



Pastor Doug Anderson

March 5, 1960 - April 1, 2023

Melvin Douglas “Doug” Anderson

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Doug Anderson, born in Anderson, SC on March 5, 1960, passed away on April 1, 2023, at home in Tyler, TX surrounded by family.

Doug was born to Melvin Edward Anderson and Nellie Parniece Whitman, and lived primarily in South Carolina as a child. He grew up with eight brothers and sisters who he loved dearly, and enjoyed art, ventriloquism, playing the trombone, and theater. After graduating from high school, Doug received a full scholarship to the Sarasota School of Arts and planned to pursue his lifelong dream of being a Disney Artist. But those plans were put on pause after Doug felt the call to ministry. He attended Emanuel Bible College in Franklin Springs, Georgia for two years, then transferred to Lee College in Cleveland, Tennessee. Doug graduated from Lee in May of 1982. During his time at Lee, he also met the love of his life, Gina Robertson. They were married on January 2, 1982.

Combining his gift of ventriloquism with his calling to minister to children, Doug and Gina began their marriage as Children’s Evangelists. They traveled doing Kid’s Crusades, Youth Camps, etc. In May of 1983 they moved to Tyler where Doug served as Children’s Pastor at what is now Rose Heights Church.

After the death of their son, Ryan Douglas Anderson, in 1999, Doug and Gina moved to Dallas where he served as the Lead Pastor for Mountain View Church of God. This was a time of healing for their family, and they returned to Tyler in 2002. Doug faithfully served out the rest of his days as Lead Pastor and Pastor (“Captain”) Emeritus of Rose Heights Church.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents, his oldest brother, Hank Edward Anderson, and his son, Ryan Douglas Anderson. He is survived by his brothers: Mike Anderson, Phil Anderson, Steve Anderson, and Ken Anderson; and sisters: Pam Anderson, Tricia Thomas, and Paula Anderson.

Doug also leaves behind his forever love of 41 years, Gina Anderson, and his greatest joys: son and daughter-in-law, Reece and Susan Anderson, son, Michael Anderson, and daughter, Rina Anderson. He found “hope in the future” with his beautiful grandchildren that he loved so much: Sydney Rose, Lachlan Ryan, Aiden Ryan, Kaydence Grace, Lukas Conner, Benjamin Michael, and Owen Douglas. He was also “Uncle Doug” to many nieces and nephews.

In his memory, donations can be made “In Honor of Doug Anderson” to Rose Heights Church. The family is forever grateful to our Rose Heights Church family for the incredible love, support, and generosity surrounding Doug in his last months.

A “Celebration of Life & Memorial Service” will be held on Friday, April 7th at 2 p.m. at Rose Heights Church, 2021 Old Omen Rd, Tyler, Tx 75701.

Cemetery Details

Private Interment - Rose Lawn Cemetery

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rose Heights Church
2120 Old Omen Road
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 06, 2023 at 05:58 PM

J?

Another Soldier has made it home! #TeamAnderson ❤️

Jill Lucas 🙏 - April 07, 2023 at 11:45 AM

CD

The video is a beautiful tribute to Doug's life. He was truly a man of God with special talents that he used in his ministry. Heaven has gained a unique and mighty angel. ❤️

Cathey Dale - April 10, 2023 at 12:07 AM



“ It was he who I watched on Tv services, who lead me to a closer relationship with God. I am forever grateful. May you rest so peacefully in the arms of Jesus. God bless to the family, friends. Rest easy now my brother.

Janet Blackmon - April 09, 2023 at 12:08 PM

RC

“ *My deepest sympathy for the Anderson and Rose Heights Family 🙏
I met you all during the Life of Christ presentations (Best event ever in Tyler)
May the Lord continue to bless and keep you all until the Last Amen 🙏❤️*



*Your Friend
Randy L. Carter*

Randy L. Carter - April 08, 2023 at 12:22 PM

MK

“ *Doug Anderson was our children's pastor when we were there in Tyler in the early 90's. We loved this church for our young daughter and the ministry he led.
Now we are in Kansas City, but remembering this family and praying for them that God comforts them and gives them strength for the days ahead!*

