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Douglas Richard Kraus, 33, of Huntersville, NC, passed away at home with his family by his side. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA on December 2, 1988, and is survived by his mother Sharon, sister Kimberly Moon and her husband Tyler, and his girlfriend Tara. His late father Richard passed on January 31, 2020.

Doug moved with his family to Huntersville in 1997. He was an enterprising young man, who while in fourth grade bought a secondhand lawn mower from a neighbor. He began a mowing service, hiring his friends to help. He discovered that he really enjoyed working outdoors and was particular in the aesthetics of a client's property. He attended college courses in landscaping in tandem with high school. On graduation he opened his business, "Premier Turf" which he operated until his passing.

Doug was an exceptionally good baseball player, a catcher, earning many awards through school and into an adult league. He so loved the game that he played on the school team, rec league and a traveling tournament team all at once.

Along with his father, he shared a love for poker, and they even enjoyed a poker cruise and a trip to Las Vegas together. He enjoyed building remote control cars and tinkering with his vehicles, always adding some sort of new gadget.

Doug had a big heart and was often recognized for his kindness to others. He quietly assisted many, from helping a lady broken down on the highway, to always being the first one there for his friends.

A funeral service will be held at 5:30 pm Saturday March 19, 2022. Visitation to follow until 8:00 pm at James Funeral Home, 10520 Arahova Drive, Huntersville, NC 28078.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.



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Online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhome1kn.com.



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Prayer Service

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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Kraus family.



March 19 at 6:44 AM



Donald Kane posted:

Doug played baseball with teams I coached in Cornelius PONY league and the Copperhead Org. He was a catcher with many skills and was very outgoing. As a PONY player he was part of a Championship team that won 39 consecutive games from 1997 to 2001, still a PONY record. He was a go getter and a fun player liked by his team mates and coaches alike. My condolences to his family, friends and associates Coach Kane

March 18 at 8:49 AM



Beth Leyland posted:

DOUG WAS A ADORABLE KID THAT CAME TO WORK WITH HIS MOM AT CAROLINA INTERIORS,,,IN THE LATE 90S...SO CUTE AND SO MUCH FUN....

March 16 at 6:31 PM



Drew Doris lit a candle in honor of Douglas.



March 16 at 4:29 PM



Anna Kinlaw posted:

Dear Sharon, Kim, Tyler, & Tara, May your memories bring you comfort during this sad time. Praying for you all as you navigate these difficult days. Love, Ike, Anna, Olivia, & Claire Kinlaw

March 16 at 1:28 PM



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Sandra Gemach posted:

Dear Sharon, Kim, Tyler and Tara, We wish and hope you all find peace as you gather to celebrate Doug's life. We enjoyed going to Doug's baseball games as a young boy. Lots of family fun! We also remember all the landscaping equipment he stored at Sharon and Rich's home...especially when we had to climb over it all to get in their garage door one day when visiting 🤔. Doug was a loving son to her family. Our continued Prayers! Blessings and Peace, Rich and Sandy Gemach

March 16 at 9:49 AM



Sandra Gemach March 16 at 9:51 AM

should state "Doug was a loving son to his family--typo"



Memories only last if you share them

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



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