



Douglas N. Cohen

August 24, 1956 - March 5, 2020

Douglas N. Cohen, 63, of Rockford died March 5, 2020. Born August 24, 1956 in Sedalia, Mo; son of Ralph and Phyllis (Dickman) Cohen. Doug was formerly employed at FedEx, Airborne Express and Lanter Courier. Doug's love of history started as a hobby, and quickly became a passion. He was a Rockford history buff and managed the website and Facebook page RockfordReminisce; a treasure trove of photos, documents and old postcards. His knowledge of Rockford history was unparalleled, and he was always willing to share with others and research local history. Doug attended FedEx school in Chicago, which was where he discovered his love of Portillos. He tired of driving to the suburbs for his favorite food and decided to take matters into his own hands. Doug collected over 8,000 signatures to present to the Portillos owners, imploring them to open a restaurant in Rockford. The grand opening was the largest the company has ever had. Doug has a booth in the restaurant named after him. Survived by his fiancée Lisa Johnson; brother, Jeff (Diane) Cohen; sister and brother-in-law, Sandy and Roy Miller; sister-in-law, Liz White; nieces and great-nieces, Sara, Jamie, Jody, Racheal, and Rayne; fur kids, Spring, Simone and Annie. Preceded in death by his parents; maternal grandparents, Leonard and Elsie Dickman and paternal grandparents, Louis and Mary Cohen. Visitation Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 5 pm to 7 pm at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services, 4301 N. Main St. Rockford. Additional visitation on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 11 am to 11:45 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Celebration of Life at noon.

Memorials in Doug's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Doug's family is grateful to Northern Illinois Hospice for their loving care. Interment in Arlington Memorial Park. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services
1340 South Alpine Road
Rockford, IL 61108

Visitation

MAR 11. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

MAR 11. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Arlington Memorial Park
6202 Charles Street
Rockford, IL

Tribute Wall

RO

“ Doug i will never forget you buddy, my first job was at famous recipe fried chicken on five points in Rockford il, Where you taught the fine art of frying chicken you were a great friend. saw my first real concert with you and many other things.....rest in peace my friend.

Roger - February 24, 2022 at 09:08 PM

RF

“ I wondered why I didn't see any more posts from Rockford Reminisce! I decided to search just now and am so sorry to learn of his passing! He did a wonderful thing for so many of us who'd never met him. Prayers for Douglas and for all his loved ones.

Ralph E Farmer - June 15, 2020 at 01:35 PM

DC

“ Sorry to hear this. I grew up with Doug on Cleveland Avenue and we shared way too many adventures to remember. Our gang was Jeff and Doug Cohen, Dick and Doug Crooks, Bob and Gary Sullivan, Dave Lodine (and younger brother Mike), Shawn Baxter, sometimes Pat McGirk and later Mike Verace.

dick crooks - April 20, 2020 at 11:08 AM

BL

“ Bill Lamps lit a candle in memory of Douglas N. Cohen



Bill lamps - March 11, 2020 at 06:25 AM



“ Never met Doug in person however I and countless other read and exchanged comments with him on his tireless webpage and Facebook page. Will miss him and all that he has done for Rockford. We felt like we really knew him.

Ross Stenberg - March 11, 2020 at 01:53 AM

LJ

Thank you Ross Stenberg

Lisa Johnson - April 04, 2020 at 07:06 AM



“ 88 files added to the album Life Tributes



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - March 10, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas N. Cohen.



March 10, 2020 at 01:13 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas N. Cohen.*



March 09, 2020 at 06:05 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Douglas N. Cohen.*



March 09, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas N. Cohen.*



March 08, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ *Dear Cohen family and friends. I am very sorry for your loss. Doug so good in sharing photos of Rockford, Rockford Reminisce and I would write to him, and he would answer. We miss you Doug,,R.I.P., Doug.*



Bill Lamps

bill lamps - March 07, 2020 at 10:43 AM

BL

“ Dear Cohen family and friends, I am very sorry for your loss, I feel sad. I was born and raised in Rockford. When I first saw some photos of Rockford in the past, I was so happy RockfordReminisce Doug shared them, adding Who Remembers. I would write to Doug requesting photos of some Rockford history. He was so kind to write back and say I will look. Sometimes he would ,write back, Maybe this is what you are looking for, or could not it, Doug was good to try and help. Maybe there will other photos of Rockford History. and Doug so good in sharing . You are missed, Doug, and may you rest in peace, R.I.P..

Dear Family and friends, thank you for sharing,

Sincerely, Bill Lamps



Bill Lamps - March 07, 2020 at 10:20 AM

LJ

Thank you Bill Lamps

Lisa Johnson - April 04, 2020 at 07:05 AM