*In deepest sympathy,
Mary & Todd Krass*

Mary Krass - April 07, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *2 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 06, 2023 at 05:18 PM

RS

“ *Ramona Steele lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Ramona Steele - April 05, 2023 at 06:35 PM

TH

“ *Terri Harper lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Terri Harper - April 05, 2023 at 05:44 PM

AL

“ *I came to know him during the pandemic. You see I never met him or went to his church, but he touched me with is compassion and sincere messages. Rest In Peace and be with the angels*

Alice Lipscomb - April 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ 243 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - April 05, 2023 at 12:08 PM

MS

“ *Melissa Swindle lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Melissa swindle - April 05, 2023 at 07:15 AM

MS

“ *Melissa Swindle lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Melissa swindle - April 05, 2023 at 07:12 AM

FW

“ Thank you Doug for the times when you would take the children through the community on tricycles, bicycles and wagons, and invite the community to the church. Thank you especially for taking my son Todd under your wing. You meant so much to me and my wife, Ann, and children Todd and Tara. Thank you for blessing my new marriage to Wendie after Ann passed. Hallelujah you are in heaven rejoicing with your Lord and Savior!! Love you and Gina and all of your family..you are gone but will never be forgotten!!

Floyd Williams - April 04, 2023 at 09:30 PM

DC

“ Grace and Peace to all.

Sid Chapman, Ed.D.



Dr. Sid Chapman - April 04, 2023 at 05:20 PM

RF

“ Rhae & Debbie Buckley & Family lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson



Rhae & Debbie Buckley & Family - April 04, 2023 at 05:00 PM

HA

“ Pastor Doug was our children’s pastor at Rose Heights Church when Rose Heights was on the loop, in the ‘80’s. My sister Cindy & I loved the kid’s crusade he and sister Gina hosted, and enjoyed getting to be kid’s crusade cheerleaders. He was our Pastor for many years, who reminded us every single Sunday to read the word of God. He was our friend who showed us unconditional love and always told us how important children were to the Lord. He dedicated our youngest son Andrew, and one Christmas our daughter Alyssa, while in the 1st grade, quoted Luke 2 with he and his “dummy” John. I learned so many lessons of how a humble servant of the Lord can shepherd such a large flock with grace and humility, while impacting our lives to love Jesus and love others. In fact we closed, and still close, every Sunday service with “Love one another as I have loved you, by this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.” Then he added “even so come Lord Jesus.” He wanted us anticipating Christ’s return.

“And for this commercial break”, he’d say, “Have I reminded you today to read the word of God?” Yes Pastor, we will never forget! See you soon Pastor Doug. ❤️

Heather Allen - April 04, 2023 at 04:47 PM

SB

“ He will never be forgotten.. A true legend , A disciple of Jesus Christ.. God Bless Your family...



Sylvia Baker - April 04, 2023 at 02:40 PM

JL

“ My prayers and love go out to the family of Pastor Doug. He will be sorely missed. He was a great influence on me and Ed. Thank you for your service to God and to the Rose Heights Family. Thank you also for being there for me during the loss of my husband, Bro. Ed Long Jr. in 2019.

Love, June Long

June Long - April 04, 2023 at 12:26 PM

JR

“ I have several special memories. I thought the "Life of Christ" at Caldwell was incredible. They touched my heart every year, was so sad when I learned they would no longer be performing. You, Pastor Doug and Gina have been such special friends thru the good and difficult times. We love you Gina and your family you are indeed a special lady. God bless and comfort you and yours during this difficult time. Weeping may endure for the night but joy comes in the morning!!!

Joye Rains - April 04, 2023 at 12:21 PM

RH

“ I attended Rose Heights for years & worked with pastor Doug in the children ministry. Who could forget "The Life of Christ" he portrayed for years. My daughter & her husband, Dean Mary Hutchinson Stone are currently members there. Pastor Doug will be missed in this community

Ruby Huchinson - April 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM

DC

I'm saddened to hear the news of Doug's passing. We were friends at Emmanuel College. He was a very talented individual. We who knew him spent many hours laughing with him— we also spent time praying and discussing spiritual insights. It's hard to believe— God bless his family and parishioners— Doug was a special person. Grace and Peace to all.

