



Douglas Ewan Cameron

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Douglas Ewan Cameron (79) died peacefully in his sleep on December 15, 2020. He was born in New Brunswick, NJ on April 5, 1941. He grew up in Oak Ridge TN where his father was a chemist with the Atomic Energy Commission (Manhattan Project). In 1954-55 he lived in Frankfurt, Germany where his father had a Fulbright grant to work at the Max Plank Institute.

He graduated from Oak Ridge High School in 1959 and attended Miami University with an ROTC scholarship. He was a member of Theta Chi. He attended The University of Akron receiving his Masters in 1965. He received his PhD in Mathematics from Virginia Technical Institute and State University in 1970, He taught at The University of Akron from 1970 through 1998 retiring as a Professor Emeritus of Mathematical Sciences.

In his professional career he also taught at Ohio University (1976-77) and Clemson University (1992-93) as an exchange professor. January - June 1979 he and his family lived in Moscow, Russia (formerly the USSR) to study the history of topology. He published 27 professional papers and one textbook (Modern Abstract Algebra) with David C. Buchthal. He always acknowledged that his wife Nancy was the inspiration for his grants for Russian studies and his historical specialty.

He was an active member of the Akron Jaycees and was on the Board of Governors of Akron Golf Charities.

In retirement he and Nancy spent half the year at their home on Hubbard Lake MI and half in Copley OH. They also continued their love of traveling going to 106 countries as of January 2020. He was very active in the Hubbard Lake Sportsman and Improvement Association serving as East Side Director, Vice President, President, and Newsletter Editor. He received the Outstanding Member award in 2008. He was currently the President.

He and Nancy were involved in Good Samaritan Hunger Center and Interfaith Caregivers in Akron. He published his first novel *The Body in the Perch Pond* in 2012 and went on to write 18



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more ending with The Body in the Blaze in 2020. Lately he was working as a guide at the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse on Lake Huron.

He precedes in death his wife Nancy Calhoun Cameron (whom he married in 1976), son Christopher (Rose), grandsons Matthew and Jack, daughter Laurel Shurlow (Rex), stepson John David Bokas (Katie) and three grandsons Cameron, Ian and Aaron, stepson Gary Andrew Bokas (Bill Mustard), stepson William Calhoun Bokas (Tanya), and brother Alex. He was preceded in death by his parents Angus and Jane (Gray) Cameron and his brother Allan.

Memorials can be made to Hubbard Lake Sportsman Improvement Association, P.O. Box 111, Hubbard Lake MI 49747, the Alcona County Humane Society, 457 West Traverse Bay Road, Lincoln MI 48742 and the Alcona County Historical Society, P.O. Box 174, Harrisville MI .



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MH

Mike Hexter posted:

I first met Doug when he pledged Theta Chi at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He was a very easy fellow to be with and enjoy the trappings of our Fraternity. I met Nancy years later in Cleveland when the 3 of us met to explore Real Estate. Nancy, I am deeply saddened by his passing and know his memories will remain forever in the hearts and minds of those whose paths were crossed by him. Please accept my deepest condolences. Mike Hexter, Class of 1961

December 21 at 10:13 AM

BM

Barbara L. Mann posted:

Doug and I were good friends many, many years ago at Oak Ridge High School in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. I am sad to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences to his family. Barbara Mann

December 19 at 11:23 AM

RH

Ric Holderith posted:

Douglas and I were brothers in Theta Chi. My senior year, he roomed with me and Jim Pellot in the Theta Chi house. We had many conversations about life and our plans for the future. I enjoyed meeting his parents who were very nice and interesting people. His father was a scientist that worked on the Manhattan Project, the development of the first atomic bomb. One weekend his dad drove to Miami and took Doug, his roommates, and their girlfriends out to dinner. It was a very interesting evening having the opportunity to talk with a man that had worked on that world changing project. Douglas was a very intelligent man with strong opinions and many interests. At Theta Chi reunions, we had the opportunity to meet Nancy his soulmate and companion on their many trips throughout the world. Doug's interest in fishing surprised me and it was unfortunate that a fishing tournament prevented Doug from attending our 50th reunion at Miami, our last gathering of the brothers. He will be missed and Kathy and I send our condolences to Nancy and Doug's family. Ric Holderith

December 19 at 11:12 AM

LJ

Laurel, Rex, Chris, Rose, Matthew, Jack sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Cameron family.



December 19 at 10:24 AM



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Bill McClellan posted:

Douglas and I shared many memories over the years beginning with our freshman year at Miami University. We lived next to each other in Collins Hall. We had both come to Miami as a result of NROTC scholarships. We pledged Theta Chi Fraternity together and marched in the NROTC Drum and Bugle Corps where he was the bass drummer. Our senior year Douglas has risen to Commander of the Midshipman Battalion. Unfortunately Douglas was unable to receive a Marine corps Commission due to knee issues. We sort of lost track of each other during my Naval career and his academic pursuits. We did reconnect upon retirement at a Theta Chi reunion. We were frequent email companions over the years and I had the privilege of being Douglas' "weapon expert" (ha-ha) for the "Payback" series of his novels. I also got to read and comment on the drafts of the "Up North" series. Douglas was a talented writer. I will miss him. Bill McClellan

December 19 at 6:48 AM



Dave Buchthal posted:

Douglas was an inspiring instructor, a strong mathematician, a dedicated colleague, a tireless collaborator, an imaginative author, a tireless fisherman, and a best friend for 50 years. He will be deeply missed.

December 17 at 9:36 AM



Janice Buchthal posted:

Author, adventurer, handyman, mathematician, fellow traveler, chef, family man, and a dear friend for over 50 years. He will be deeply missed. Love, prayers, and hugs for you, Nancy, and the family. We wish we could be there and we would have come were it not for covid. Love, Jan Buchthal

December 17 at 9:02 AM



Pam Van Dyke posted:

Nancy and Family-We are so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs, Pam and Wayne Van Dyke

December 17 at 6:54 AM



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JR

Jim Ramsey posted:

Douglas, a year ahead of me at Oak Ridge High School, was a colleague to this youngster in some activities, including Latin Club (they don't teach Latin anymore!), where he was our leader -- Caesar; as his successor for the following year it was my duty to "assassinate" him in the presence of all the other conspirators, and the "slaves" (new inductees). None of this is PC nowadays. Douglas put up an appropriately dramatic fight! RIP.

December 17 at 5:52 AM

SS

Stefanie Shatrach posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Dr Cameron's passing. Dr Cameron was one of my favorite people! I worked with him in the Math dept. I never forgot the brown ink pen! Vecnaja Pamjat! May his memory be eternal.

December 16 at 9:35 PM

JE

Jeanne lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

DOUG WAS A VERY NICE FRIENDLYPERSON AND HE WAS VERY OUT GOINGI WAS IN SPORTSMAN CLUB ALSORIP IN PEACE DOUG FROM JEANNETESHKA

December 16 at 8:29 PM



RD

Randy L Degen December 17 at 3:20 AM

So sorry to hear but, rest in peace my friend hugs and prayers to his family.

CS

Carl Stitz posted:

Dr. Cameron had a great influence on me not only as a mathematician, but as a teacher. I think of him often - he will be greatly missed.

December 16 at 3:59 PM

SC

Sherri Costanzo posted:

Nancy, So sorry for your loss. Douglas was a wonderful person. My thoughts and prayers are with you.Sherri Costanzo

December 16 at 3:55 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Douglas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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