



Douglass Ferguson

May 21, 2009

FERGUSON Douglass W. Ferguson, age 39, of Columbus, Ohio, lost his battle with cancer on May 21, 2009. Doug was preceded in death by his grandparents Harold and Mary Ferguson and Helen Sumney. He is survived by his wife, Jennie (Kreider), his mother Cheryl (Sumney) Ferguson, his father H. Rodney Ferguson and wife Laurie, his brothers Tadd Ferguson (Gisela) and Brent Ferguson (Elizabeth), step-sister Tenisha Farrow (Lutul), his grandfather Norman Sumney, and his nieces and nephews. He graduated from Miami University, BA, 1993 and attended Akron Firestone High School, 1988. Doug worked for Forest Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for the past 10 years and enjoyed traveling, skiing, golfing and OSU football. A memorial service will be held on May 26, 2009 at 4 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1581 Cambridge Blvd, Columbus, Ohio. A reception celebrating Doug's life will be held following the memorial service in lieu of calling hours at Confluence Park, 679 Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio. A fund will be established in Doug's honor and contributions may be made at a future time. Doug was a wonderful husband, son, brother, friend and person who will be greatly missed by all those who knew him. Arrangements by RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio.

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglass Ferguson*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Dear Ferguson Family and especially Jennie, I was heartbroken to hear of Doug's passing. I just returned from a 3-week trip down the Grand Canyon and am so deeply saddened that I could not join you for the services. Doug was an incredibly special person, and it was an honor to call him my friend. Just before I left for the Grand Canyon, I sent Doug an email letting him know that I was thinking of him. I don't know if he received it, but it captures what he meant to me. I have cut and pasted it below. My thoughts and love are with you all. - Tim Macdonald * * * * * May 13, 2009 Dear Douglass, I remember writing you a letter when we were 15 or 16 years old, after you had moved to Akron, and saying that I felt lucky to be able to say that I would always have one true friend in this world. I hope you know that that is still true. Although I have not been very good at staying in touch over the years, my thoughts are still with you and your family. From the days at Sunday school to skating on the creek behind your parents' house out in the country, I always valued our friendship more than you can know. After our visit to Miami during the summer of our junior year, I knew that I wanted you to be my roommate and that we would go to Miami together. Although those days feel like a lifetime ago, they are still with me, as is our friendship. As my 20-month old daughter (Fiona) continues to grow, I hope that she will find friendship like ours. I know that you are battling right now and can't imagine how tough it must be, but trust that we are out here thinking of you. As we grow older, I'm not sure that we ever develop again the type of friendships that we had when we were 12 or 13. I will always treasure you, my friend. If there is anything that I can do, please let me know. Thinking of you, Tim*

Tim Macdonald - June 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Ferguson Family and especially Jennie, We remember so many good times in Manhattan, at Lake simcoe in Canada and with the two sons at Miami University together 20 years ago. We are so sorry to learn of Doug's death almost 2 weeks ago. May you have strength to carry you through such sad and difficult times. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Also our love, Jackie and Michael.(Donnelly)

jackie Macdonald - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Doug and I were hired at the same time by Forest Labs and trained together back in May, 1999. We became friends and spent a lot of time together during that month of training--over the past 10 years, we kept up well considering he lived in Columbus and I lived in Nashville. Doug was a fun-loving, caring, thoughtful, intelligent guy who always brightened my day with his optimistic outlook and selfless nature. I'll miss him a great deal and feel blessed to have a friendship with him.

Matt Jennings - June 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Cheryl and Rod and families, Gary and I are praying for you and your families. I may only remember Doug as a young child, but the memories are sweet. He grew into such a handsome man. The video portrayed a very happy and fulfilled life, a beautiful wife and numerous friends and hobbies. We should all be so blessed. Sally has kept me informed. Always, Jackie

Jackie (Eckles) Mostyn - May 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“*Doug, we will all miss you but you live on in our hearts...we are all better people because you were in our lives. I love you, cousin! Jennie, you are amazing and I know he loved you deeply. You are still in my prayers. Love, Debbie Kansas Cousin*

Debbie Lyons - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NH

“*Dear Jennie, Cheryl, Rod, Laurie, Tadd, Gisela, Brent and Elizabeth, You all continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. I want to thank you for putting together the lovely and touching video commemorating Doug's life. He was incredible -- a man of faith and optimism, with an indomitable spirit. The Habluetzel Family will never, ever forget him! I wish you comfort and peace in the confidence that we will all be reunited in the next life. With deep sympathy and love, Nancy*

