



George B. Doocy Jr.

May 20, 1931 - April 18, 2022

George Doocy, 90, of Spirit Lake passed away on Monday, April 18, 2022, at Lakes Regional Health Care in Spirit Lake.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Burial will be held in the St. Margaret's Cemetery in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. The service will be livestreamed on the church's Facebook page.

George Jr. graced this earth on May 20, 1931, the fifth son of George Sr. and Cecelia (Lendway) Doocy. George was welcomed at home by brothers Arthur, Francis, Russell, and Raymond. George attended school during the winters but worked the family's fields as much as he could during the spring, summer, and fall. George Jr. enjoyed school and never met a stranger, loving to socialize with others as well as participate in sports. George graduated from Swea City High School in Swea City, Iowa. Additionally, George enjoyed working on cars and never came across a problem he could not fix. In 1955, George Jr. moved to Titonka, Iowa, to run a service station. A year after his arrival, George met Gladys Helland, a schoolteacher who had only lived in Titonka for two weeks. George knew instantly he would live life right, so he would be worthy of Gladys' hand.

On Gladys' birthday on December 19, 1958, George proposed. In August of 1959, George and Gladys married in a private ceremony in Wesley, Iowa. The newlyweds moved to Owatonna, Minnesota, to start their family. The next year

after the birth of their first daughter and another on the way, the Doocys moved to Spirit Lake, Iowa. On December 5, 1963, the Ambassador Club of Spirit Lake presented the Doocys with the traditional cake, exemplifying the opening of their business Doocy's Mobil Service, which George later expanded by adding on the "Country Store." George also started a snow-pushing business where he could be seen driving around Spirit Lake in his '66 Bronco each winter as soon as the first snow fell. In 1974, George bought an oil distributorship he called Doocy's Oil Company and later became Service Manager at Anderson's Motors. After transforming the empty, dilapidated shell of a house at 911 Gary Avenue to a home the Doocys could call their own, George followed his love of construction and began remodeling and painting houses. Notorious for his impeccable work and strong work ethics, George never truly retired, working up until his late 80s.

In his free-time, George enjoyed attending St. Mary's Catholic Church, visiting with his friends at the local establishments, cruising around the Iowa Great Lakes with Gladys in their '66 Bronco and '55 Chevy, attending sporting events at Spirit Lake High School, following the Iowa Hawkeyes and Cyclones, and spending time with Gladys, his five daughters (and their spouses), and his eight grandchildren. George instantly struck up a conversation with all he met and enjoyed chatting with people of all ages and all walks of life. His impact around the Spirit Lake community survives him as he served as a mentor to so many by working hard, living an honest life, and treating people with kindness. George was not one to look for praises and was not one to boast, but all those around him could see that his life was filled with the most. His dreams were seldom spoken but played out instead as he showed those around him that it was ok to love one's family so passionately and to put one's faith in God.

Now George is at rest with his wife Gladys, mother Cecelia, father George, and his four brothers and their spouses—Arthur (Erna), Francis (Elaine), Russell (Catherine), and Raymond (Phyllis). George is survived by his and Gladys' children Diana Koppen (Spencer, IA), husband Wayne and son

Samuel; Kathleen Nord (Harrisburg, SD), husband Pat, sons Logan and Truman, and daughter MacKenzie; Debra Harms (Spirit Lake, IA), husband Brian and daughter Macy; Pamela Curry (Eads, TN), husband Jeff, and daughters Jayden and JuleLayne; and daughter Janine (Canistota, SD), husband Rodney, and daughter Reya.

So much joy filled George's life as he and Gladys raised their five girls. In between the visits and grandchildren that filled their home, they sat in their living room reminiscing and anticipating the next visits and calls, with their hearts ever listening to the laughter in the walls. George cherished Gladys to the very end. After Gladys' passing in March of 2020, George made his way back to their family home after refusing to leave her side for the last months of her life.

In the winter of 2022, George battled a few health issues, but on April 8th, he made his way to his daughters' Spirit Lake Library Presentation honoring Gladys and her sister Marion. The presentation became George's homecoming celebration, reuniting him with so many of his friends. George and his girls spent the weekend cruising around Spirit Lake as they had so often while George exclaimed to all his friends they met that he was "going home." At the end of the weekend with a big smile on his face, George shared that he prayed that he would live long enough to honor Gladys one last time, so his life was complete. On April 13, George gained his independence, moving back home, but came full circle as he completed his journey home on April 18 and into Gladys' arms once again. For those who knew George, the 91 years of life were not enough, and their hearts are full yet broken. However, for George, the timing was just perfect, and his legacy of honesty, kindness, and dedication lives on.

