



# Douglas Jay Ashley

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**D**ouglas Jay Ashley, 72, passed away peacefully at HCA Florida Northside Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida, surrounded by his family after an extended illness.

Born and raised in Alliance, Ohio, Doug was a proud 1971 graduate of Alliance High School. He continued his education at Mount Union College and Kent State University, earning his bachelor's degree in Accounting and Business. Throughout his life, Doug called several Pinellas County communities home, including Treasure Island, South Pasadena, St. Petersburg, and Clearwater.

A devoted sports enthusiast, Doug spent many weekends cheering for his favorite teams—the Ohio State Buckeyes, Cleveland Browns, Guardians, Cavaliers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the Tampa Bay Rays. In his younger years, he enjoyed playing football and softball at Silver Park in Alliance.

Doug's work life led him briefly to American Steel Foundries in Alliance before he transitioned to various accounting and inventory control roles in Florida. He also spent several summers in Alaska, working on fishing boats and taking in the rugged beauty and serenity of the landscape and ocean.

Doug embraced the Florida lifestyle wholeheartedly. He loved walking the Gulf Coast beaches with his metal detector, ocean and pier fishing, bicycling, jogging, and shooting hoops whenever he could. He also enjoyed attending local festivals and supporting area artists and musicians.

Known for his gracious spirit, Doug was deeply admired for his generosity, especially in his quiet but meaningful efforts to help the homeless and those in need. He lived simply, finding joy in the activities and places he loved most.



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Doug was preceded in death by his parents, William and Kathleen (Hutmacher) Ashley; his brother, Brian Ashley; his grandparents, Samuel and Garnet Hutmacher of Sebring, Ohio, and Jerry M. and Cecil Ashley of Youngstown, Ohio; his brother-in-law, Kirk Briggs; his sister-in-law, Karen J. Ashley; and numerous aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his sister, Debbie Ashley-Briggs of Pocatello, Idaho; his brothers David Ashley of Boise, Idaho, and Daniel Ashley of Maryland; niece and nephew Jacquie and Jason Briggs of Pocatello, Idaho; Ross (Dana) Cipriano and Nathan Ashley of Boise, Idaho; Ethan and Alec Ashley of Bellingham, Washington; and many cousins in Ohio and Florida.

Services were entrusted to Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery in St. Petersburg, Florida.



## Tribute Wall

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**David Brandon** posted:

Remember Doug Well- We proudly served as Basketball Managers for The Aviators at Alliance High School in Early 70's It was a Thankless Job but We made the Best of it! Rest in Peace My Friend Dave Brandon

January 28 at 5:44 PM



**Dan Ashley Ashley** posted:

Doug was my brother, and we shared a sense of adventure. Sometimes that adventure was big, sometimes it was simple, but I will remember the good times together. He took me on my first flight on a plane, making something completely new feel exciting instead of intimidating. I was so nervous and I wanted to take all my toys, but he reminded me it wasn't that long of a flight from Pittsburgh to Cleveland. I had the opportunity to see the DC-10 cockpit and back then the pilot gave you wings to pin on your shirt. He took me fishing at Silver Park, where we learned that adventure can also mean patience, while I also found time to skip stones across the water. Doug had a way of sparking curiosity. He got me interested in scuba diving and sharks, helping me see the ocean as something to explore rather than fear. He bought me a subscription to skin diver magazine and I would day dream about traveling the world. Later in life I was able to cage dive with great white sharks in South Africa. He also shared his love of music with me, and we spent time listening to his albums together in the basement—proof that not every adventure requires leaving home. We also some watched Ghostbusters, sharing laughter that stayed with me long after the movie ended. Doug introduced me to coin and stamp collecting, teaching me that even small things can hold history and meaning if you take the time to look closely. And when I was in high school, he took me to the beach in Florida—no big plan, just a simple trip that became a lasting memory. I miss Doug and I'll always love my big brother.

December 24 at 5:45 PM



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