



Douglas Colton Perry

December 1, 1934 - July 7, 2018

Douglas Colton Perry, 83, was born Dec 1, 1934, in Provo, UT, the oldest child of Rolland and Miriam Perry. He died at his Provo home of causes incident to age, surrounded by loved ones, on July 7, 2018. He married the love of his life, Janice Kapp of Vale, Oregon, on Sept 24, 1958 in the Logan Temple.

Doug lettered in track and swimming at Logan High School, and he learned to play every brass instrument, talents which led to athletic and musical scholarships at both USU and BYU. He served in the French Mission from 1955-57, then met Jan at BYU on the first day of classes. He enlisted in the Army Security Agency, studied Russian intensively at the Army Language School in Monterey, CA for a year, then served for 15 months as a Russian Cryptographer in Japan.

Doug graduated from BYU in 1964 with a BA in Russian and teaching minors in French and Music. Graduate school at Indiana University followed as he pursued a PhD in Slavic Linguistics. He maintained a life-long love of languages and studied his scriptures in ten languages almost to the end of his life. In 1968 Doug left graduate school as his interests changed from natural languages to new digital ones. He worked as a systems analyst/programmer for the Navy, Westinghouse, USU, the LDS Church's Management Systems Corp., and IRECO Chemicals. The last 38 years were spent typesetting music for Jan and their music business, and they traveled to almost every state and many foreign countries giving hundreds of firesides.

Doug and Jan served in the Chile Santiago West Mission, and later as service missionaries in a Spanish-speaking ward in Provo. Doug also served as a Stake Missionary, Branch President, Military Group Leader, YM president, Elders Quorum President, Seventies Group Leader, Stake Clerk and Bishop in the BYU 12th Stake, High Councilor, and Provo Temple Baptistry worker. He was a dedicated home teacher.

Doug is survived by his wife and children Steve (Johanne), Robb (Kim), Lynne (Brad Christofferson), and John; grandchildren Jessica, Sarah, Rachel, Emily, Nate, Jason,

Melissa, Jake, Rebecca, Alex, Matt, Ben, and Kate; great-grandchildren, Ava, Nixon, Asher, Everly, Boston, River, Hudson, Luke and Daniel; his siblings David (Frances), Kathleen (Dennis Schade), and Diane (Gary Kapp); and many foster kids and their families who became a large part of his life, in particular Mark and Tammy Miner and their son Ammon, and Ge-Yao Liu, who came back to be present for Doug's last few days. Doug was preceded in death by his son, Richard Scott, and his parents, all of whom we are sure eagerly welcomed him home.

Funeral services will be held Sat. July 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the Provo Rock Canyon Chapel located at 2445 North 650 East (Timpview Dr). A viewing for friends and family will be on Fri. July 13th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the same Rock Canyon Chapel, and again on Sat. morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. just prior to the funeral. Interment will be at the Provo City Cemetery. Please share memories and condolences at <http://www.serenityfhs.com>.

Cemetery

Provo City Cemetery

610 Sout State Street
Provo, UT,

Events

JUL **Viewing** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Rock Canyon LDS Chapel
2445 N 650 E, Provo, UT, US

JUL **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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JUL **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Perry Family,

My prayers are with you at the loss of Doug. I will miss Doug's laugh and smile the most. IT seems whenever people were around, that humor of his came out in full force and you could here his laugh above all others. It was that distinctive. What a wonderful man. He will be missed. Much love to you all.

Stacy Robinson Stone

Stacy Stone - July 17, 2018 at 09:43 AM



“ Dear Janice:

Martha and I send you our love and deepest sympathy. We remember with great happiness our trips to church history sites on the buses with you. We remember sharing poems and sweet conversation and good food. We love you and Doug as soon as we met you and being in the firesides with you was heavenly. I am still writing stories and poetry and we are publishing our seventh family history story and our third volume of poems. We pray that the Lord will bless you close to him. His love is all ways with us and ours is always with you and yours.

Paul and Martha Carroll

Rich field, Utah

Paul Wayne Carroll - July 16, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ Dear Perry family,

I'm sure the Doug I knew was only a shadow of who he really was, being acquainted with him only from walking the mall these last couple of years, but even at that, he was the most cheerful and friendly man who made those rounds! I looked forward to meeting and greeting him there. He will be sorely missed!!!

Dennis Carter

Dennis Carter - July 14, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ When we first became acquainted with the Kapp/Perry family it was in Brigham City with Jack and Sue Kapp. Jack was our Bishop and we played Golf together. It was when we visited Jack’s mother, Ruth Kapp in Orem, Ut, we discovered we shared the same Great Grandfather who had several wives. After that we became acquainted with Jack’s Sister, Janice and Doug and found them to be a gracious and loving couple. We have admired their contributions to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and marveled at their enthusiastic energy as they have served theirs, and ours, Savior Jesus Christ in music, misdoon and firesides. We love the Kapp and Perry family.

