



Douglas P. Mercado

May 12, 1943 - May 5, 2012

Albany-Douglas P. Mercado died peacefully at home on May 5, 2012. Son of the late Peter and Marina (Mont) Mercado, Doug was born and raised on Manhattan's West Side and attended Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx. He served two years in the U.S. Army, including one in Vietnam, after which he earned a BA from Columbia University and a Master's from the New School for Social Research. He moved to Albany in 1976 to work for the NYS Education Department HEOP program. He retired in 2001 as Bureau Chief of the Office of K-16 Initiatives and Access Programs.

Doug's commitment to youth sports started in the late 1960s when he founded the Anibal Aviles Touch Football League. An avid baseball fan (who cheered on both the Yankees and the Mets), Doug could be also found in the announcer's booth as "The Voice of National Little League." He served as a Eucharistic minister at the Parish of Mater Christi and as treasurer of Albany Boy Scout Troop 2.

Doug is survived by his wife of 33 years, Karen (Karacoloff); children Monica, Peter (Katherine Siemann), and Julie (Milosz Grabski); grandson Tyler; niece Andrea (George Alfaro); nephew Marcos; sister-in-law Linda Karacoloff; sister Marina; and his faithful companion, Goober. He was predeceased by his siblings Monica, Julia, and Louis.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the doctors and staff of St. Peter's Cancer Care Center for their care and concern, especially Dr. Stephen Wrzesinski and Dr. Jenny Romero, and to Doug's caregivers, especially Joan and Holly.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Doug's memory can be made to National Little League, PO Box 8960, Albany, NY 12208 (attn: Rachael Seiler) or to Boy Scout Troop 2, c/o Robert M. Conklin, Scoutmaster, 6 Rickey Blvd., 12203.

Funeral services Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 10:30 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany at 11:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Wednesday, May 9, 2012 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment Graceland Cemetery.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a memory card or directions, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Previous Events

Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas P. Mercado*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - May 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



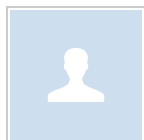
“ *Douglas P. Mercado*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Doug, what can be said about such a great man. He was truly dedicated to the oppressed in our society. He taught me a great deal -- but especially about human compassion##imported-begin##Frank Whelan Smith##imported-end##*

December 24, 2012 at 06:16 PM



“ *What a shock!. I grew up with dougie on Manhattan ave and 108st. we played stickball, softball, football, ring alevio, johnny on the pony etc he was a great guy and will be missed.*

Prayers to his family.##imported-begin##pete vazquez##imported-end##

August 08, 2012 at 02:35 PM



“ A bit of me died when I heard the news. I was a freshman at Fordham University when I first met Doug. It was an exciting and empowering time. The students were energetic, idealistic and committed to justice. The first large wave of Puerto Ricans to be admitted to Fordham in 1969 (twelve of us) began El Grito, Camp Fordham, and the Community Action Bureau. We were especially active in admissions to assure more Hispanics were accepted to Fordham, and of course securing financial aid. That's where Doug came in. Guiding us through the process, book money, tutoring allowances, and much more: a friend, mentor and a person we could rely on for practically anything. He was great. I recall my senior year when El Grito challenged the administration to a softball game. From my years after graduation when I visited Fordham, Doug was always there. He even showed at the 25th anniversary of El Grito's founding. I was please to hear Doug had secured a more prominent position in Albany, and it pleased me that he was quite happy in what he was doing. I'll miss him. My sympathies to the family, especially his wife. May God's blessing be with him.##imported-begin##Lucindo Suarez##imported-end##

June 13, 2012 at 04:45 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the Mercado family. Doug was truly an inspiration to all those associated with HEOP and all opporunity programs. May his soul be eternally be at peace.##imported-begin##William Clyde, Jr.##imported-end##

May 11, 2012 at 01:02 AM



“ My condolences to Karen, Monica, Peter, Julie and the extended family. I have many fond memories of Doug in the years I worked with in while he was Fordham and then as colleagues at State Ed. Doug was always thoughtful and caring. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Jacqueline Kane##imported-end##

May 10, 2012 at 08:23 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Doug's family. I have fond memories of Doug and appreciated his support when I was a student at Fordham University in the 70's.##imported-begin##gladys carrion##imported-end##

May 09, 2012 at 02:28 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all your family...##imported-begin##Kathy Prokorym##imported-end##

May 09, 2012 at 11:10 AM



“ Karen & Family,

My heart and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. Doug was a wonderful man whom I worked with in HEOP so many years ago. I was very saddened to hear of his passing. May the memories you have keep him forever close.##imported-begin##June (Hoyka) Romano##imported-end##

May 09, 2012 at 11:01 AM



“ Karen, my condolences to you and the family. Doug was truly a class-act in all that he did. I am especially grateful for the times we shared talking about opportunities for kids and sports.##imported-begin##Roberto Reyes##imported-end##

May 09, 2012 at 08:25 AM



“ May Dough rest in peace and May GOD Almighty bless him family and friends during these difficult times!##imported-begin##Mitch Duren##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 09:52 PM



“ I was greatly saddened to hear of Doug's recent illness and passing. He was a vital part of my Fordham experience in the early 1970's and helped so many make it through those years. The video shows how much he enriched the lives of his family and friends and how much they enriched his. That's a life truly well lived.##imported-begin##Jose Luis Torres##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 03:43 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Karen, Monica, Peter, Julie and his family and friends. Doug will be deeply missed. He was a good boss and a great friend. I thank him for sharing his family with us. My love and prayers go with you.##imported-begin##Marianne Esposito##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 01:35 PM



“ Dear Karen and Family:
I am so very sorry for your loss. Doug was a wonderful man who did so much to improve the lives of thousands, truly an unsung hero. I am proud to have known Doug and consider him to be a friend and a mentor. I relied upon his wisdom and experience throughout my time as HEOPPO president.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Bill##imported-begin##Bill Short##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 12:40 PM



“ My deepest sympathy. Doug will be sorely missed by his family and the community that he served. He was an excellent man and a compassionate manager.##imported-begin##Ann Marie Haase##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 11:41 AM



“ Doug was a great person and we are all diminished by his loss.

My heart goes out to Karen and the family.

If they have sports in heaven Doug is already coaching.##imported-begin##Steve Adolphus##imported-end##

May 07, 2012 at 05:15 PM