



# D. DOUGLAS BERNARD

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**D** Douglas Bernard passed away peacefully in Miami Florida on October 24, 2012 at age 69.

Douglas Bernard was born in Wilmington, Ohio on April 3, 1943 to parents Donald Dale Bernard and Martha Ann Bernard. Douglas was the oldest of four children and is survived by his three sisters, Sharon Oliver, Shirley Haeuptle, and Barbara Loudenslager. He was the husband of Janete Valle Do Rodrigues Bernard.

He graduated from New Vienna High School in 1961, where he was very active with 4-H projects and FFA in high school. He was awarded the Star Poultry Farmers award for the state of Ohio in 1961. From 1962 to 1964 Doug served in the Peace Corps in Brazil working with agricultural agents to improve the 4-H programs in the country. In 1967 he received an Undergraduate degree from Wilmington College, then a Graduate degree from Thunderbird School of Global Management in 1968.

Starting in 1968 Douglas became active in a business venture in El Salvador, Pavos S.A., that produces and markets frozen turkeys throughout the Central American Market. He remained an active part of this business through the end of his life.

During his residence in El Salvador, Doug was active in setting up the American Chamber of Commerce, and served as President of the American Society where he was active on the board for over six years. In addition, he served on the American School Board for five years (two years as treasurer), and was active with the US Embassy by serving on the Security Commission for U.S. citizens living in the country.

While serving in the Peace Corps he met and married Janete do Valle Rodrigues of Viçosa, Minas Gerais, Brazil on July 14, 1964. Douglas traveled extensively throughout Central America while living with his family in El Salvador between 1969 and 1980. Moving his family from El Salvador during the country's civil war, he traveled between Florida and El Salvador from 1980 to 1986. From 1987 to 1991 he worked for



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a company that imported fresh cut flowers from Mexico and South America, moving to Miami in 1990. In 1992 he was employed by an airline servicing the Caribbean Islands to develop the imports of fresh produce from this region. From 1995 to present he was the President of Tropical Commodities, a company that imports and distributes fresh Chili peppers throughout the United States and Canada.

At the age of 57 Douglas discovered his life's great hobby, competitive Go-Kart racing. He raced throughout the USA, winning several championships as one of the oldest active competitors. Doug had a grand passion for the sport of open wheel racing, attending many races over the last years of his life and building lasting relationships. While racing, he developed a close friendship with a young Brazilian professional race car driver and enjoyed supporting him and sharing in his friend's many victories as he moved up to the highest level of open wheel racing.

He is survived by his wife, Janete Bernard of Miami, Florida. He took great pride in the accomplishments of his three sons, Rod, Bryan and Dennis. Over the last two decades he had the joy of gaining three lovely daughter in laws Barbara, Ele and Tracy and five grandchildren; Christian, Trey, Tyler Ana, and Lola.

Memorial services will be held at Van Orsdel Funeral Chapel in Kendall (Miami) on November 3, 2012.

A second memorial will be held in Ohio at the Fairview Friends Meeting House on Antioch Road on Saturday, November 10, 2012. A time of fellowship and food will follow the service at the Meeting House. Private graveside services will be held at the New Antioch Cemetery. Arrangements in Ohio have been entrusted to Littleton Funeral Home 104 N. Jackson St. Sabina, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions to be directed to any of the following organizations:

The Clinton County 4-H Foundation

111 S. Nelson Avenue, Suite 2

Wilmington, Ohio 45177

Quaker Knoll Camp

675 Sprague Road



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Wilmington, Ohio 45177

Fairview Friends Meeting  
6976 Antioch Road  
New Vienna, Ohio 45159  
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# Events

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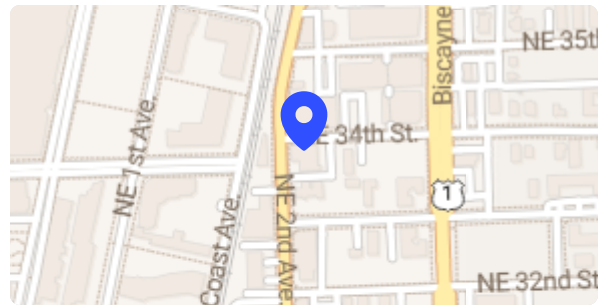
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## Cemetery Details



**Van Orsdel Crematory**

3333 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami FL 33137





## Tribute Wall

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**Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services** shared a **Tribute Video**.



