



William Monroe Douglas

February 8, 1943 - May 12, 2025

William Monroe Douglas, age 82 years, a resident of Cypress, Illinois, passed away Monday evening, May 12, 2025, at 9:57 P.M. at the Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Metropolis, Illinois.

Monroe, as he was known to family and friends, was born February 8, 1943 in Metropolis, Illinois. He was the son of Albert Tilman Douglas and Nellie Isabell (Rick) Douglas.

Monroe was united in marriage to Rose Denzer on October 15, 1964 in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. He was later united in marriage to Brenda S. Alsip on July 21, 1995 at the Cypress Baptist Church. She survives.

Monroe is also survived by: his children – Kathy (Jeff) Harris of Metropolis, Sue (Ray) West of West Vienna, Maria (Chuck) Mills of Newport News, Virginia, Jean (James Green) Aviles of Joppa, Robert Douglas of Louisville, Kentucky, and Jessica (Josh) Wiley of Brookport; 17 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 5 sisters – Sharon (Jerry) Mizell, Nancy Parker, Dorothy Harvel, and Darla Hefner all of Metropolis and Debbie Anderson of Herrin; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Monroe was preceded in death by: an infant granddaughter – Olivia Grace Wiley; a sister – Florence Cochran; and 3

brothers – Robert, Gary, and Danny Wayne Douglas.

Monroe was a graduate of Metropolis High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on December 7, 1966. He served in the Vietnam War and was a member of the military police. He was honorably discharged on December 6, 1972 with the rank of staff sergeant. Monroe was a member of the Villa Ridge American Legion Post # 178.

Following his discharge from military service, Monroe began working in the construction trade on the Interstate 24 project. He later began working as an operator for the former Vulcan Materials, Inc. at the White Hill Stone Quarry where he was employed for 27 years. Monroe also served as a maintenance worker for the Village of Cypress for many years. He is remembered for his community mindedness and service. Monroe would often volunteer to mow yards for elderly residents and is fondly remembered as the “town’s skunk hunter.” Monroe was also employed for 8 years as a maintenance worker for the Tunnel Hill State Trail.

Monroe was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and woodworking. He was a “jack-of-all-trades.” Monroe would craft items, such as jewelry and salt and pepper shakers, by hand from deer antlers.

Monroe was a member of the Cypress Baptist Church, where he had served as a Sunday school teacher, song leader and custodian.

A graveside service will be conducted Monday afternoon, May 19, 2025, at 1 P.M. at the Mound City National Cemetery. Pastor Jack Richardson will officiate.

Military honors will be accorded by the Villa Ridge American Legion Post # 178.

Inurnment will follow.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 10 A.M. until 12 Noon at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the ALS Association, 1300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 600, Arlington, Virginia 22209 or online at www.als.org

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery

Hwy Junction of Rts 37 & 51
Mound City, IL

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

MAY 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Graveside Service

MAY 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

National Cemetery
Hwy Junction of Rts 37 & 51
Mound City, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Monroe Douglas*



Bailey Funeral Home - May 19, 2025 at 04:12 PM

JJ

Love this so much!

Josh & Jessie - May 19, 2025 at 07:32 PM

SF

“ *Sam and Pam Richardson and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Monroe Douglas.*



Sam and Pam Richardson and family - May 16, 2025 at 05:43 PM

CH

“ *Sorry for your Loss Monrie was a good man prayers to you and the Family God bless you all*

Curtis L Huckelberry - May 15, 2025 at 08:45 AM

K(

Thank you

Katharina Harris (Douglas) - May 15, 2025 at 03:46 PM

WK

“ *Our prayers and thoughts for the family.*



Wayne and Kathy - May 14, 2025 at 05:50 PM

JM

Our prayers and comfort for our families. 🙏🙏❤️❤�🙏🙏

Jerry and Sharon Mizell - May 14, 2025 at 09:10 PM

MC

*I'm so sorry to hear this prayers gong out to all of our family members
May you rest n peace in Heaven love you your cousin Mary Douglas*

Mary Crespo - May 14, 2025 at 10:55 PM

KH

Thank you.

Katharina Harris-Douglas - May 15, 2025 at 03:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
William Monroe Douglas.*



May 14, 2025 at 01:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Monroe Douglas.*

May 14, 2025 at 01:28 PM

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“ *Maria*
I am sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts. We grow up together and I love you like a sister. My God be with you all during this time



Bonnie Simar (Dennis) - May 14, 2025 at 01:25 PM

BA

“ *Bill Alsip lit a candle in memory of William Monroe Douglas*



Bill Alsip - May 14, 2025 at 12:46 PM

LC

“ *Very sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed my time with Monroe. He always had a smile and kind words.*

Larry Choate - May 14, 2025 at 11:05 AM

LH

“ *Lonnie Hinton lit a candle in memory of William Monroe Douglas*



Lonnie Hinton - May 14, 2025 at 10:26 AM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jeffress lit a candle in memory of William Monroe Douglas*



Barbara Jeffress - May 14, 2025 at 12:23 AM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of William Monroe Douglas*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - May 13, 2025 at 10:00 PM

VE

“ *Vicki Eastwood lit a candle in memory of William Monroe Douglas*



Vicki Eastwood - May 13, 2025 at 09:24 PM

KL

“ *So grateful our little man got to meet and spend time with his PeePaw. He was an amazing man and we are going to miss him every single day. Love you Grandpa!*



Kortney Lang - May 13, 2025 at 09:14 PM

MM

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Maria Mills - May 13, 2025 at 05:24 PM