Sherman and Norene Larson - July 12, 2018 at 10:04 AM



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Sherman and Norene Larson - July 12, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ I have very fond memories of the time we spent with Doug and Jani when I was younger. I will be forever grateful for the impact that Jani's music had on my life and her gift of music would not have happened without Doug's support and talents. Love to all of your family!!!

Linda Miller - July 13, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ Dear Perrys, please know that my heart, prayers, and faith go out to you. Brother Perry was always a role model of kindness, civility, humble confidence, and priesthood strength to me. He was able to make everyone he met happier, and that was quite the gift! My life is richer for having known him. I truly hope you can enjoy the peace that comes from the Comforter. With warm love and affection, - Stephen Wilkinson

Stephen Wilkinson - July 12, 2018 at 07:04 AM



“ Dear Janice and family,
My heart goes out to all of you for such a great loss....Janice when my youngest son was out on his mission to Mexico I was in the missionary momma's group . I was so excited that you were a guest speaker! When you were speaking and had your husband come up I thought he was such a kind and gentle soul. When you two were up there singing "The Family song" what a beautiful and fun spirit you two brought into the room. I will always have such fond memories of the retreat with the both of you.
My thoughts and prayers are with you of peace and comfort in the knowledge that families can be together forever !
Love,
Phyllis Waechtler

Phyllis Waechtler - July 10, 2018 at 11:34 PM



“ Dear Jan and family, when I read the news of Doug's passing, my immediate thought was, "no, it's too soon!" None of us enters this life without leaving it, but Doug is one of those people who is so kind and is such a stabilizing force, it's difficult to imagine not having him around. During those months, exactly 36 years ago, when we were all on the road with "It's A Miracle", I spent many hours talking with Doug while driving that big semi truck with all the sets and equipment. He expressed great interest in my future and was such a genuine and kind soul. Even when I was exhausted from driving for hours and pulled into a gas station with a low overhang that was shorter than the tall truck, he handled the sudden shock -- and the dissonant sounds of glass smashing and metal screeching -- like a champ. His words, "Bill, what the hell are you doing?" were spoken with great surprise, but with no condemnation. That was Doug ... a guy who could make you feel he loved you even when you smashed up his truck, causing him to (lightly) swear :) I remember feeling a bit jealous of Lynne and John that they got to spend every day with this great man, and not just a few months in the summer of '82. Jan and John and Lynne, Steve and Rob, Joy and Gary and all the family, my thoughts and love are with you at this tender time. I hope I'll be able to live up to the example Doug gave us of a great husband, father and friend ... a man who so faithfully supported and uplifted all who knew him. Bill Conner

William J Conner - July 10, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ Mi querido hermano Perry:
Qué alegría me da haberlo conocido. Que sentimiento tan Bello haber compartido momentos tan lindos de nuestra familia. Siempre lo consideramos parte de nosotros y así seguirá siendo siempre. Lo queremos mucho!

Gloria Acuña y familia

Gloria Acuna - July 10, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ I've known Doug only at the end of his life. But I do so LOVE learning about all his many accomplishments throughout his life--and how/why so many love him. My little "tidbit" is seeing him last year and earlier this year serving as chorister for our sacrament meeting. It was difficult for him to climb the stairs to his "position," but he did it with determination and love. His kindly face showed his love of the hymns and his love for the congregation. His conducting motions were accurate and strong. He led us into singing well!

Each time he arose, I wondered if this would be his last time to lead us in singing, and I was always so glad when it wasn't. I often told him that he was "my favorite choral conductor," which he was. Finally a few months ago, I wondered if that was his last time, and sadly, it was. I miss him on the stand; I miss him at Jan's side. But I KNOW we'll all be together hereafter. I HOPE he'll be the choral conductor of a heavenly Sunday School--and *I* want, ever so much, to be in that congregation! (Oh, yeah, and I bet we sing a JKP song/hymn!)

Lynn Sorenson - July 10, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ Janice and John, I was around Doug several times and he was always so friendly, so nice, so helpful, so devoted to his wife and family. He always was so pleasant and made me feel welcome and good. He was a great man. I was hoping to come down for the funeral, but several things are happening at the same time with my family. Love you guys a lot!!! Beverly Hart (Bonnie Murray's sister)

BEVERLY ROBINSON HART - July 10, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ Jan and family, Ralph and I offer our love and thoughts at this tender time. I so wanted to attend Doug's funeral and see the family. We were involved in a family reunion and couldn't make it. We have fond memories of Indiana times with your family and wanted our family to be just like yours. Of course, we don't have the music abilities but sure enjoyed observing your parenting skills and love of the Gospel. It's been wonderful to see you and Doug over the years. We have been inspired by your lives and all you've done together. We love you and pray for you. It was exciting when we met you and found out Doug and Ralph were related!

Gerri Larson

Gerri Larson - July 17, 2018 at 07:51 PM