October 23 at 8:00 PM



**Carl Lindskoog** posted:

Dear Jeanette, Rod, Brian, Dennis, and all family and friends that loved Doug, In this time of loss we pray that you find comfort and peace. We are remembering what a joy it was to spend time with Doug, along with the whole family, last August, and we'll always remember the sage words and advice he shared with us. Although we cannot be there for the memorial service, we will be celebrating Doug's life and remembering you all as you memorialize him. Love and peace to you, Carl, Yves, and Justice

November 2 at 7:51 AM



**Divina Galica** posted:

I will miss you Doug as it was always a pleasure to meet up with you at the various race tracks around the country. I so admired you the way you dealt with your illness and how I wish you could have beaten it so we could continue to share some time at the races together. I hope you are in a better place free of suffering. To the Bernard family I must tell you that it was a pleasure to have known Doug and share some time with this gentle and kind man. You have my deepest sympathy and my prayers are with you. Divina Galica

November 2 at 7:25 AM



**Margaret And Jim Benson** posted:

Jeanette, Rod, Brian & Dennis, Wish that we could be there to give you all a big hug and share our many fond family memories with you. Doug and you all will always have a special place in our hearts. Please know that we are here if you need anything and that our home is always open. Un gran abrazo, Margaret & Jim Benson

November 1 at 4:22 AM



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**Spring Cool Transfer** posted:

Mr. D, we always learn from you to never give up. You were the keystone for our company and we will miss you. Spring Cool Transfer To all the Bernards, please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. Douglas always have on his desk a little Quote: "It is not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters"

October 31 at 12:08 PM



**Miguel A. & Helen A. Figueroa** posted:

Estimada y querida Jannette (y toda la familia Bernard), Nos ha apenado muchisimo la triste noticia de la muerte de Doug y al mismo tiempo rogamos con toda nuestra alma y nuestro corazon que su viaje al Cielo sea una partida llena de jovialidad, triunfos y bendiciones para llegar finalmente a los brazos de nuestro Bondadoso Dios. y de todos los Santos en el Cielo. Nuestros recuerdos de Doug perduraran siempre : entre ellos como un buen amigo, buen esposo, buen padre y un hombre muy emprendedor en su vida diaria y profesional. Nunca olvidaremos nuestra amistad con Doug y todos Uds. en nuestros tiempos en El Salvador . Aunque no mantuvimos contacto continuo despues que todos dejamos El Salvador, nunca hemos obviado en pensar en todos Uds. La ultima vez que nos vimos fue hace ya largo tiempo cuando los visitamos en Florida en una viaje relampago -hace decadas pero siempre viva y frecas en nuestras mentes como que hubiese sido ayer. Ahora nos quedan siempre los buenos recuerdos y la de imagen de Douge cuando nos toquemfiguemfigroa@nc.rr.com hacer ese viaje , encontremos a Doug y volvamos a vernos comoque si nunca nos separamos por diferentes caminos. Nuestros pensamientos estan siempre con Uds. Fuerte abrazo y que la conformidad nos inunde el corazon. Con todo amor, Miguelemlen Miguel Amiguel a. figueroa. Figueroa

October 31 at 6:27 AM



**Ameritrans Group** lit a candle in honor of D..

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Douglas will be greatly missed. - Ameritrans World Group -



October 30 at 4:39 AM



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LS

**Lillian P. Salguero** lit a candle in honor of D..



October 29 at 7:09 PM

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**Lillian P. Salguero** October 29 at 7:11 PM

Jeanette, my prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort in knowing he will always be looking over you and that he is resting in Paradise. God Bless you all.

