



Douglas L. Begraft

March 9, 1938 - March 30, 2025

Douglas Begraft, 87 years old, joined those loved ones who passed before him on Sunday, March 30, 2025.

Doug was born at home in Sparta NJ to the late Fred and Ruth Begraft. He went to Newton High School followed by four years serving in the Air Force. He served in Japan for part of that time. Doug received Good Conduct Medals and was honorably discharged in 1962. He attended Farleigh Dickerson University at night while working full time for Thatcher Glass. From there he worked at Ciba Geigy until an early retirement. Then he worked at Roche Diagnostics until his full retirement. Doug was a cost accountant. He spent his retirement with his wife Judy and spending time with his family. He was often found babysitting his grandchildren, reading and visiting Maine.

Doug was an avid reader and would often eat his breakfast with a book at the table with him when he was working. He would read every night too when he was employed. After retiring he got to read whenever he wanted and enjoyed many suspense books. His favorite author was John Grisham.

Rangeley, Maine was a huge part of his life. He first went there in 1948. The family built a cabin on a hill overlooking the lake in 1960. Doug went there practically every year up until his death. He enjoyed hiking the many trails in his younger years and just enjoying the beautiful scenery as he aged.

Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his son, Craig Douglas Begraft and his beloved second wife, Judith. He leaves behind three children; Cary and his wife, Lyn Begraft, daughter, Christa and her husband, Ken Fuchs and daughter, Cathy Roy and the love of her life Mobian Precious; brothers, Donald and Dennis and five grandchildren. Doug will also be deeply missed by his stepchildren: Catherine Wilbur and her husband Barry of Manville, Christine Weikel and her husband Gary of Manville, Judy Peters and her husband John of Wenonah and Bil Margle and his wife JoAnn of Bridgewater, 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He will also be thought of and missed by many others who knew, cared for and loved him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend viewing at Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, NJ 07461 on Friday, April 4 from 5-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 10:30 at the funeral home. Internment will be following at North Hardyston Cemetery 3312 Route 94, Hamburg NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Rangeley Public Library, PO Box 1150, 7 Lake Street, Rangeley ME 04970-1150. Online condolences may be made to www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

North Hardyston Cemetery

Route 94
Hardyston, NJ 07419

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Sonny & Judy Wright lit a candle in memory of Douglas L. Begraft* ”



Sonny & Judy Wright - April 08, 2025 at 09:48 PM

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“ *Judy, Sonny & Judy Wright lit a candle in memory of Douglas L. Begraft* ”



Judy, Sonny & Judy Wright - April 08, 2025 at 09:46 PM