*Dr. Sid Chapman
Griffin, GA.*

Dr. Sid Chapman - April 04, 2023 at 02:24 PM

CG

“*My Granddaughter and Grandson, Cody and Ashley Deese and family, went to and still go to Rose Heights he Pastor Doug has had such a positive influence in their young lives and their children. Upon visiting several times it was clear how much they always talked about Bro Doug and loved him so very much I know they will miss him dearly such a sound man of God. Thank you Pastor Doug and your whole family for loving and serving God at Rose Heights and in your community. You will be missed but your legacy will live on through many generations. It was always a pleasure to hear you speak and teach the word of God. Love hugs and prayers to you all for such a wonderful family of God. I know I can speak for us, Claude and Ricki Gulley and Cody and Ashley Deese family 🙏🙏*



Claude and Ricki Gulley - April 04, 2023 at 01:55 AM

PO

“ Judy and I will forever be grateful to Pastor Doug for giving us the opportunity to serve on staff as Sr Adult Pastor for 10 years either some of the greatest Seniors and memories we have. I never referred to him as Doug , because I always told him I respected his office. So he was always Pastor and Gina was Sister Pastor. I'm out four years since leaving we hold to memories that shape our lives. I told Pastor I may not always agree! But I will always have your back. Love and prayers to you Sister Pastor and the kids

Pastor Gary and Judy Oglesby - April 04, 2023 at 01:27 AM

MF

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you, Gina and family. May God's love, grace and mercy surround each one of you. 🌸
Michael and Regina Douglas and Family



Michael and Regina Douglas Family - April 04, 2023 at 12:09 AM

AD

“ After years of not attending church God brought me to Rose Heights. Listening to Pastor Doug opened my eyes to the truth of God's Word and literally saved my life. Thank you Brother Doug for helping me find my Lord and Savior again. You will be missed but always remembered. You finished your race well Brother and now your in the loving of Jesus.

April Dark - April 03, 2023 at 11:33 PM

J?

“ 🙏 Pastor Doug Anderson left footprints on the Hearts of my beloved Brother, my precious Mother and my Family! He was our ROCK and Inspiration during Corky's 5 year Cancer Journey and was with us til the very end in 2010! ❤️ My Mother left us in 2019. She loved Doug 2 wings full! My Heart Sings to know they both met him at Heaven's Gate! 💕 Save a place for me! God bless Gina & kids! 😊😊😊 RIP

Jill Lucas 🌹 - April 03, 2023 at 11:10 PM

LB

My heart just ached when I read about the passing of Pastor Doug. My husband Bob & I just loved his preaching! We traveled full time for about 7 years & visited various churches on Sunday morning in many different states. When we settled down here in Tyler, we started looking for a church home. We visited a few churches & didn't think we would find one that we both really loved, and then we visited Rose Heights & heard Pastor Doug & that was that. We loved his preaching more than any that we had heard on the road. We went on Sunday mornings & sat in the right middle section on the 3rd or 4th row, then when covid hit we started watching it online. We never did officially join the church, but it was our church. I still watch it every Sunday & so miss Pastor Doug. My husband passed away in May & I am still grieving him. It's comforting to know that we will be with our loved ones again!!! My heart & prayers go out to Mrs. Gina & the children!

Linda Ballard - April 03, 2023 at 11:49 PM

EC

“ Evelyn Cook lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson



Evelyn Cook - April 03, 2023 at 11:07 PM

RC

“ During the time I attended Roseheights I came to understand Pastor Anderson's kind and patient nature; we were practicing for an Easter Play and things weren't going to plan. Pastor Anderson laughed and said we'll do better next practice, I asked someone, "is he always so kind"? They said, "yes, always". What a Godly example he was!

Robin Cravens - April 03, 2023 at 11:01 PM

JR

“ Pastor Doug allowed Jesus to work through him to save my life. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for this God fearing and loving man.

Jasmine Renteria - April 03, 2023 at 10:42 PM

BC

“ Pastor Doug was very nice when I came to visit...thank you for loving me



Bre Cravens - April 03, 2023 at 10:40 PM

DE

“ I went to school with Doug at Emmanuel. I am so heartbroken to hear this news. He was the prayer partner and friend only God could have sent. Many nights we would seek the Lord and His counsel concerning our lives. I'm forever grateful for his friendship and faithfulness to the call of God on his life. His talents were amazing. I'll never forget him. Thank God for the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessings and Peace on the family and the church.

