



W. Douglas Gsell

December 1, 1933 - September 11, 2019

W. Douglas Gsell passed away peacefully, Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at the Samaritan Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mount Holly. He was 85.

Born in Mount Holly, Doug was the longtime President and Owner of Gsell Moving and Storage and agent for Bekins Van Lines. He was the 1948 Mount Holly Soap Box Derby Champion and placed 5th Nationally in Akron, Ohio. For many years, Doug served as Mount Holly's Soap Box Derby Director. He was a Marine Corp Veteran.

Doug was always very active in the greater Mount Holly community. He was a member of Good Intent Fire Co, member and Past Exalted Ruler of the Mount Holly Elks #848, member and Past President of the Mount Holly Rotary Club, a Board Member of the Burlington County Boy Scouts of America. Doug served on the Mount Holly Town Council and was Deputy Mayor for many years.

Doug enjoyed playing golf and was a longtime member of Burlington County Country Club and enjoyed the outdoors and hunting as a member of the Atlantic County Game Preserve.

The husband of the late Helene and the father of the late Michael. His sister Berna Detta Watson and sister-in-law Mimi Smith also preceded him in death.

Doug is survived by his son and daughter-in-law: David and Beth Gsell of Jacksonville, FL; daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Peter Calcara of Mechanicsburg, PA; and a daughter-in-law Kelly Gsell of Mount Holly; 8 grandchildren: Christopher, Gregory, Andrew, Sarah, Rachel, Mikaela, Daniel, and Morgan; and 3 great-grandchildren: Hunter, Josey, and Jack. He is also survived by brothers-in-law Russell Watson and Dr. Kent Smith as well as nephews: Jim Moore, Craig Barton, Kent Smith and niece Walt Davenport.

Friends may visit with the family on Saturday, September 21, from 10am – 12 noon at the Perinchief Chapels. An Elks service will be held at noon, followed by a Memorial Service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Mt. Holly Elks for the Special Children's Fund or to the Mount Holly Rotary Scholarship Fund.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Elks Service

SEP 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

SEP 21. 12:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *W. Douglas Gsell*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



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October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Jim often spoke fondly of his many special memories of Doug and the Gsell family. We will keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

-The Bilyard Family

Cheri Bilyard - September 16, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ *My condolences to the Gsell family. May fond memories help you through such a tough loss. Rest in peace Doug.*

Vickie Bush - September 16, 2019 at 05:50 PM



“ *We know there will be such a void in your lives; but, we are so thankful pop pop was the special man that he was to you. We wish you peace and many good memories to share. Love, Kathi & Chuck Whit.*

kathi whitt - September 14, 2019 at 06:01 PM

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“*Doug Gsell was very important in my life; and he is the grandfather of my two boys. We didn't spend much time together in the last 30 years, but I have the most awesome memories of my time with him. He always made the room a lot more fun and there was never dull! moment! You knew he liked you if he gave you a little bit of a hard time!! And my boys adored him and their amazing grandmother, Helene! Thank you Doug for all the great memories, they are always there and thanks for being such an awesome grandfather!! All my love!!! Tish Gsell*

Tish Gsell - September 14, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“*Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of W. Douglas Gsell.*



September 14, 2019 at 03:11 PM