



## Douglas E. Edgington

August 14, 1959 - January 8, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of Doug Edgington announces that he came to his "end of watch" on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the age of 59 years. Doug will be remembered lovingly by his wife of 29 years, Beth, who, as he always said, was "the love of his life" and his sons Robbie and Danny, of whom he was tremendously proud, who are also both "brothers in arms" with him as they carry on their dad's legacy of serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. Doug will also be missed and remembered lovingly by his parents, Jane Edgington and Jack (Katy) Edgington, his brother Judson (Stacey) Edgington, his sisters Jill (Hank) Pyles and Dee Dee (Tim) Roby, his niece Janey (Billy) Sites, nephew John Pyles and many others including aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and colleagues. Doug was preceded in death by his grandparents Laura and Harley "Gene" Edgington, and Gertrude and Alonzo Granger, and his mother- and father-in-law John and Edie Lusher.

Everyone who knew Doug knows what a big, generous heart he had and that he was "mission oriented"; thus, his primary mission in life was to serve others. Doug loved the USA and proudly served his country in the Marines as an 0311A in the Infantry, and in the U.S. Army Reserve as a Criminal Investigator and Protective Service Agent, retiring from his 27 year military career in the Reserves as a Chief Warrant Officer 3. Doug was dedicated to his local community, as well, and dedicated his life to the citizens close to home serving as a first responder throughout his civilian career. Doug retired from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office at the rank of Major with 32 years of

service. Of course, although he was retired, Doug could not sit idle, so he joined the Hocking County Sheriff's Office, where he served as a deputy and polygraph examiner, while holding a full-time position as a deputy bailiff for security in the Franklin County Municipal Courts, and working as a range instructor at LEPD Firearms & Range.

Throughout his military career, Doug fulfilled assignments including Infantryman, Fire Team Leader, Squad Leader, Platoon Guide, Platoon Sergeant, Military Policeman, Criminal Investigator, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Mission Special Agent in Charge, and Team Chief. In addition to his work in the U. S. Army Reserves, Doug was deployed twice as a result of the terrorist attacks on 9/11, serving two years on active duty from September 11, 2001 through October 31, 2003. During his first deployment, he carried out Protective Service missions throughout the world. His second deployment had him stationed in Iraq. Because of his dedication to service, he earned many decorations, badges and awards, including:

Bronze Star

Combat Action Badge

Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster indicating awarded multiple times)

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

National Defense Service Medal

National Defense Service Medal (with star indicating awarded multiple times)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" device for "special sacrifice in service to the Nation of Reserve component members who volunteer for and serve on active duty, or who are called or ordered to active duty in support of a

contingency operation.")

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 1st Bronze Hourglass indicating 10 years of service)

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Oak Leaf Clusters)

Army Commendation Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Organized Marine Corps Reserve Medal

Army Service Ribbon

NCO Professional Development Ribbon (w/numeral 2)

Expert Qualification Badge (rifle, pistol, and submachine gun)

Throughout Doug's civilian careers, he served as a volunteer firefighter with the Jackson Twp. Fire Dept. in Grove City, OH, then joined the Franklin County Sheriff's Office where he worked in many divisions, including corrections, patrol, court services, and the detective bureau. His zeal to serve and protect led him to take on additional responsibilities at the Sheriff's Office that included service as a rescue diver, SWAT officer, Tactical officer, medic, Patrol Division Training officer, and instructor with Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. In addition to his law enforcement training, he also held credentials as a Certified Law Enforcement Manager, Certified Jail Manager, and Polygraph Examiner. Again, because of his dedication to service, he earned numerous awards for his civilian work, including:

Certified Law Enforcement Managers Medal

Certificate of Merit Medal

Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command

SWAT Medic's Badge

Safe Driving Medal

Tactical Entry Team Badge

Medal of Merit

National recognition on the television show Top Cops on CBS

Purple Heart for wounds sustained from being under fire

Medal of Valor for bravery under fire

Rescue Diver's Badge

Doug's love for serving extended into his personal life, too, especially when it came to his sons Robbie and Danny. As a Boy Scout, himself, when he was young, Doug realized the value of Scouting and had a passion for it. Not only did he encourage his own sons to get involved in Boy Scouts, he was actively involved for many years, too, serving as, first, an Assistant Scoutmaster, then Scoutmaster for BSA Troop 295 in Upper Arlington. In addition to guiding his own sons to the rank of Eagle Scout, he mentored many other boys from the troop, encouraging them to earn their Eagle Scout rank, as well. In typical Doug fashion, he assumed additional roles within Scouting, with one of the most notable being that of furthering Catholic Scouting by maintaining the position of Religious Emblem Coordinator. He held qualifications to be a merit badge counselor for many of the merit badges that Scouts can earn, as well. Doug was also involved in some of the adult scouting programs, especially the BSA Woodbadge program. As with other elements of his life, Doug earned recognition and awards for his volunteer service to the Boy Scouts of America, including:

Numerous "mentor" pins presented to him from Scouts in the troop.

