



Douglas Austin Stithem

August 5, 1943 - February 5, 2025

Doug was born on August 5, 1943, to Otis and Vee Rose Anna (Thomas) Stithem at the Saint Anthony Hospital, Hays, KS. He died on February 5, 2025, at Ascension Saint John's Medical Center, Tulsa, OK at the age of 81 years, 5 months, and 30 days.

His parents named him Douglas after Douglas McArthur. Doug attended the Zurich Grade School and graduated from the Palco High School in 1961. During high school, Doug worked as a farm hand for Bob McClellan of Palco. Then following High School Doug attended a diesel mechanic's school in St. Louis, MO.

Following his schooling in St. Louis, Doug married Barbara Riffe on May 29, 1963, at Penokee Methodist Church, Penokee, KS. To this union one daughter was born, Shari Ann.

Doug was a hard worker. He worked for Henry Walz, a Case dealer, in northern Ellis County. Following this job Doug moved his family to Athol, KS, where he worked for another Case dealership.

From Athol, Doug moved to Smith Center and worked for the Ford dealership. Then he worked at Finkbinder's Retread shop.

Following these jobs Doug went to work at the Co-op Refinery, in Philipsburg,

KS. He worked at the Refinery until it closed in 1982.

Farmland Industries, in Bartlesville, offered him a job working on their diesel trucks. He worked there until he retired.

On May 13, 1986, Doug married Carol Anno. They were married for 32 years when Carol passed away on July 25, 2019.

Doug enjoyed working on cars and raced stock cars while living in Kansas. He restored his dad's 1949 pickup and took it to car shows around Bartlesville. He also made a couple of cars from the tires up.

One of Doug's endeavors was raising rabbits commercially. He also enjoyed raising chickens and ducks. Over the years his companions were his cats and a couple of precious dogs.

Doug retired early because his body was tired. In March of 2018, he entered the Medicalodge Nursing Home of Dewey.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Carol. He leaves to mourn his passing his daughter Shari and her husband Jay of Springfield, MO; his sister Scharleen and her husband Harry of Hutchinson, KS; and step-daughter Cissie and her husband Doug of Bartlesville; and three step-grandchildren: Austin and his wife Danielle of Montrose, CO; Jennifer and husband Timothy of Manford, OK; and Shelby of Bartlesville, OK.

Doug will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 08, 2025, at Dewey Cemetery in Dewey, OK. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home and Crematory Walker-Brown

Chapel, 42901 Nowata Rd., Bartlesville, OK 74006 (918) 333-7665. Online
condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneral
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Cemetery Details

Dewey Cemetery

HWY 75 North
Dewey, OK 74029

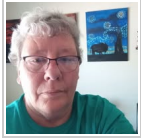
Previous Events

Graveside Service

FEB 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Doug was one of my best buddies I got the privilege to tell him good morning and I would get that smile and good morning back. I will miss talking to you and helping you talk to Austin on FaceTime in messenger but I know you are no longer in pain. Prayer's to Sharlene and Austin as I know how much you loved them and they loved you. Prayer's for comfort to all your family.

Ella Hudson - February 07, 2025 at 12:59 PM

CM

“ Cissie McCabe lit a candle in memory of Douglas Austin Stithem



Cissie McCabe - February 07, 2025 at 12:54 PM

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“ DAD...I never called you my STEP dad you were always just DAD... You were the only dad I ever had...thank you for loving my mom and giving her a great life and making her so happy...I remember you telling mom you guys HAD to get married cause you were going to be a Papa...You always loved us like we were your own and the kids absolutely adored you...please give mom a kiss for me and tell her I love her and so glad you are up there with her partying and riding around...I done the best I could with your service and hope you enjoy it...I LOVE YOU!!!!

Cissie McCabe - February 07, 2025 at 12:53 PM

JC

“ *Best Papa in the world he taught me we can work on cars and play dress up and be a farmer all at the same time. The love he shared was unconditional and the way he looked at my grandmother you could see how much he truly loved her. I love you Papa and will miss you but I'm so happy you are back where you belong with your love!!!*



JENNIFER L CONSTUBLE - February 06, 2025 at 08:20 PM