



Douglas Ashcraft

April 15, 1968 - September 23, 2009

Douglas passed away Wednesday in a tragic accident near Waco. He was living in Austin with his fiancé, Shannen Riley. They were to be married in October. Those who knew and loved Douglas will miss his loving spirit, his larger than life laugh and his mischievous and genuine warm smile. He was a devoted son, brother, uncle and friend. Douglas was passionate about his family, his sobriety, his friends, his music and his upcoming marriage. He overcame many obstacles in his life that would have crippled the average person. His strength and perseverance ultimately led him to a life of peace and true love. His family and friends are deeply saddened by their tragic loss. All who knew him were blessed. Douglas is survived by his mother, Connie Campbell; his father Charles Ashcraft, both of Tyler; his grandmothers', Nellie Caswell of Independence, MO and Dorothy Ashcraft of Opelousas, LA; his brother and sister-in-law, Jason and Rachel Ashcraft; and his niece and nephew, Anna and Will Ashcraft, all of Tyler; his aunts and uncles, Carol and Jerry Rippee, Gary and Patty Caswell, Mike and Debbie Caswell, and Dennis Caswell, all of Independence and Shannon and Phillip Smith of Lake Charles, LA. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Douglas Ashcraft and William Caswell, uncle William K. Caswell Jr., and aunt Nancy Caswell. Pallbearers are Ross Seggern Kenny Baker, Terry Buetler, Cameron Kuehne, Brian Everett and James Hunter, all of Austin. The family is requesting memorials be made to the Boys and Girls Club. The family will receive visitors Saturday, September 26, 2009

from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703. Services will be held Sunday, September 27, at 2:00 pm at the funeral home with Rev. Roy Thoene officiating. For more information or to express condolences, visit www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

DT

“ *Doug had an award winning smile and it was our pleasure to have known him.*

Don & Laura Tolner - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *I cannot ask for more happiness in my life than the time I spent with you. I was so glad to see you happy and doing so well. I will miss and love you forever, you made my life better just by being you.*
Love Always,
Shan

Shannen Riley - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Dear Ashcraft Family,*
Sorry to hear of your loss. I know Doug was doing well, and soon to be married.
Whatever else, he is safe with God now.
Steven Harris.

Steven Haris - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *I knew Douglas when we were kids in school in Lindale. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Lisa Kennedy Crowe - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ First of all- my sincere condolences to Doug's Family- you all meant so much to him-
Shannon was never happier than the time she spent with Doug- I was looking forward to their marriage more than anyone will ever know- I knew he loved Shannon with all his heart-he treated me in a very special way- I will always love him for who he was and how he treated and took care of my daughter-I don't have words to express the loss I feel for this great man

Pat Riley - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I am glad to have known Doug, if even for a very short time. Doug was so warm and inviting; his big smile and bright blue eyes made you feel as if you were old friends, even though you had just met. My six year old son took right to Doug - literally climbing all over him (like he was a big bear). I thought at that moment - you dont have to be a blood relative to call someone "uncle" do you? I decided (in my head anyway) that he would be Uncle Doung and Shan would be Aunt Shan...

I looked forward to seeing he and Shannen grow together and start their life together. Words cannot express how my heart aches for my dear friend.

Doug's family will be in my thoughts during this time of grief and for the many days to come. My prayers are for their strength and that they can pull together for support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Kathy

Kathy Sepmoree - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Although it has been several years that I have seen Doug, he remains as a friend that I knew I could always count on in our growing up days. Doug had a larger than life laugh like none other. Doug you will be missed by ALL that you welcomed into your life. I am so blessed that God allowed us to be friends. To the Ashcraft family, Charles, Jason and family, and Doug's fiance', and the extended family members will remain in my thoughts and prayers. He was one of a kind and a true JOY to know! ~Toni Thoene Portwood

Toni Thoene Portwood - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ He will be missed. Prayers are with you.

Kim Wyles - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Doug was such an incredible force and he had a way of drawing people to him. He had an amazing sense of humor and a laugh to match. I am so lucky to have had him in my life. Words cannot describe the loss I feel but I find comfort in knowing Doug had found happiness in life.

My thoughts are with his family, friends, and Shannen.

Michelle Blackburn-Acuavera - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I am sorry to learn about the death of Douglas Charles Ashcraft. This must have been a difficult time for all. Therefore, I am forwarding scripture to bring solace. Please, read the following scriptures: Psalm 90:10, Genesis 5:3-32 and Hebrews 9:27.

J Nunnally - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM