lived with his family and friends, boating, hunting, fishing, camping and canoeing, venturing out on rides on his motorcycle.

He will forever be remembered as a true friend and big brother to all his long life friends, 2nd father to his friend's children. Doug never met a stranger. He could always make you smile, or tell a joke that could make you laugh hard enough to make you cry. Big heart, caring, supportive man that would do for you before doing for himself. More than can ever be describe in words is how people, friends, coworkers and family felt about him.

A small service will be held and is scheduled for 1:00 pm Sunday September 7 at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas. 9609 Center St, Manassas, VA. A reception and a celebration of his life is to follow at 2:00 at the Occoquan Forest Lake pavilion in Occoquan Forest Estates - Split Rail Dr (where it is rumored that this was the place were skinny-dipping occurred regularly until his mother, Eileen, would show up and force everyone out).

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Douglas's life. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Heart Association. Condolences can be sent to Doug's Facebook. The family would like to thank his friends for their support for Douglas and for their care a heart felt wishes for our family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ We were never really close uncle Doug bit I remember all the Christmas time a we had at grandma's. You were always funny and sat by the fire attending to us little ones. Taking us outside to shoot the BB guns , forever remembered, Sean jr

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**Sean Kearney jr** - October 30, 2014 at 04:09 AM

RH

“ This is hard to do . memory's happen on a daily basis and Doug and I have made many memories and we should still be making more for many years too come. I would like to say some of the best memories are of Doug and his whole family Teresa , TJ and Tanner and the days we spent together. I will always remember Doug as a family man even with all of his single friends . Doug loved his two boys and always wanted them involved in everything he did. I spent many summers learning from Doug the value of spending family time and keeping the boys involved. Doug was a true friend that could make you laugh or smile the second he walked in a room he loved life and enjoyed his friends. I hope that friends and family carry on the same outgoing attitude smile and attitude that Doug portrayed every day. Doug was loved by all and will be missed dearly but all should strive to enjoy life as he did and smile every day

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**Robert Harman** - September 08, 2014 at 08:57 PM



“ I am glad that our paths crossed in this life. It was definitely a pleasure being able to work with you. You will be deeply missed.

*Chris Hankins*

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**Chris Hankins** - September 07, 2014 at 11:39 AM

DE

“ *Denisefalk lit a candle in memory of Douglas Fredrick Berhalter*



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**denisefalk** - September 07, 2014 at 08:27 AM

CP

“ *Cathy Payne lit a candle in memory of Douglas Fredrick Berhalter*



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**Cathy Payne** - September 07, 2014 at 07:14 AM



“ I have been a part of Doug's life for over 20 years. He will be forever in my heart and never forgotten. I remember the day I stood by Doug and my sisters side when they exchanged their vows....I knew he loved my sister so very much then and always will. He was always the best brother-in-law a sister could ever ask for. Doug would do anything and everything for anyone who asked for his help before he would for himself. Doug was always the life of the party. He was a unique...caring and loving man with a sense of humor that was out of this world. No matter what the situation was he would always find a way to make me laugh so hard that my stomach would hurt. We all had so many amazing and fun family times together that I will cherish forever. From family birthday parties to holiday celebrations to weekend fun or just can you watch the boys for us. He was an amazing DAD to Tanner and TJ. I experienced the unconditional love that he shared with my sister and his boys every time I was with him. I will always love you so very much. RIP my amazing brother-in-law and try not to make the other angels laugh to hard!! One day we will meet again and I will be waiting to see your smile.

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**Melinda Viscariello** - September 07, 2014 at 01:39 AM



“ Forever a friend.

