



Doug Rapp

April 25, 1956 - December 22, 2021

Doug Rapp, 65, of Terril, passed away on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

A celebration of life will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Pearson Lakes Art Center in Pomerantz Hall in Okoboji.

Doug was born on April 25, 1956, to John and Barbara (Sigler) Rapp in Floyd, IA. He graduated from Estherville High School and earned his RN Degree and Associates of Arts Degree from Iowa Lakes Community College. Doug worked in the Healthcare Industry as a RN for 40 plus years. He was united in marriage to Claudia Bergeson on January 8, 1977, in the Terril Lutheran Church.

In his free time, he enjoyed singing in his beautiful baritone voice, working on crafts, & wood working. He was an avid reader. He also loved to watch all of God's critters when they came to our yard to munch on all the food, he put out for them. Especially the hummingbirds and Blue Jays. He had a special affinity for our furry, feathered, and finned friends. He loved putting out the outdoor lights for Christmas and took special pleasure in making it a joyful thing to see on a dark December night. He always had a dog in his lap as we watched TV in the evening. He loved to garden. We started our own tomatoes and peppers from seed we saved in February or March, and he loved watching the

green sprouts come up. He couldn't believe what God did with that little brown seed. He loved baking – helped kneading anything but especially hazelnut biscotti.

He is survived by his wife Claudia (Bergeson) Rapp of Terril; sister Kim (Dennie) Storey of Ruthven; and his brother John (Jackie) Rapp of Estherville. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Dee.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Pomerantz Hall - Pearson Lakes Art Center
2201 US-71
Okoboji, IA 51355

Tribute Wall



“ Claudia, I was so very sad to hear of Doug's passing. His rich sense of humor made our tough assignments a bit lighter! He was always just great to work. I loved orienting him to the unit as I discovered a genuine compassion for his fellow human beings. He really fussed over folks and I loved that;) He certainly fulfilled his calling & that is a beautiful thing. I can't go without mentioning his other talent of cook/baker! I must say he could make a mean turtle cheesecake, right?!

May the Lord fill you with His peace & comfort dear.

Tammy Dillingham

Tammy Dillingham - October 27, 2022 at 05:57 PM

CL

Not to take credit from Doug for anything but I was the cheesecake baker in the house - he gave me moral support though. Thank you for your sweet thoughts about him He was a good and kind man and a wonderful nurse!!! His memorial is at the Lakes Art Center on Saturday; join us!

claudia - October 27, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you La, our hearts heavy with this loss. Love always, Mike & Susan

Michael Shaw - October 26, 2022 at 01:41 PM

CL

Thanks, Michael/Susan. I don't expect you to be here but it would be nice if you could. Doug thought a lot of both of you.

Claudia - October 26, 2022 at 01:52 PM

SS

Claudia, I will never forget what you and Doug did for us for our wedding. Doug is one of those people who makes a lasting impression! His sense of humor and how creative he was, touched my heart! He is missed. Michael has told me that you two were what couples did right to stay together so long.

Much love to you!

Susan

susan shaw - October 26, 2022 at 06:20 PM

MW

“*Claudia, I am so sorry for your loss. Doug was such an awesome mentor when I started as a nurse. I always enjoyed working with him as he could make the shift fun with his warm, witty comments. I pray for God's comfort for you and your family. Melissa Weber*

Melissa Weber - October 24, 2022 at 07:07 PM

CL

Where was it that you worked with Doug? Thank you for your sweet thoughts about him. He was a funny, loving and giving man and nurse. He is dearly missed.

Claudia - October 26, 2022 at 01:53 PM

DB

“*Claudia, I'm so sorry for your loss of Doug. I got acquainted with Doug when he was a student at Iowa Lakes and I worked in one of the offices. He became a regular who would come in and say hi and maybe have a joke or something witty to say. He was always a pleasure to have in the office. Then years later I ran into him at the hospital in Spirit Lake when I took my husband there after he had broken either an ankle or his wrist. I was so surprised and happy to see him and we picked up right where we left off. He was just a kind and considerate and caring person and I'm sure all of his patients enjoyed him when he took care of them. He touched a lot of lives. God bless you.*

Donna Boe - October 19, 2022 at 09:30 PM

CL

Thank you for the sweet thoughts about my husband. He was a kind and giving man and nurse. He is dearly missed!