The "Bridge Builder Award", which is designed to recognize the adult leader who has bridged the gap between the adult and youth members of Scouting. A nominee for this award must have rendered noteworthy service to boys or Scouting at their unit or district level.

The "James E. West Fellowship Award" for individuals who make a significant contribution to their local council endowment trust fund.

Doug is a graduate of Grove City High School and Ohio Dominican University, where he also earned awards for his work earning his Bachelor's degree in the criminal justice field.

As would be no surprise to anyone who knew Doug, he embraced his Irish heritage and was a member of several organizations, including the Shamrock Club, Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Knights of Columbus, and the St. Timothy Men's Club. Doug's hobbies included scouting, camping, reading and traveling with his wife and sons.

In his own words, and in his spirit and love of serving others, Doug's recent life mission and philosophy was, "I plan on leaving the US Army Reserve upon reaching my mandatory retirement date, and I aspire to perform in whatever role I can best serve the citizens of the United States, and the Great State of Ohio."

Because of the wide variety of Doug's pursuits in life, in lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to a charity of your choice in his memory.

Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC will be Doug's final resting place. His inurnment with full military honors will take place in December of 2019.

# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Washington, DC

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

JAN 14. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
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## Prayer Service

JAN 14. 8:30 PM (ET)

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## Military Honors

JAN 14. 8:45 PM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Timothy Catholic Church  
1088 Thomas Lane  
Columbus, OH 43220

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas E. Edgington*



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**Rutherford Funeral Homes** - January 12, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ *I haven't thought about Doug in almost 50 years. I knew him in high school. We went rock climbing together with another friend (Brad). I believe Brad joined the Marines with him. I took another path but joined the Marines in 1980. I'm sorry to hear of his passing. Semper Fi. Chuck Brown*

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**Chuck Brown** - December 21, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ *Douglas E. Edgington*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

Lori  
Lorenz

“ Beth, I only just heard about Doug's passing today. If I'd known sooner I would have contacted you and come to his service. My God, I was there when you met him.. remember? I was there at your wedding.. you took a broom handle to the tent in your wedding dress to, what, get the rain to drain or something? Such wonderful memories. You deserved to find happiness and I'm so glad you did. You can carry that for the rest of your life. I still consider you my friend. I am thinking of you. Lori Clevenger Lorenz

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Lori Lorenz - June 29, 2019 at 08:30 PM

KR

“ So sorry to hear this about Doug. He and his family were our neighbors while living on Endicott Road when we were both in elementary school.  
Rest in Peace, Doug, as my thoughts and prayers are with your family, friends and colleagues.  
Sincerely yours,  
Kathleen Radcliff

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Kathleen Radcliff - January 17, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.



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January 16, 2019 at 09:47 AM

KW

“ Beth and Family: I'm so sorry for your loss. Doug will be sorely missed around the County. I have known Doug over the many years of his service at the Courthouse. He was always a pleasure to work with in the good ol' days and then running into him again at Muni. Ct. always brightened my day. He always had a smile to share and something whimsical to say. I will miss his larger than life personality! May God comfort you and your family and all his many friends at this time of need. RIP Doug! God Bless!<https://s3.amazonaws.com/storage.lifetributes.com/Gifts/AmericanFlag.png>



Karen & Ed Waldrop - January 15, 2019 at 09:48 AM

DF

“ Dennis & Jackie Feller lit a candle in memory of Douglas E. Edgington



Dennis & Jackie Feller - January 14, 2019 at 07:07 PM

LJ

“ What a wonderful Dad as we watched him raise two fantastic sons! Our condolences go out to Beth and the Boys..