Cemetery Details

St. Margaret's Cemetery

Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
1005 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
<http://www.stmarysspiritlake.org>

Service

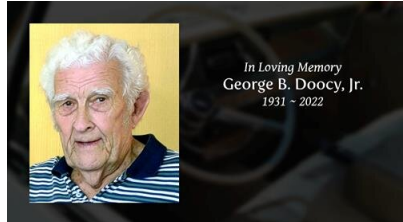
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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Robinson Funeral Home - April 19, 2022 at 04:54 PM

JH

Loved the video, the pictures and the songs! It was displayed very well, letting us share this Family's memories!

JoLynn Harms - April 21, 2022 at 06:46 PM

JH

So sorry to hear of George's passing, he was a good friend of ours. He and my father, Timer Harms had many memories of when he lived in Titonka! It's hard to lose your Parents, but they left us with so many many good memories to cherish!

JoLynn Harms - April 21, 2022 at 06:53 PM

CP

A man filled with joy! I knew your parents through church. He knew my Dad from his younger days and always wanted to meet and talk to him. Unfortunately my Dad's health did not permit that to happen, but I hope they reunite in heaven and share their stories. You were blessed to have him as your father. May you always smile as your Dad did.

Cyndy Powers - April 21, 2022 at 10:43 PM

LC

I am so sorry to hear about George's passing. I always remember his fun personality and how he took such good care of my old cars at the Oil Station. My sympathies to the family.

Laurie Chozen - April 25, 2022 at 03:38 AM

LE

Eileen and I are in Kentucky for a family wedding....we were not available to attend the service for George....so sorry...what a good fun friend he was to us...we will miss him....love and condolences to all of the family...Lee and Eileen Nation

Leenation@mchsi.com - April 25, 2022 at 12:10 PM

ML

“ *Mary Eddy Linton lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Mary Eddy Linton - April 22, 2022 at 10:01 PM

NM

“ *Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Norm Meinking - April 22, 2022 at 01:08 PM

AM

“ *What a beautiful obituary for a wonderful man. He was loved and admired by many. He had such a lovely spirit. Hugs and prayers for his family.*



Alan and Reba (Dodds) Munson

Alan and Reba Munson - April 21, 2022 at 08:41 PM

CF

“ Colleen Frederick lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.



Colleen Frederick - April 21, 2022 at 11:59 AM

CF

Sure sorry to hear about your Dad. He was always good for a joke or 1 liner. Although it warms my heart to know he and Gladys are back together. They were always so much in love.

Colleen Frederick - April 21, 2022 at 12:06 PM

VU

“ *In the summer of 1966, I was working at Sidles Parts store. One day George came in and bought a case (12 cans) of green spray paint. We didn't really think it was unusual until a week later he came back in and wanted 3 more cans of the exact same green spray paint. When ask what he was doing with the green paint, he replied "painting my pickup!". George had sanded down his about 1954 Chevrolet pickup in the bay of his gas station garage and was painting it using spray cans! It really didn't look to bad because it did not have any brush lines in the paint.*

Doocy's Mobil was a hang out for the high school guys because you could go into the station and sit on the ice cream cooler inside the door. Was room for at least 4 guys to sit and visit.

Respectfully – Vern Underwood

Vern Underwood - April 21, 2022 at 08:58 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of George B. Doocy Jr..*



April 21, 2022 at 08:54 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of George B. Doocy Jr..*



April 20, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George B. Doocy Jr..*



April 20, 2022 at 08:05 PM



“ *I can remember riding between George and my Dad plowing snow at our motel in his "new Bronco". He was also kind enough to drive my family at our Mother's funeral. I can still remember his words of comfort to us kids "If your Mom is not in Heaven now, then there isn't one"! I return the words of comfort 42 years later, "if George is not in Heaven now there isn't one"! RIP*

kevin godfredsen - April 20, 2022 at 01:16 PM

MS

“ As you well know, your dad was such a genuine person and reached out to others with conversation, laughter, waves. Thankful to know Heaven is Real and you/we will see him again. Hold onto your Faith.

Marilyn Strickland - April 20, 2022 at 11:36 AM

JS

“ The Obituary of your dad is beautiful. You captured his wonderful love of life and family. I remember what a hard worker your dad was and always had time for a friendly chat. It is hard to lose your parents but you have each other and the families you have raised. Prayers for all of you. Judy Stukey

Judy Stukey - April 20, 2022 at 10:14 AM

DR

“ Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.



Doug and Barb Ricke - April 20, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of George B. Doocy Jr..



April 20, 2022 at 10:05 AM

JB

“ *Jim And Annie Bauer lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Jim and Annie Bauer - April 20, 2022 at 09:30 AM

SR

“ *Sara Rossman lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



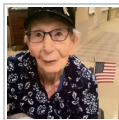
Sara Rossman - April 19, 2022 at 10:31 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Inbody lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Mary Ellen Inbody - April 19, 2022 at 09:34 PM



My Sympathy to George's family! My two boys worked for him at the gas station plus Jerry Marks last years of life , Jerry spent a lot of time with George! Thank you for sharing his wonderful life with my boys!! Hugs to all of you!!