Claudia - October 26, 2022 at 01:55 PM

DA

“ *Claudia, I am so sorry for this news, Gone before his time. our times working with you both.were so good. and times we .we ahd some interesting assignments. . So many special times together. I am so glad that we had the times together.It truly has been a true love story between you two,, god wrap his arms around you, and if there is reincarnation it will happen againfor you 2, I am sure Craig was there to meet him.*

dee Anderson - February 18, 2022 at 07:57 PM

CR

Thank you for your sweet thoughts and memories, Dee. It's nice when a note comes from one of the old crew. Craig was there to meet him and his sister Dee who also died from a head injury. I miss him dearly!

Claudia Rapp - February 21, 2022 at 09:45 AM



I have very fond memories of working with both of you at DCMH. U2 rock that 3–11 shift and I recall things always went smoother when you were in the house. Doug was always so calm and fun to be around both inside and out of work, May God wrap his arms around you Claudia in this sad time💕

Kathleen Dana - October 26, 2022 at 01:45 PM

CL

Thank you for your sweet thoughts about Doug - he is sorely missed. Keep up the prayers for me. It's tough!

Claudia - October 26, 2022 at 01:57 PM

KK

“ Claudia,
I wasn't aware of Doug's passing until today. Diane and I so so sorry. You have our sincere sympathies. Take care. Keith and Diane Van Kleeck

keith van kleeck - January 18, 2022 at 09:22 AM

CR

Thank you for your sweet wishes, Keith. We would have been married 45 years on January 8; I miss him more than I can say.

claudia d rapp - January 18, 2022 at 02:39 PM

DD

“ Claudia. *I am so sorry to hear about Your Doug. We all had such good memories of the old Dickinson county Memorial Hospital days. Loved listening to the both of you sing at the Black Coach after work. Prayers for you my friend.*

Dara Deets - January 14, 2022 at 01:16 PM

CR

Thank you, Dara - it's especially nice when "old" friends remember him! I miss him dearly.

claudia rapp - January 14, 2022 at 01:51 PM

TK

“ Claudia,
I am truly sorry to hear of Doug's passing. You too were such joyous, happy people to sit and visit, share a glass of wine, and your delicious rosemary chicken. It was my pleasure to work with you both in Fairmont and again with Doug in Lake Park. But most of all it was a joy to share time with you both. Thank you for the friendship and memories. Tammy Snow Kuehnast.

Tamela J Kuehnast - January 11, 2022 at 02:40 PM

CR

Thank you for your sweet thoughts, Tammy. You were another voice out of the past. Doug was a good man and a good nurse and I miss him dearly. Saturday would have been our 45th wedding anniversary; I'm glad I was the lucky one to have shared those years with him!

claudia rapp - January 11, 2022 at 03:06 PM

 Deb
Stockdale

“ *I can't think how to put into words what it means to have lost Doug, my uncle and dear friend. He was someone to look up to, the kind of nurse I would want to have - caring, advocate, expert - a man to admire and be proud of. He and Claudia are so much a part of our lives, even to encouraging us (my husband and I) in our dating years and in the 40 years since, loving and wonderful, caring and generous friends. No words are ever enough, we miss him keenly.*

Deb Stockdale - January 07, 2022 at 09:47 AM

CR

Thank you, Deb. the wind chime hangs in the mud room where I can look at it and remember what it says. I give a jingle when I go past it.

claudia rapp - January 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM

CL

“ *I want to thank Sarah A, Laurie S, Lynette E, Sarah M, & Heather H for the lovely bouquet that came yesterday. It is lovely. Doug did love lilies and their scent so the choice was wonderful. He enjoyed the people he worked with at Lake Park.*

Claudia - January 04, 2022 at 04:59 PM

CR

“ He was my best friend and soulmate. He believed in reincarnation and thought we had been together in other lives because we fit so well. One thing I think of now when the tears begin is the line from a Garth Brooks song - I could have missed the pain but I would have missed the dance. I was so lucky to "dance" with him for more than 45 years.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:40 AM



True love comes with a high price doesn't it, (loss). How long did he continue @ DCMH? We certainly were blessed with a great staff back then. I sure treasure those memories 💕

Tammy Dillingham - October 27, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Doug Rapp.