*The Cross Family*

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**Boe Cross** - September 06, 2014 at 08:37 AM

CC

“ *Carole C. purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Douglas Fredrick Berhalter.*



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**Carole C.** - September 05, 2014 at 07:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas Fredrick Berhalter.*



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September 05, 2014 at 03:13 PM

LA

“ *Lynda Adell lit a candle in memory of Douglas Fredrick Berhalter*



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**Lynda Adell** - September 05, 2014 at 08:16 AM

MB

“ *So sorry for your loss. I will always remember Dougie as a fun-loving, happy guy who always made me laugh. We had some good times together. He tried to teach me how to go four-wheeling, but I was a slow learner. Doug was a great guy, and my prayers go out to his family and friends.*

*Mike Brannon*

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**Mike Brannon** - September 04, 2014 at 03:23 PM

MB

“ *Mike Brannon lit a candle in memory of Douglas Fredrick Berhalter*



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**Mike Brannon** - September 04, 2014 at 03:18 PM

JC

“ *JC lit a candle in memory of Douglas Fredrick Berhalter*



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**JC** - September 04, 2014 at 07:42 AM

NT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family Teresa. I am so very sorry for you and the family. God Bless*

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**Nancy Thomsen-Urban** - September 03, 2014 at 09:35 PM

BM

“ *Dearest Teresa and Family. So very, very sorry for your loss. Howard and I pray that you and your children find comfort and strength, knowing you have the loving support of your family and friends. May God Bless and Comfort you all. Brenda Melvin and Howard Tuwiner.*



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**Brenda Melvin** - September 03, 2014 at 09:03 PM



“ *Lake Anna that's all I need to say when you talk about memories with Doug. I would go into detail but I won't mention the crazy things we have done together. Miss ya brother.*



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**Lincoln Williams** - September 03, 2014 at 08:08 PM



“ *Sitting and thinking of all the memories of Doug and there is not a single memory that crosses my mind where Doug was not smiling ... Laughing or making others smile and laugh. All three of my kids look up to him as a father figure... He always told them how much he cared about them and was always there for them. Cory and Tanner grew up with Doug 4 wheeling .. Canoeing and camping always having the time of their lives. I am so happy he was a part of my family's life.  
He will be missed greatly*

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**Tami Hunsaker** - September 03, 2014 at 07:53 PM



“ *Dear Berhalter family, I Am so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. My sincere condolences to Teresa, boys, and his family. June Chapman*



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**june chapman** - September 03, 2014 at 06:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas Fredrick Berhalter.



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September 03, 2014 at 06:10 PM



“ I grew up with Doug in Occoquan Forest. We hung out in school, (sometimes we got lost and never made it) and sometimes got into a bit of trouble around the neighborhood with the rest of the OF crew. So many memories of fishing, canoeing, swimming, firecracker wars, hunting, and midnight mischief in the neighborhood. He was always cracking jokes and making everyone laugh. Looking back I now realize those were some of the best times of my life, when life was "simple", even though we didnt realize it at the time. I'm going to miss you Doug, thank you for all the good times brother--your friendship meant alot to me.

--Billy Hooff

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**Billy Hooff** - September 03, 2014 at 05:29 PM



“ I've known Doug for over 25 years, he was one of the first guys I met when I moved up here from Texas, we hit it off right away. Countless miles on 4 wheelers, many hunting adventures, thousands of empty beer cans, several nights at the river and Lake Anna. He was by definition "a true friend" Doug was always larger than life, nothing ever seem to get him down. He could make you laugh so hard you wanted to puke! We always called him the baby because he was the youngest of the group. Cheers Doug we will miss you!!!

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**John Ellerd** - September 03, 2014 at 05:06 PM



“ *Doug was/is the best friend I could ever have. His smile, positive attitude and lust for life is like no other. I will remember forever the fun times hunting, canoeing, camping, riding Harleys or just sitting around laughing. I LOVE YOU DOUGIE AND WILL FOREVER MISS YOU. SEE YOU IN HEAVEN WHERE I KNOW YOU ARE MAKING EVERYONE SMILE THERE TOO.*

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**Everett Payne** - September 03, 2014 at 04:30 PM

RE

“ *Am so sad for your loss. Sending prayers to you and family !*



*Reggie*

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**Reggie** - September 03, 2014 at 04:02 PM

RG

“ *Doug was always laughing and having fun. He and Teresa will always hold a special place in my heart! You will be missed, my thoughts n prayers are with his family.*

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**Renee Gheen** - September 03, 2014 at 03:58 PM

AL

“ *My heart and prayers go out to Teresa the boys and your families so sorry for your loss.*

*Anne-Marie, Tayler, Lexie and Madison*

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**Anne-Marie Lawhorn** - September 03, 2014 at 03:50 PM