Dennis Evans - April 03, 2023 at 10:37 PM

ES

“ *Eric Shadden lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Eric Shadden - April 03, 2023 at 10:30 PM

CC

“ *2018 Easter, I joined the early service of Rose Heights Church. His words led me back the next week and weeks after. Then Lindale campus, opened & i have been there from day one. Then he spoke in Growth track which lit a fire in me, I didn't know I had. He truly was the example of the Love of Jesus. So thankful for him. And everything he has done for this church.*

Cynthea Crowder - April 03, 2023 at 10:18 PM

JC

“ *Sending our deepest sympathies and love to your family during this difficult time. Pastor Doug was an amazing Pastor, teacher, & spiritual Father. He will be greatly missed. Love, Jessica & Family*



Jessica Caddell - April 03, 2023 at 10:18 PM

JO

Our heartfelt condolences go to the Anderson family, Doug will always live on with our lord and savior his laughter and humor is always going to live in our hearts ,, until we meet again our precious pastor forever ,, The Ortiz family

Jorge Ortiz - April 04, 2023 at 01:12 AM

LD

“ *LaWanda Daugherfy lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



LaWanda Daugherfy - April 03, 2023 at 09:52 PM

JJ

“ *Joy Jordan lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Joy Jordan - April 03, 2023 at 09:34 PM

FA

“ *I am so sorry for your great loss Rose Heights Church & Anderson family, my family and I had the pleasure of taking member classes with Pastor Doug and he was a blessing to my family and we will never forget him. God bless his soul
It is well with my soul.....*

Florinda Adams - April 03, 2023 at 09:19 PM

JG

“ *Doug and his Church were some of the biggest and best supporters of Orphans that our ministry called, "Serving Orphans Worldwide "*
has ever had

John Gregory - April 03, 2023 at 09:17 PM

DP

“*Doug was a wonderful man of God. Our daughters grew up under Doug and Gina ministering. One of our daughters and son-in-law work with the youth and children dept at Gracepoint Church of God in Irving. I know your walking the streets of Gold with Jesus and Ryan. Your memory will live on*

Dennis and Patsy Pittillo - April 03, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“*Janis Johns lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Janis Johns - April 03, 2023 at 08:46 PM

AB

“*Such a wonderful human being. Just at such a loss with this. He was sooo very loved and appreciated.*

April Brown - April 03, 2023 at 08:45 PM

GG

“*Gail Gray lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Gail Gray - April 03, 2023 at 08:36 PM

AT

“ *He was the funniest, caring, and best uncle anyone could ask for.*



Andi Thomas - April 03, 2023 at 06:17 PM

MS

“ *Malia & Steve Soape lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Malia & Steve Soape - April 03, 2023 at 05:54 PM

LT

“ *Lynda Tippit lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Lynda Tippit - April 03, 2023 at 01:38 PM

CG

“ *Wonderful neighbor. Gracious and friendly. Will never forget how he and Gina made us feel welcome when we moved here a few years ago.*

Claire and Ken Gibbs - April 03, 2023 at 12:37 PM

GT

“ *Gay A Tyra lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Gay A Tyra - April 02, 2023 at 10:22 PM

KU

“ *Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Kelley Uzzell - April 02, 2023 at 08:26 PM

WJ

“ *Waylon And Chrissy Jones lit a candle in memory of Pastor Doug Anderson*



Waylon and Chrissy Jones - April 02, 2023 at 07:10 PM

GV

“ *There are no words to say to the family how we mourn your loved one. We will continue to pray for your family in the days ahead. We love you and your entire family. Pastor Doug left us a great legacy.*

Gloria J Vasquez - April 02, 2023 at 06:36 PM

VB

“ Always a smile on his face. Wonderful youth pastor for my son growing up.

PRAYING for family

Vivian Blackstone Ragsdale

Vivian Blackstone-Ragsdale - April 02, 2023 at 02:22 PM