Mary Ellen Inbody - April 19, 2022 at 09:38 PM

FK

“ Fred Kaminska lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.



Fred Kaminska - April 19, 2022 at 09:02 PM

CO

“ Rest In Peace Junior! Our condolences to all the girls and family! Colleen & Ray Doocy

Colleen - April 19, 2022 at 08:54 PM

KW

“ What a wonderfully blessed life George had! And what a wonderful blessings he was to his family and all of us who knew him 🕊

Kay Wilson - April 19, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of George B. Doocy Jr..



April 19, 2022 at 08:26 PM

AR

“ *The Doocy family lived neighbors to us for a few years and what a great family they were!
I remember George had a gas station and he was always so good about fixing our car for us and was so honest. I always trusted if he said we needed a part, we needed it. Plus his sense of humor always made my day when I stopped in for gas. He always had a smile on his face . Their whole family has been such an influence to so many . George Rest In Peace and I know Gladys has a huge smile on her face right now.*

Adrienne Rumbaugh - April 19, 2022 at 07:04 PM

FO

“ *Floyd Ogle lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Floyd Ogle - April 19, 2022 at 07:03 PM

RH

“ *Praying for the family. What a wonderful, loving man. He was a friend to all. Will never think about George without thinking about his green Bronco.*

Roger & Sue Hargens

Roger Hargens - April 19, 2022 at 01:40 PM

TF

“ We are praying for all the family of George Doocy. He has left a rich legacy of love and kindness in all of you. Please know how very sorry we are. He was a great man.



Tim and Mary Frank - April 19, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ Shari Christoffer lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.



Shari Christoffer - April 19, 2022 at 01:14 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.



Beverly Sill - April 19, 2022 at 01:11 PM

BS

“ Our sympathy to the Doocy family. May all the angels and saints welcome him home.

Bob and Kate Shaw - April 19, 2022 at 01:00 PM

LP

“ *What a wonderful man George was. His humor, wit, and most importantly his love of God and his family is what I will remember most about him. I am so glad that I saw him a couple weeks ago and that he was able to see first hand the lovely tribute daughters Diana and Pam presented at the library on their aunt Marion and mother Gladys teaching careers. He raised a set of the FINEST 5 daughters you will every meet. What a reunion you most be having with your sweet Gladys!*

Lori Pedersen - April 19, 2022 at 12:56 PM

PR

“ *Peggy Rick lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Peggy Rick - April 19, 2022 at 12:35 PM

PB

“ *Paul Bakke lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Paul bakke - April 19, 2022 at 12:04 PM

TU

“ *George had a lot of High School young men that worked for him at the gas station I was one of the lucky ones RIP George*

Tom and Della Underwood - April 19, 2022 at 12:04 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Grienke lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Kathy Grienke - April 19, 2022 at 11:38 AM

SH

“ *Sandy Hall lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Sandy Hall - April 19, 2022 at 11:03 AM

SH

What a pleasure it was to get know George ❤️ He is with Glad now!

Sandy Hall - April 19, 2022 at 11:05 AM

TO

“ *Terri Eckerman Olerud lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Terri Eckerman Olerud - April 19, 2022 at 10:39 AM

BK

“ Bruce Klenken lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.



Bruce Klenken - April 19, 2022 at 10:06 AM



“ Julie Bergquist lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.



Julie Bergquist - April 19, 2022 at 09:47 AM

RT

“ Ray And Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.



Ray and Diane Tucker - April 19, 2022 at 09:45 AM

RT

“ Ray And Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.



Ray and Diane Tucker - April 19, 2022 at 09:40 AM

SS

“ *What a legacy George leaves in his wonderful daughters of whom he was so very proud. Our sympathy to each of you. Stan and Rhea Sybesma*

Stan Sybesma - April 19, 2022 at 09:27 AM

SK

“ *Sally Kness lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Sally Kness - April 19, 2022 at 08:37 AM

CW

“ *We were so sorry to hear of George's passing. Our hearts go out to all of you girls. George has been a special friend for many years. He will be missed by all. Our sympathy to you and your families.*
Connie & Bill Wymer



connie wymer - April 18, 2022 at 10:56 PM

KF

“ *Ken Farmer lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.*



Ken Farmer - April 18, 2022 at 10:08 PM

DB

“ So sad to see that George has passed. He was a favorite person to me.I'm so glad we got to talk a couple months ago.
My sympathy to your family.

Dayle Broocks



Dayle Broocks - April 18, 2022 at 09:38 PM

TV

“ Terry Veldman lit a candle in memory of George B. Doocy Jr.



Terry Veldman - April 18, 2022 at 08:59 PM