

Douglas Dee Palmer

August 25, 1935 ~ August 26, 2024

Joan and family, it was always such a pleasure to interact with Doug at the News. He was a lovely, lovely man and I have many fond memories of him. I hope you are buoyed by the humor, compassion and vibrance of his legacy. He was an actual gem.

- Lois Collins

Doug was a sweet friend and compatriot. I was privileged to know, love and appreciate him as we worked together for a few years at the Deseret News. He was smart, gentle and funny. He was loyal and tender hearted. When big stuff needed to written about with care, Doug was called upon. We remained friends even after I left the News. When my own husband passed away, Doug made the journey to the cemetery on a freezing cold February day in 2002 to bring me a small bouquet of golden flowers and to express his concern for me. I was so touched. Those flowers were on my husband’s coffin as he was buried. I will never forget his kind tenderness in all things. We spoke of many things. We laughed about when it would be his time to go. He wanted to make sure his feet would be warm. With all my heart I believe the savior will make certain he is comfortably snug, safe and warm for eternity.

- Connie Stowe Wall

I remember one of my first days as an intern at the Deseret News. I called him and said, 'This is Scott Iwasaki...' and he thought I said, 'This is Scott with U.S. Hockey...' Up until he retired, he would bring that up, and we'd just laugh together. He was great!

- Scott Iwasaki, former Deseret News colleague

I served with Doug up at Fort Douglas. I offer my sincere condolences to the family. I was so impressed with the obituary. Doug was one of the best kept secrets at the old 96th ARCOM. I am grateful that our paths crossed.

- Jack McDonald

Doug and I were journalism students at Utah State University where our studies overlapped for a few years. He was quiet, but serious, and very particular about accuracy in reporting and sharing the news. I think he was working at the Deseret News as a relatively new employee when I did a summer internship in 1961. He was supportive and welcomed me to the staff even for a short period. I kind of lost track of him once I graduated, but I often wondered if he was still at the Deseret News and fondly remembered our association at Utah State and during the summer of my internship. Condolences to his family. He set a great example of service and kindness.

- Georgia Beth (Smith) Thompson

Doug was an exemplary person who never said anything negative about anyone. He was the most caring, polite, positive and Christ-like person I have ever known. My sincere condolences to his wife and family.

- Lynn Arave

Joan, I’m sorry to hear of Doug’s passing. I heard from Corwin. My heart is with you! Love, Ileen

- Ileen Niederhauser