Laurie & Jack Jenny - January 14, 2019 at 05:52 PM

SK

“ *Our heart felt condolences to the family and friends of Doug Edgington. We knew him as the voice that added depth and warmth to our church choir at Holy Ressurrection Church . He will be greatly missed by so many. May he rest in peace and know Gods glory.*

*Salim and Stephanie Khalife*

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**Salim Khalife** - January 14, 2019 at 02:24 PM

SK

“ *SALIM KHALIFE lit a candle in memory of Douglas E. Edgington*



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**SALIM KHALIFE** - January 14, 2019 at 02:14 PM

SS

*To Doug's family, we are so sorry for your loss. We lived across the street from Doug years ago and remember him as such a nice person with a big personality. Prayers to family and friends.*

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**Sally and Todd Shane** - January 17, 2019 at 02:24 PM

PD

“ I first met Doug when he came to work with us at L.E.P.D. Firearms, Range and Training Facility. With Doug’s knowledge and experience he was a great asset for our business. We all knew that he retired from Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, but no one had knowledge of his vast experience and commendations he earned while serving his country in the military and then as a Law Enforcement Officer. I spoke with and had many conversations with Doug while he worked at the store. He never mentioned his past to me and to my knowledge, no one else in the store. He is truly a humble individual and a good person.

As mentioned on our weekly radio program last Saturday, Doug was the voice of a leprechaun on St. Patrick’s Day and Santa Clause at Christmas. I had texted Doug and once again asked if he could call in to the show and play Santa Clause right before this last Christmas. That is when I found out that he was in the hospital. Doug will be missed by all of us at L.E.P.D. My condolences go out to Beth and the boys. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.  
Phil Delbert

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**Phil Delbert** - January 14, 2019 at 01:20 PM

GL

“ Our love and sympathy to you Beth and the entire family. A very special family member Doug will be remembered as making an amazing contribution to his family and his country in the Military and in his local community life. With Love Gloria and Stan Lusher

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**Gloria Stan Lusher** - January 14, 2019 at 10:46 AM

JL

“ Doug was a good law enforcement officer and friend of Mark McGlone and I. I remember we used to tease him about the diving watch he used to wear which came in handy in later years.

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**Jeff Lanning** - January 14, 2019 at 10:17 AM

JS

“ My deepest sympathies on your loss. Doug was a wonderful person and a great asset to our Court. He was very helpful to me during a recent incident at Court . I am truly saddened by his death and will miss seeing him at work. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Judge Amy Salerno

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**Judge Amy Salerno** - January 14, 2019 at 10:15 AM

LN

“ Lu Ann & Dale Nau lit a candle in memory of Douglas E. Edgington



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**Lu Ann & Dale Nau** - January 13, 2019 at 09:52 PM

RS

“ Rosanne & Jim Sutton lit a candle in memory of Douglas E. Edgington



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**Rosanne & Jim Sutton** - January 13, 2019 at 11:48 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



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January 12, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ *Dear Beth, Robbie, and Danny,*

*We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your amazing husband/father. His deep love and devotion to family, tireless service to his church, community and to this great country are unparalleled. The listing of his awards and honors is impressive in that he was always so humble, you would never know how accomplished he was. He had a fantastic Irish brogue and larger-than-life upbeat personality. He will be greatly missed by many here and around the world.*

*Ed, Maureen, Connor & Tommy Geraghty*

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**Maureen Geraghty** - January 12, 2019 at 05:02 PM



*Beth I'am so sorry to hear about Doug. My deepest sympathy and prayers for you and your boys. Sincerely Patty Goldsmith*

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**Patty Goldsmith** - January 12, 2019 at 08:03 PM



*I met and worked with Doug in the Boy Scouts. He was great to work with and had a great sense of humor. I am sorry to hear of his passing - may he rest in peace. Mike Munsch*

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**Mike Munsch** - January 13, 2019 at 02:02 PM

LP

“*Doug was one year ahead of me in school. I had several classes with him and remember him fondly. He became my stepmother’s stepson. His obituary is amazing. What an accomplished life. Jack and family you all must be so very proud of him. I grieve for your loss. I will keep you in my prayers. May you find comfort in your memories. Laura*

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**Laura Robison Petersheim** - January 12, 2019 at 01:33 PM

CB

“*My condolences to the family of Doug Edgington. My mother was Juanita Edgington, and her brothers Joseph and Ralph Edgington lived in Columbus. It's possible we're related since I do remember a Gene Edgington at my uncle's funeral. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Carolyn Burgess-Scott** - January 12, 2019 at 12:45 PM