Nancy Habluetzel - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“*I am so very sorry to hear of Doug's untimely passing. I remember him and Tadd & Brent from our days on the Manhattan Marlins swim team back in the 80's. My thoughts are with all your family and friends during this difficult time.*

Brandi Butler - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and will continue to be in the months ahead. The Ferguson boys have always had a special place in my heart ,as I had the privilege of being their babysitter in East Liverpool. I will always smile when I think of them in their little cowboy boots. Doug always had an impish smile on his face and won me over from the start. Please know that your family is surrounded by our love and prayers. Dianne[Gaston]Holland and family

Dianne Gaston Holland - May 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Doug was our drug rep for the senior health center at Riverside Hospital. I personally enjoyed each short visit we had. He told me about his recurrent cancer and had so much hope for the future. If I recall correctly he was looking forward to buying or building a new home in the Upper Arlington area. He particularly spoke highly of his wife and how life serves up new plans, but somehow we cope and move on. I do hope that Doug had a peaceful death. I do know that he loved his time on earth, but I am sad that he could not become a father as he had hoped for. I am a nurse at Riverside Hospital, a mother, a grandmother and wife, so please accept my condolences. May God give you strength to move forward. Doug was a remarkable man and a great role mode.

Jean Yaretts, RN - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ In Hoc Brother Doug...travel well. See you again in the chapter eternal...my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Bart Zimmerman - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Dear Cheryl and Family We would just like to send our thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time. May God's presence truly be felt and may He comfort you.

Jim & Sharon England - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Cheryl, Rod and Family...our deepest sympathies for your loss. Many happy memories flood our minds from our East Liverpool times together. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this sorrowful time. God Bless.

Cathy & Jim Platte - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dear Jennie, Please know that the entire Hospice team sends our deepest sympathy. I had hoped to come to the service today, but my schedule did not clear in time for me to get there. I will keep your family in my prayers and will give you a call in a couple of weeks. God's Peace Be With You, Patricia

Patricia A. Stout HomeReach Hospice Chaplain - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Ferguson family for the pain that they have endured over the past few weeks. I did not know Doug, but knowing his father, H.R. Ferguson, I am sure that Doug was wonderful person.

June Boyles - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Jennie and the entire Ferguson Family - I had the good fortune to work with Doug at PageNet years ago and became his friend. Doug's enthusiasm and upbeat personality made him the kind of person people just wanted to be around. At this very sad time, please know that there many people like me who knew Doug and send along our thoughts and prayers to you.

Pete Bonfini - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Jennie, and all of Doug's family~ I worked with Doug at PageNet in the mid-90's. While I had not had contact with him in many years, my memories of him are very fond ... and strong in my mind. He was such a GENUINE person - and he made me laugh. I remember also, Doug talking happily about his brothers, Tadd and Brent, from time to time. May all of you find comfort in your memories of Doug. I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember him as a truly great guy. Peace.

Jill Peters - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I was fortunate enough to have Doug be one of my pledge brothers and one of my friends. He was one of the nicest and most genuine people that I have ever met and he will be greatly missed.

Peter Sowden - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Rod: I'd like to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your family during this difficult time. Having kids myself, I can't imagine what you're going through right now. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Mark Dorfman

mark dorfman - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Jennie and family of Doug, I wanted to express my deepest condolences on learning of the passing of Doug. Doug and I met at Forest around 8 years ago, and even though I live in Virginia, we kept in contact - not about Forest, but important things - football, Emerald Isle NC, family, etc. We didn't speak often enough, but I will miss those conversations. Doug was an awesome person. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Again, my deepest sympathies. Dean Burris

Dean Burris - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I had the pleasure of pledging Sigma Chi with Doug and will always carry very fond memories of all the great times we had together. Doug always had a smile and warm greeting for everyone, and he will be greatly missed. I will always carry his memory in my thoughts and prayers.