January 02, 2022 at 10:25 PM

SG

“ Prayers and love to you. ❤️ Sherry and Tom Greer

Sherry Greer - January 01, 2022 at 10:28 AM

CR

Thank you

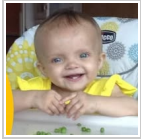
Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Doug Rapp.*



December 31, 2021 at 04:09 PM



“ *Thinking about your family! Doug was one of a kind. He was a good man. I worked with him in Lake Park for many years! He will be missed by so many!*



Amber Lynn - December 30, 2021 at 07:48 AM

CR

A lovely bouquet from the ladies Doug worked with at Lake Park came yesterday. I have no way to know how to thank all of them; please pass my thanks along. There were people at Lake Park that Doug respected and enjoyed working with; I'm sure you all were among them. I will miss him dearly.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:06 AM

BP

“ *Thoughts, and prayers to Doug's family. May memories live on forever. Extra hugs to John and Jackie. ❤️*



Brenda Pomeroy - December 29, 2021 at 11:33 PM

SK

“ *Claudia and Family, I was so saddened to read of Doug’s passing. He was always there for friends either to lend a helping hand, an ear, or a shoulder. He will always be remembered by his generosity. Love you all. Sonny*

Sonny Koenck - December 29, 2021 at 03:43 PM

CR

Thank you, Sonny. He will be dearly missed.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Doug Rapp.*



December 29, 2021 at 11:14 AM

RE

“ *I met Doug at ILCC in 1975. He became my Brother from another Mother. What fun we all had. He happened to run into a charming lady at a musical rehearsal. She played Dolly to his Horace. They were never separate after that. True love.*

Claudia, Kim, & John, my heart aches for you. And is aching for me and all of Doug’s friends and family. God Speed Doug. You will always be in my heart. I have tears in my eyes but a smile on my face..... Rebecca Silvey Parham

Rebecca - December 29, 2021 at 10:37 AM

CR

Becca, thank you for all the thoughts and memories and the lovely pastel and bright bouquet. Your friendship has always meant a lot to both of us. You are one of the few people who will know how greatly he will be missed. Love you!

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:11 AM

BW

“ I met Doug and Claudia while working at the hospital in Spirit Lake. When my dad was on his deathbed there and Foug was his nurse, he was so good and li ing toward my dad. You could tell he deeply cared for his patients. I am sure God welcomed him with open arms. Claudia I send my deepest sympathy and love your way as you go through the days, weeks and months ahead. May God bless you and bring you peace in time. Bev Sauer Wittler.



Bev Sauer Wittler - December 28, 2021 at 07:15 PM

CR

Thanks you for your sweet thoughts, Bev. Doug was one of the most caring and good nurses I have ever known. He will be missed dearly.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:13 AM

BW

Yes he will. Excuse the typos in my note. There are no tears in heaven and Doug lives on. Btw, I too believe in reincarnation. You take care..

Bev and Vern Wittler - January 11, 2022 at 08:47 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp



Beverly Sill - December 28, 2021 at 01:27 PM

JT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time! He had a wonderful wife and family. He will be your guardian angel now. You can keep all of your special memories in your heart forever!!!!



Julie Thiesen - December 28, 2021 at 11:28 AM

CR

Thank you, Julie. He was my best friend and soulmate and I will miss him more than anyone can know.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:14 AM

JT

“ Claudia I am so sorry for your loss. We certainly shared many wonderful times during our years at DCMH. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Joyce (Smith) Tewes



Joyce Tewes - December 28, 2021 at 07:30 AM

CR

Thanks, Joyce. Using DCMH in your post does make it a little special.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:15 AM

KK

“ Doug and I worked together as nurses and found a common passion for music. He was kind to the patients and coworkers alike. His sense of humor was contagious and so many of us enjoyed the shifts so much more when Doug was working! God's peace to you Claudia. Kim Kerr

Kim Kerr - December 27, 2021 at 09:11 PM

CR

Thanks for your sweet thoughts, Kim. He was a good and happy man. I will miss him more than anyone can know.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:16 AM

JB

“ Jim And Annie Bauer lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp



Jim and Annie Bauer - December 27, 2021 at 06:55 PM

JB

Claudia we are so sorry for your loss. Sending our sincere condolences and many hugs and prayers.