“*Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



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January 12, 2019 at 11:04 AM

CC

“*Always enjoyed talking to Doug at the Courthouse, great guy, my deepest sympathy to Doug's family.*

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**charles canterbury** - January 12, 2019 at 10:41 AM

SF

“ *Shandon Carbo & Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



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**Shandon Carbo & Family** - January 12, 2019 at 10:30 AM



“ *Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



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January 12, 2019 at 09:20 AM

BA

“ *Beth, my gosh! I am saddened by your profound loss. Sending thoughts of comfort and peace to you, your boys, and your family.*

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**Barry Alcock** - January 12, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



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January 11, 2019 at 07:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



January 11, 2019 at 06:01 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



January 11, 2019 at 04:19 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



January 11, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ *Brenda K. Walker purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



**Brenda K. Walker** - January 11, 2019 at 01:55 PM

BW

“ *Brenda K. Walker purchased the Garden Accent Stone Personalized - 'Those we have held' for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



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**Brenda K. Walker** - January 11, 2019 at 01:48 PM

CG

“ *To the Edgington family*

*I had the pleasure of working with Doug and his mother many years. He will definitely be missed.*

*Prayers for peace and comfort during your time of grieving. Time will eventually ease your pain, but memories will always remain.*

*RIP Brother*



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**Cathy Green** - January 11, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



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January 11, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



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January 11, 2019 at 10:43 AM



“ *Craig and I send our most sincere condolences at this difficult time. Our hearts go out to Beth and her sons. We had only begun to get to know this larger-than-life man. We are heartsick at his loss.*

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**Barbara James** - January 11, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



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January 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM

JC

“ *Beth, Robbie and Danny,*

*We extend our deepest condolences on Doug's passing, and will sorely miss Doug. He was a man of gargantuan spirit, full of life and a deep and generous faith always at the ready to help anyone. I will miss this burly heartwarming gracious mountain of a man, so full of vim and vigor. He was truly one of a kind!*

*Doug, rest in peace friend:  
May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*Much love and peace, Jim and Kate Connors*

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**Jim Connors** - January 11, 2019 at 09:24 AM

TD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Doug's family. Remember the night that his watch stopped a bullet. Doug could be any deputy's best friend. Great to share a story or joke with. All were blessed to have known him over the years.*



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**Terry & Barbara Dountz** - January 11, 2019 at 09:18 AM

Lori Lorenz

*We called him Seiko Man ❤️*

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**Lori Lorenz** - June 29, 2019 at 08:39 PM

JP

“ *Jim Petrosky lit a candle in memory of Douglas E. Edgington*



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**Jim Petrosky** - January 11, 2019 at 08:58 AM

JP

*I had the pleasure of working with Doug for several years always had a smile on his face and a great guy as a back-up! Soar high with the Angels Brother! Rest in Peace Doug!*

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**Jim Petrosky** - January 11, 2019 at 09:00 AM

WM

“ *Dough was a very good friend and co- worker. Worked and had a lot of fun with Doug many years ,he will be missed . Prayers to the family.  
And i know that Doug is up there running the show as that's what he did so well here.  
Doug may you R.I.P. we will take care of things here.*

*Bill & Sue McCoy*

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**William A McCoy** - January 11, 2019 at 07:43 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Douglas E. Edgington.*



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January 11, 2019 at 07:29 AM

MP

“ *My condolences to Doug's family. He will be missed here at the courthouse. His friendship has been a blessing over the last 30 years. From patrol to the courthouse.*

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**Michael Plumb** - January 11, 2019 at 07:01 AM

AM

“ *Doug was a dedicated deputy and a very good friend. Also a warrior for his country. I will always remember when he came home from the war zone in the Middle East. He gave us all a bear hug before we could say 'welcome home.' Always ready to go the extra mile and a great team player. Lots of laughs when things weren't too serious. Condolences to the family.*

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**ALAN MANN** - January 10, 2019 at 10:47 PM

JL

“ *A great man, a great leader and a great friend. He sacrificed so much for all of us. I am honored and blessed to have known Doug. He enhanced our lives in so many ways. May God bless and comfort Beth, Robbie and Danny during this difficult time and remember that we are here for you. We will never forget him.*  
*Jim Lamb*

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**Jim Lamb** - January 10, 2019 at 05:24 PM