TB

**Tim Breuer** lit a candle in honor of D..



October 29 at 2:27 PM

RM

**Ray Musaitif** lit a candle in honor of D..



October 29 at 11:02 AM

SM

**Santiago Antonio Morán** lit a candle in honor of D..

Estimada Doña Jannette Bernard: Mi más sentido pésame por la pérdida del Ser más noble que he conocido, Don Douglas. Qué Dios llene su corazón de paz y al resto de la familia también. Con mucho aprecio Santiago Morán

October 28 at 5:22 PM



RP

**Robert Pegan** lit a candle in honor of D..



October 28 at 9:10 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

It is sad that one of best buddies has gone to a better place. We shared a lot of memories in High Scholl and as roomates at The Ohio State University. We have discus those good times over the years. You will be miss my friend and my prayers go out to all the family.Bob Pegan

October 28 at 8:08 AM



**Jim Simbro** lit a candle in honor of D..



October 28 at 4:18 AM



**Peggy Johnson** lit a candle in honor of D..



October 27 at 2:38 AM



**Dario Reyes Guerrero** lit a candle in honor of D..



October 26 at 6:25 PM



## Media

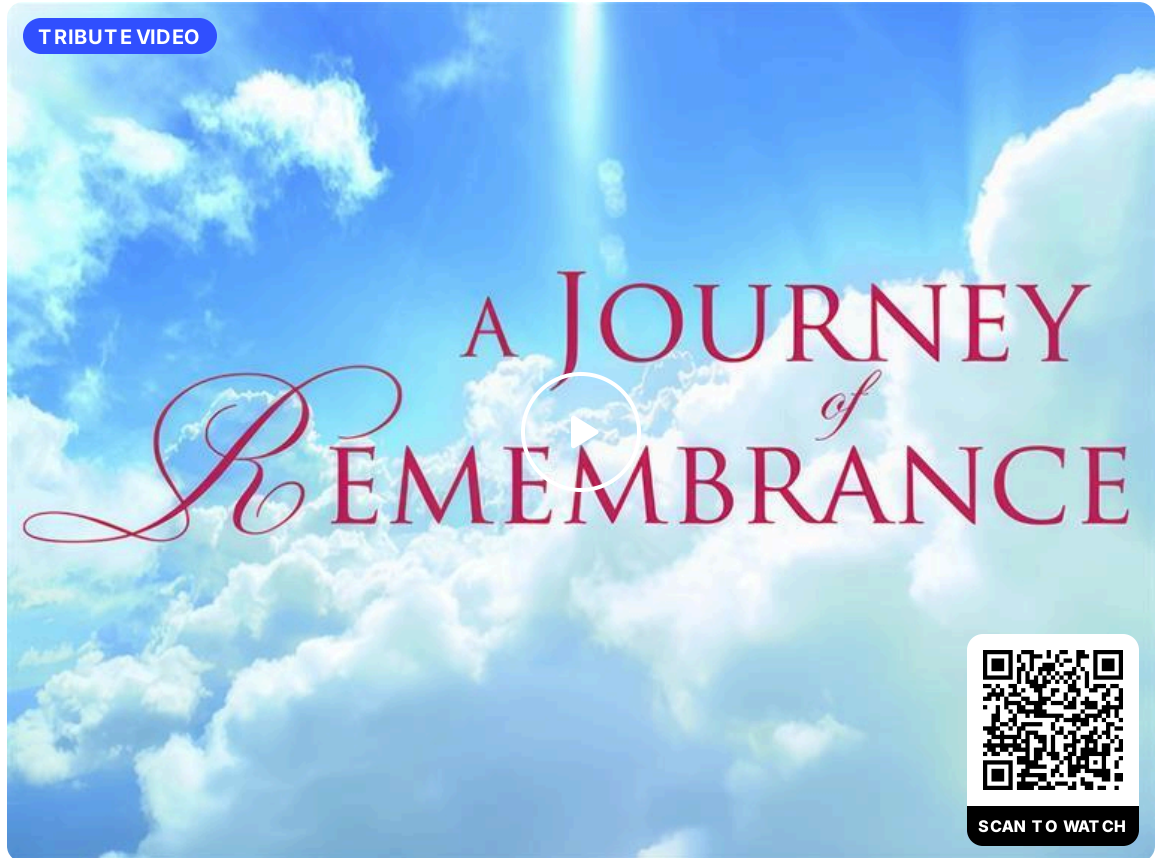
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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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