Dave Pitfield - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Ferguson Family... Doug was an incredible man with an inner strength that we could only imagine to have in dealing with cancer over the past many years. I enjoyed all the time that I had with him golfing and playing cards over the past many years and my thoughts and prayers are with all as he passes through to his next journey

Bryan Bentley - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I had the pleasure of working with Doug at Forest over the past 8 years. He was always smiling, full of enthusiasm and a guy you wanted to be around. Even during his terrible battle with cancer, I never saw him without a smile. His strength is an inspiration to us all. My deepest condolences to the Ferguson family. Sincerely, Brian Belak

Brian Belak - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Doug lived next door to me freshman year at Miami University and was later a fraternity brother. Doug always had a smile on his face, always was interested in what we as his friends were up to, and was liked by everyone who knew him. My prayers are with him and his family.

Mike Hillyard - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ To my family, I wish I could be there to share in your grief. I love you all and will miss Doug. My childhood and adult life is filled with memories with Doug and I am blessed to have him as a cousin. My prayers and tears are with you. CPT Andrew Dula Honduras

Andrew Dula - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Rod and Laurie, Words can not express our thoughts during these difficult times. May you take comfort in the knowledge that Doug couldn't have been more blessed with two such wonderful people to call his parents. Our thoughts are with you during this painful time. With Sympathy - Leah, Ken Bruecker, Greg, Richard and the VMSG Family

Leah Basinais - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Rod and Family, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers in this time of great loss. With Sympathy and Love- Sally and Family

Sally Lynn and Family - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ We are very deeply saddened by the passing of Doug. Even though we only met him a few times, he seemed to be a very personable and nice young man. We are certain he will be missed by everyone who knew him. You have our deepest sympathy and continue in our thoughts and prayers. Tom and Jan

Tom and Jan Potter - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My deepest condolence. He was an excellent fraternity brother - kind, fun, and genuine. He and your family are in my prayers.

Marc Connor - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ I met Doug my freshman year at Miami. We lived in the same dormitory. Later we were fraternity brothers. He was one of the kindest and most sincere people I have ever met. He will be missed by all those that knew him.

Chris Drew - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Doug was a wonderful friend during our years at Miami in Sigma Chi.

Dustin Buecker - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“*Doug was a kind soul. As a member of my pledge class, I was privileged to call him my "brother". My condolences to everyone in Doug's family.*

Chris Shimala - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“*Rod and Laurie, I am so sorry to hear about the death of your son. My prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. God Bless, Jan Woods*

Jan Woods - May 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“*Dear Rod and Laurie, I am so very sorry for the passing of your son and for the weight you've had to bear these last months. Our prayers are with you, Janna Poll*

Janna Poll - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PS

“*Rod and Laurie, my deepest sympathy and condolences are with you at this time of loss and sorrow. Although I did not know Doug, what I know of you tells me that he was loved and blessed to be your son and you his parents. Jennie I am equally certain that you were a gift to Doug and that your love carried him through the toughest times. I hope that you all can take comfort in and lean on your faith and friends now and going forward. With Sympathy and Love, Pam Stevenson*

Pam Stevenson - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Cheryl, may God comfort your heart in this time of great sorrow. You are in my prayers. Blessings- Sharron

Sharron (Grant) Twining - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Dear Cheryl, Brent, Tadd and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy - Doug was a wonderful, fun, and caring friend. I have fond memories of him from middle school in Kansas and again in college at Miami. I will never forget him. My thoughts are with you at this difficult and sad time. Karen Eck

Karen Eck - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Cheryl, Sorry to hear of the passing of your son. Although I did not know him I do know the love of a mother for her son. I hope that you will find his spirit constant with you as each day passes and that as you "sing his song" remember him and all he touched on this earth journey. It is my prayer that tears will turn to smiles and laughter.

Susan Combs Deitsch - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Family, I am certain now that my nephew Doug's struggle in this world is over he is surrounded by Love surpassed by any we can imagine.... I'm also sure that his Grandma Mary and Grandpa Harold were among those first to greet him as he passed through Heaven's Gate.... Those of us he left behind will think of him often, miss him dearly, and rejoice when we meet him again on the other side!

Mary Lee Ferguson & Mike Colvin - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Jennie and Family, I will never forget Doug's courage and strength as he faced his most difficult health challenge. He was like an oak tree with you, Jennie, by his side. The love and strength you two gave to each other is an inspiration to us all. I watched Doug grow through the years and dearly loved him. We all will miss his genuine smile and boyish charm, but will never forget the happy times we have shared here at the ranch and at family gatherings. Aunt Janet and Uncle Frank*

Janet Ferguson Lyons and Frank Lyons - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM