



## Doug Austin

February 11, 1939 - December 6, 2024

Leonard Douglas Austin, loving family man and faithful Christian servant, went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 6, 2024, after a more than five-year battle with multiple myeloma. He was 85 years old.

He was born February 11, 1939, in Hoxie, AR, the son of Leonard and Cloyce Austin. He and Margaret Frances (Fran) Moore were married November 27, 1959, in Walnut Ridge, AR, and recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Doug began his career as a store manager for Kroger Company. He then worked as Director of Marketing for Wetterau Foods in Scott City, MO and Bloomington, IN, and Fleming Companies in Oklahoma City, retiring in 2000. He and Fran moved home to Cape Girardeau in 2000.

Doug was a member, Sunday School teacher, and deacon of Bethany Baptist Church. He also served as Christian Life Director and Executive Board Member for the Cape Girardeau Baptist Association, was a member of the Executive Board for the Missouri Baptist Convention, a trustee for the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, a member of Gideon International, and served on the Restoration of Old Bethel Baptist Church.

Actively involved in Cape, Doug served as a member of S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Lawmen Together). In 2017, he was presented the Roger Fields Award of Excellence by S.A.L.T., an honor he cherished. Doug was also a member of the Community Relations Council (Vision 2020) of Cape Girardeau and received the Award of Distinction from this organization. He was also a member of the Cape Chamber of Commerce and Cape Girardeau's All America Award Committee and served on the board of Aging Matters. Doug's emails always ended with the following tagline "Sure is great to live in Cape - where the smiles last a little longer, and the handshakes are a little stronger!"

He was awarded the Tough Tusk Award by the Southeast Missouri Pachyderm Club in 2016. In 2019, he was honored as a B Magazine Newsmaker by the Southeast Missourian newspaper. He was also a Silver Hair Legislator.

Doug and his bride immensely enjoyed the more than 20 cruises they shared with the last one occurring on their 64th wedding anniversary.

Doug was an avid motorcycle rider and member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, American Motorcyclist Association, and Kawasaki Vulcan Riders Group. He was also a Life Time Kentucky Colonel and a Life Time Council of the Sagamores of the Wabash - State of Indiana.

He is survived by his bride Fran for 65 years and a cherished father to Tina Dolbeare of Dayton, NV, and Teri Austin of Cape Girardeau. He was also a proud grandfather to Austin Douglas Doyle of Los Angeles, CA, Margaret Louise (Meg) Goodman of Kansas City, MO, John Paul (JP) Goodman of Tulsa, OK, and Nevada Dolbeare, of Dayton, NV.

He was brother-in-law to Harry Truman (Linda Lou) Moore of Paragould, AR, Tom Moore (Darlene), of Walnut Ridge, AR, and Willene Austin, of Hoxie, AR,

and an uncle to numerous nieces and nephews.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, brother Dwain Austin, sister Joyce Crawford, sister-in-law Cathy Clowers, and Fran's parents Truman and Bonnie Moore.

Friends and loved ones may call from 11 - 1 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, at Bethany Baptist Church.

The Celebration of Life Service will begin at 1 p.m. and be officiated by Doug's pastor Shawn Wasson.

A private inurnment will be held in Cape County Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bethany Baptist Campus Renovation Fund, Peaceful Valley Camp, or S.A.L.T.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Baptist Church  
1712 Randol Ave  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

## Funeral Service

DEC 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DG

“ David & Cyn Goodman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Doug Austin.



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David & Cyn Goodman - December 15, 2024 at 10:01 AM

DG

“ David & Cyn Goodman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Doug Austin.

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David & Cyn Goodman - December 15, 2024 at 10:01 AM

HR

“ Holly and Rich purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Doug Austin.



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Holly and Rich - December 13, 2024 at 06:04 PM

ES

“ *"Handsome Doug Austin," as he would always introduce himself, was such a bright spot in our community. His earthly presence will be missed in many ways and places. Our hearts are with Fran and all who knew him.*

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Elizabeth Shelton, United Way of SEMO - December 13, 2024 at 10:46 AM

FM

“ From Brian Puckett (Align Wealth Mgmt.) purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Doug Austin.



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**From Brian Puckett (Align Wealth Mgmt.)** - December 12, 2024 at 11:46 AM

DW

“ I am blessed that God directed Doug and my path to cross. What a joy to spend time and fellowship with him. May his chiminea always be burning!

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**Delbert weaver** - December 11, 2024 at 03:40 PM

DF

“ Dear Fran and family, so sorry to hear of Doug's passing, but also rejoicing with you, because Heaven just got a little sweeter. I had the privilege of working with him over the years in the Lord's kingdom work. What a blessing he was to so many people. We will not be able to be there for the celebration of his life service. Our nephew passed away, and I will be preaching his funeral Saturday in Chaffee. We love you all, and like you, look forward to seeing Doug in heaven. ❤️🙏

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**Donny and Phyllis Ford** - December 11, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JS

“ I send my sympathy, as do my children, to Fran and the family! He cheered us and held up for the church and its people!

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**Jane Cooper Stacy** - December 10, 2024 at 08:03 PM

EW

“ Rest in peace “Mr. Handsome” Leonard, it was always a joy visiting with you!

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**Ella Williams** - December 09, 2024 at 03:43 PM

MP

“ I am Mel Poe. I worked with Doug at Wetterau in the 70's. He was my supervisor. A man I respected and thought a lot of. He and i had a fellow friend in common, Irvin Morris. I have the family in my prayers. many, special memories as we worked together to build those IGA stores all over the south.

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**MELVIN POE** - December 09, 2024 at 02:28 PM

HM

Dug and I became friends in the 60s. He and Melvin Poe helped me a lot in the grocery business they were my Supervisor from IGA I really appreciated his friendship even after retirement He was a great Godly man I want the family know you are in our prayers.

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**H Irvin Morris** - December 10, 2024 at 01:02 PM

MS

Doug was a favorite patient of mine when I was in primary care practice. Believe my dad (Ron Schumer) and he worked together, either at the old IGA in Cape and/or at Wetterau. An outsize personality, and a beloved brother in Christ, he will be missed.

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**Matthew Schumer** - December 10, 2024 at 11:37 PM



“ Words cannot express the impression on me of how to serve God and be optimistic. I will miss you at Bethany but I know you are with Jesus, hearing "well done good and faithful servant".

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**Robin Slinkard** - December 09, 2024 at 01:37 AM