



Douglas Pomrenke

June 16, 1964 - January 28, 2020

On January 28, 2020, Douglas Mark Pomrenke's gentle soul rose up from his wheel-chair bound (earthly) body and walked hand-in-hand with Jesus Christ and an escort of angels through heaven's gates. It was a magnificent homecoming. A "race well run."

Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place on Monday, February 3, 2020 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Doug's earthly journey began on June 16, 1964, when he was born to Roger and Kathy Pomrenke. He attended Storm Lake School and graduated in the Special Education program. After graduating, Doug attended various sheltered workshops in Rock Valley, Sac City, and Storm Lake.

On the home front, Doug was the family hero. He had the courage and the will to get up each morning and face formidable challenges; and he did so with unbelievable patience, incredible faith and a humble and joyful heart. He was an amazing example and inspiration to everyone he touched.

Doug had a heart of gold and a God-given gift for helping others and making them laugh with his jokes and pranks. He made it an art-form and practiced it daily. As a resident of the Newell Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Doug often comforted those in need by holding their hand, singing a song or simply and silently being there to share their grief or pain. He will always be known for his gentle pat on the shoulder while looking you in the eye and asking “How ya been.” His sparkling brown eyes and charismatic smile will be missed.

Doug’s favorite memories center around family and friends. Doug was always ready to share a cup of coffee or an adult beverage while visiting -especially with his parents and siblings. He beamed with joy when he was crowned “King” at the Good Samaritan Home on several occasions. He was proud of his “office” where he displayed his ever-growing pop tab collection and spent countless hours painting his infamous velvet pictures for his family. Doug was always ready for a joke or to pull a prank and then would chuckle and point his finger and try to blame it on someone else.

Doug loved music -whether it was listening to his favorite tunes or singing “You are so beautiful” to his Mom. And on your birthday, Doug made it special when he sang “Happy Birthday”. His fellow residents also received this personal gift. Doug would often turn up the volume on his music just to get a reaction from someone.

Doug was so very proud of “Doug’s Bus”- his very own set of wheels. He loved to ride around the lake, check out the “scenery” at the beach and finally stop at Puff’s for a cold one. His never-ending smile reflected how he loved the freedom his bus provided and his many adventurous road trips.

If you knew Doug, you counted yourself blessed. He brought meaning to The Beatitudes. And when you were close to him, you somehow felt closer to God.

Doug will be greatly missed by his parents, Roger and Kathy Pomrenke, Lakeside, siblings: Sandi (Rick) Ehrhardt, Carol (Gary) Ihnen, Nancy (Paul) Wright, Denise (Dave) Seitsinger, Jason (Kristy) Pomrenke; his maternal grandmother Zita Thiele; many nieces and nephews, extended family; and the incredible, caring staff and residents at Newell Good Samaritan Home.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Tommy and Dan, grandparents Edwin Thiele; August and Rosella Pomrenke, aunts Marlys Thiele, Mary Clare Nilles, Cheryl Thiele and uncles Roger Thiele and Ed Pomrenke.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Funeral Mass

FEB 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas Pomrenke*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 03, 2020 at 10:51 AM

TC

“ *Tim And Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke*



Tim and Pegi Cavanaugh - February 04, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *I feel truly blessed to have known & taken care of Doug when I worked at the Newell Good Samaritan Center. He was a smart, very witty & gentle guy who had a heart of gold. God bless his family for sharing him at Newell, & May God be with you in your sorrow. RIP DOUGIE!*



Sonia Haahr - February 04, 2020 at 03:35 AM

BG

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss of your son prayers and love to your family. Beverly Gustafson I'm here if you need anything

beverly gustafson - February 03, 2020 at 07:08 PM

Terra Sheehan-Sievers

“ Terra Sheehan-Sievers lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



Terra Sheehan-Sievers - February 03, 2020 at 05:17 PM

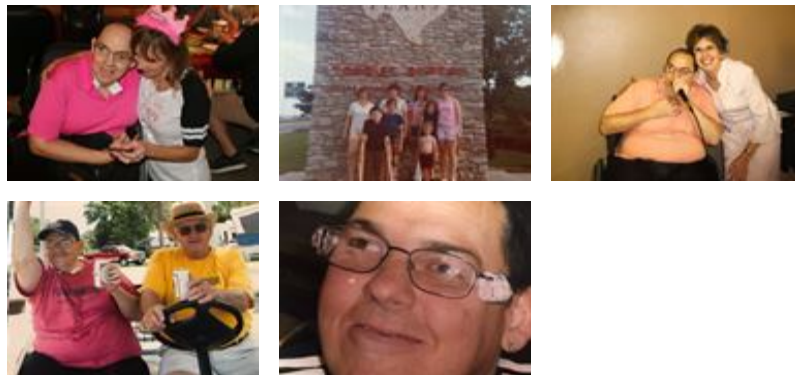


“ Doug was one in a million. He was always ready with a prank or a smile for his "family" at Good Samaritan in Newell. He will be truly missed by all that knew him. Heaven gained a wonderful soul! He is surrounded there by all the friends and family that went before him and I know that Heaven is full of laughter right now because of him.