Jim and Annie Bauer - December 27, 2021 at 07:11 PM

AD

Claudia - I am so sorry for your loss - many good times at DCMH, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Ann Rodawig Dinklage

Ann Dinklage - December 29, 2021 at 09:20 AM

CR

Jim & Annie - thanks for your remembrance. Please keep me in your prayers.

Annie Rodawig - thanks for your sweet thoughts. I will miss him dearly.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:18 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Annie Bauer lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp*



Jim and Annie Bauer - December 27, 2021 at 06:53 PM

MW

“ *being Doug a second cousin, I knew him as a small boy when living in Floyd, IA. He would fake a stomach ache so that he didn't have to go to Bible School. We used to tease him in later yrs about that. Our Condolences Caudia, Kim and Johnnie. Hard to believe the he an Dee both had such a short life on earth, but they things happen for a reason, which is hard to understand. I lost my middle son at his age of 39. He is with Barb and John and Dee now and I am sure they are singing rejoice together. God be with you at this trying time*



Melodee White - December 27, 2021 at 05:31 PM

CR

I'm sure there is a sweeter sound in heaven because of those who have joined the choir.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:21 AM

JZ

“ *My heart was saddened by this news. Thanks for the laughs you were a great nurse to work with.*

Jeanne Zylstra - December 27, 2021 at 01:38 PM

CR

Thank you for the condolences.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:22 AM

JS

“ *Claudia, so sorry to hear of your loss. Delores let me know. Sympathy and prayers! Joyce*

Joyce Schoulte - December 26, 2021 at 08:23 PM

CR

Thanks, Joyce.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:23 AM

MI

“ *So sorry to hear of Doug's passing.*



Michelle - December 26, 2021 at 05:16 PM

CR

Thank you

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:24 AM

KK

“ *John and Jacke, Sorry to hear about your brothers passing. May you find comfort in all your great memories of him.* ”



Kent & Jo Kastrup - December 26, 2021 at 07:01 AM



“ *Sincere condolences Claudia for your great loss. Bev Arndt* ”

Bev Arndt - December 25, 2021 at 11:12 PM

CR

Thank you, Bev.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Doug made work so much more enjoyable with his wit and easy humor, as well as his nursing skills and teamwork. I have great memories of him and you, Claudia, sharing moments at midnight when we were all worn out yet too wound up to go straight home. Always thought we'd meet again... sending hugs!* ”



Carol DeJong - December 25, 2021 at 10:45 PM

CR

Carol - we still will meet again I know. Thank you for your remembrance.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:25 AM

BW

“ My sincerest condolences to Doug’s family and friends. I met Doug in 1962 when I moved to Floyd after my father married Doug’s aunt, Dolores Roberts. From then until Doug’s family moved to Estherville, I have many good memories of my step-sister, Debbie Roberts, and I frequently playing with and being around Doug. He was always cheerful, good natured and had a talent for singing Elvis’ songs. While I haven’t seen Doug in many years, I’ve often looked back at those days in Floyd and smile. Becoming a RN and helping others was certainly Doug’s calling and life’s purpose. His tragic and unexpected passing is a terrible pain, especially during the holidays. Please find peace and solace in Doug’s memories to help you through this very difficult time, and let time ease your pain and bring you comfort. Brian Wygle

Brian Wygle - December 25, 2021 at 11:29 AM

CR

Brian, thank you for your thoughts. He was a good happy man and an excellent nurse. It took him a while to find his true calling but when he did he was.

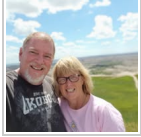
Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:27 AM

MD

“ Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp



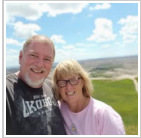
Michele Dyhrkopp-Shortley - December 24, 2021 at 09:15 PM



“ *Brent Wallin lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp*



Brent Wallin - December 24, 2021 at 02:51 PM



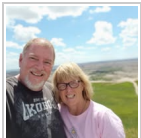
“ *Claudia, I am really sorry to hear about Doug. I wish we could have seen you both more these past few years. I don't need to tell you how much Doug will be missed. I was good friend and I will miss him. Let me know if I can do anything. Psalms 34:18 says 'The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit'. I pray that the Lord will be close to now and comfort you. Love always, Brent*

Brent Wallin - December 24, 2021 at 02:51 PM

CR

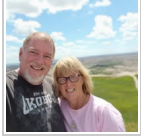
Brent, thank you for the roses. They are beautiful. Thank too for the prayers and sweet thoughts. I'm glad for our summer meetings.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *John and Kim, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your brother Doug. Doug and I were friends from college at ILCC. He will be missed. I pray that God comfort you during this time.*

Brent Wallin - December 24, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *Claudia, I am so sorry to hear about Doug. I wish we could've gotten together more the past few years. I will miss him. Let me know if I can do anything. I will keep you in my prayers. Psalms 34:18 says 'The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit'. I pray the God with be close to now and that he will comfort you during this time. Love always, Brent*

Brent Wallin - December 24, 2021 at 10:29 AM

BG

“ *Holding you in our hearts. Beth and Ed*

Beth Gerlach - December 24, 2021 at 09:58 AM

CR

Thank you dear heart.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:30 AM

JR

“ *Jerry And Judy Rohwer lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp*



Jerry and Judy Rohwer - December 24, 2021 at 09:52 AM

SM

“ *The fun times we had. Love you all so much.*

Sal Haas Martens - December 24, 2021 at 09:21 AM

CR

Thanks for your thoughts, Sal. There's a line from a song - I could have missed the pain but I'd have missed the dance.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:32 AM

SD

“ Claudia, I am so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. I remember working with him years ago at The Black Coach. What fun we had there. I remember him singing. What a beautiful voice. He was so kind. Hugs and prayers to you.

Sally Christensen DeLoss - December 24, 2021 at 09:00 AM

CR

Thank you. Do you remember Billy suggesting that he sing when business got slow to encourage people to stay longer?

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:33 AM

 Karla
Kaye

“ Karla Kaye lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp



Karla Kaye - December 23, 2021 at 09:39 PM

GC

“ Gail Clifford Carter lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp



Gail Clifford Carter - December 23, 2021 at 08:14 PM

J(

“ Joann Taggart (Lansdowne) lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp



Joann Taggart (Lansdowne) - December 23, 2021 at 07:41 PM

SM

“ Sarah Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp



sarah mitchell - December 23, 2021 at 07:33 PM

JH

“ Jennifer Helle lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp



Jennifer Helle - December 23, 2021 at 07:26 PM

JH

Claudia you have my deepest sympathy. Doug was an amazing nurse, mentor, co-worker and friend. I have so many wonderful memories of those 3-11 shifts and occasional visits for a libation after work.

Jennifer Helle - December 23, 2021 at 07:29 PM

CR

You are so right - he was a good man and a good nurse and I will miss him dearly.

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:34 AM

PH

“ Claudia, I am soooo sorry to see of Doug's passing. I didn't get to see you often, but enjoyed the times I did see and speak to you two.
All My Love, Patty Howard

Patty Howard - December 23, 2021 at 06:45 PM

CR

Thank you Patty

Claudia Rapp - January 04, 2022 at 11:35 AM

JB

“ Jaime Berning lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp



Jaime Berning - December 23, 2021 at 06:23 PM

DS

“ Claudia.... My dear sweet friend... my heart aches for you. There are no words. Just hugs.

Deb Stewart - December 23, 2021 at 06:17 PM

CL

Thank you for the note - it was special. I wish you could have known Doug better!

Claudia - January 04, 2022 at 04:45 PM

SW

“ John and Kim, I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. Hang onto each other and hold those memories close. Sandi



Sandi White - December 23, 2021 at 05:37 PM

KW

“ Kristie & Tim Wintz lit a candle in memory of Doug Rapp



Kristie & Tim Wintz - December 23, 2021 at 03:32 PM

SM

Claudia & Family, So sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Doug and i had common patients over the years in many healthcare facilities and became friends. Always enjoyed our visits he was truley a caring sole to all he met. He will be missed. God Bless Doug and Family Steve Moore Okoboji

steve moore - January 10, 2022 at 10:28 AM

SU

Claudia, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember many years ago my son RJ and I stayed with you guys and we stayed up most of the night talking. I lost my partner of many years in Sept so I know what you're saying about the Garth Brooks song "The Dance".

Shirlene Upward - January 16, 2022 at 11:19 PM