Steven Smith - February 03, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ 181 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 03, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 03, 2020 at 09:55 AM

DO

“ Diane Overmohle lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



Diane Overmohle - February 02, 2020 at 03:47 PM

AF

“ Amy Frehse lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



Amy Frehse - January 31, 2020 at 10:17 PM

PO

“ Doug was a great guy, always positive. He will be missed!!

Pat O'Leary - January 31, 2020 at 09:17 PM

PO

“ Pat O’Leary lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



Pat O’Leary - January 31, 2020 at 09:15 PM



“ I will never forget the huge grin on his face when I sat at my desk and he had placed a whoopie cushion on my chair...there was also the giant rubber spider that he hid in my office. I haven’t known Doug for very long but I’m so grateful that I got the chance to know him. He always brought so much warmth and happiness to those around him and he will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers to Kathy and the whole family.

Elizabeth Mescher - January 30, 2020 at 09:03 PM

LS

“ Sure do miss seeing you, you always made me laugh. Fly high Doug, my thoughts and prayers to your family.



Leigh Schultz - January 30, 2020 at 04:14 PM

SC

“ Samantha Corrin lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



Samantha Corrin - January 30, 2020 at 12:09 PM

JH

“ Jason&Shawn Holtgrewe lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



Jason&Shawn Holtgrewe - January 30, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Lisa Merten lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



Lisa Merten - January 30, 2020 at 09:33 AM

JC

“ John And Kim Clay lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



John and Kim Clay - January 29, 2020 at 08:36 PM

TC

“ Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - January 29, 2020 at 04:50 PM

DT

“ So many memories of Doug that make me smile. He was a special guy and will be missed by many.

Danis Thompson - January 29, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas Pomrenke.



January 29, 2020 at 03:12 PM

GF

“ Dougie or McDougal as I called him was always one of my favorite residents and friends, when I worked at Newell Good Samaritan. We shared so much laughter together and he was always one to pull a prank on some staff member. He will always be in my heart, never to be forgotten. Heaven has welcomed an amazing angel!
Glenda Francis

Glenda Hase Francis - January 29, 2020 at 02:47 PM

MF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Doug's family.



marla friedrichsen - January 29, 2020 at 02:18 PM

MB

“ I hold so many fun memories of Doug in my heart. So blessed to know him...he definitely touched many people. God bless you all.



Mary Baskerville - January 29, 2020 at 01:16 PM

JC

“ Jeff And Jean Chindlund sent a virtual gift in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - January 29, 2020 at 12:11 PM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



John/Connie Demers - January 29, 2020 at 11:49 AM

PG

“ PATTY GUNVILLE lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



PATTY GUNVILLE - January 29, 2020 at 11:29 AM

PG

“ PEACE & PRAYER IN THE LOSS OF YOUR SON, DOUG. MAY HE JOIN HIS BROTHER AS ANOTHER ANGEL, IN HEAVEN WITH GOD. PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY TOO.

LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - January 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM

SK

“ Shirley Kelley lit a candle in memory of Douglas Pomrenke



Shirley Kelley - January 29, 2020 at 08:43 AM

CS

“ Going to miss my pranking partner!!! Your presence is most definitely missed!! RIP king Doug

Cassie Steadman - January 29, 2020 at 08:18 AM

JT

“ We all loved Doug! Everyone on that school bus would have done anything for him. Life was better because Doug was there. He made us smile, he had a contagious positive outlook. He made us all better people. God Bless him.

Jim Toohey - January 29, 2020 at 06:34 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Douglas Pomrenke.*



January 29, 2020 at 06:29 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas Pomrenke.*



January 28, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ *Doug was the kindest most caring person. He was very funny, too. We will miss him, but he has a very special place in Heaven now!*



Jan/Frank Klahs - January 28, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Doug. Praying for you Roger, Kathy and Family.*

Mike and Patty Heuton

MIKE AND PATTY HEUTON - January 28, 2020 at 05:03 PM