



## Douglas R. Van Orsdel

January 12, 1930 - June 17, 2011

Douglas R. Van Orsdel was born January 12, 1930 in Fergus Falls, MN, the son of the late Cecil and Gladys 'Ostrom' Van Orsdel. In 1936, the family moved to the Little Falls area. Doug graduated from Little Falls High School in 1947. He served in the U.S. Army from Jan. 1951 until his honorable discharge from active duty in Nov. 1952. Doug returned to Little Falls and worked at Standard Parts, Larsen Motor Service and Camp Ripley. In 1955, he was hired at the Mobilization and Training Equipment Site (MATES) at Camp Ripley, MN retiring as a Warehouse Worker Foreman in 1985. Doug enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard in 1955. From 1955 to 1990 he served with honor in various supply and maintenance positions at Company, Battalion and Division levels. Doug retired from the Minnesota National Guard at the rank of Command Sergeant Major 1990. Doug then worked for 12 years at Shelley Funeral Chapel. in many capacities from maintenance to assisting on funeral services. Doug was dependable, hard working and greatly missed when he retired. He was a quiet man of few words. His one line quips and dry sense of humor endeared him to everyone. Doug enjoyed yard work and especially loved when his sons and grandchildren came to visit. He committed his life to the Lord in his mid 20's and faithfully served Him the rest of his life. Doug was attending the Little Falls Alliance Church. Douglas R. Van Orsdel is survived by his wife, Patricia; sons, Todd E. Van Orsdel of Fayetteville, NC and Stuart 'Jessica' Van Orsdel of Eveleth, MN; brothers, David Van Orsdel of New Brighton, MN and Darrell 'Lee' Van Orsdel

of Grand Rapids MI; sister, Mary 'Alden' Yungner of Champlin, MN; three grandchildren, Christian, Elliot and Greta Van Orsdel, nieces and nephews. Douglas was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Gladys Van Orsdel and a sister, Doris Jean Almquist.

Casketbearers will be Warren Pikal, John Sundstrom, Michael Sundstrom, Christian Van Orsdel, Gaylon Olson and Al Larson.

Military Rites will be conducted by the Camp Ripley Honor Guard.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Little Falls Alliance Church  
903 13th Avenue NE  
Little Falls, MN

## Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Little Falls Alliance Church  
903 13th Avenue NE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas R. Van Orsdel*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I greatly enjoyed getting to know Doug when I worked at Shelley Funeral Chapel in the early '90s. He was a quiet and funny man who loved God and his family. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all.##imported-begin##Todd Carlson##imported-end##*

June 23, 2011 at 07:47 AM



“ *Pat--we lost a great man. We treasure the memories of a person willing to help without fanfare or hope for publicity. He did what was right.##imported-begin##Rod and Marilyn Swanson##imported-end##*

June 21, 2011 at 10:15 AM



“ *I will remember CSM Van Orsdel as being a quiet natured and highly respected soldier at Camp Ripley. Hooah!##imported-begin##Lynn (Nelson-Wieshalla) Duxbury (SFC Ret.)##imported-end##*

June 20, 2011 at 10:40 PM



“ I was in the same unit as he was when I joined the National Guard. Doug was a man of few words, but always got the job done. I respected him a great deal. Rest in peace, dear friend,##imported-begin##Larry Sharon##imported-end##

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June 20, 2011 at 10:11 PM



“ The Norr family of Little Falls and the Van Orsdels have quite a history, considering Cecil, and my Dad, Harry, going way back, and the Baptist church, etc. Not counting my first recollection (in error), which was of Doug Chapman, my next (once corrected by my sister Cathy) was of the summer the Van Orsdels hosted the youth pastor, Mark Brush. I let Mark pitch his 80 mph softball to me in your front yard.

My sympathies to Doug's survivors.##imported-begin##Jim Norr##imported-end##

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June 20, 2011 at 05:07 PM



“ Dear Pat, Todd and Stuart...Honorable man, best employee, great neighbor and most of all loyal friend. With our love and sympathy...Steve and Gwyn##imported-begin##Steve and Gwyn Shelley##imported-end##

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June 20, 2011 at 01:25 PM



“ Pat, Darrell and family...  
Thinking about you and your family during this sad time. I know you have had some very hard times during Douglas' illness and he is in a better place now. Still, it is hard to say goodbye to someone who has been a part of your life for such a long time. Our best to all of you. Karen and Tom Idstrom###imported-begin##Karen and Trom Idstrom###imported-end##

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June 20, 2011 at 12:03 PM



“ I remember once, when I was a little kid, Doug got up in church during testimony time and said he couldn't be down or depressed because "HE WAS THE CHILD OF A KING" - That always gave me encouragement when things didn't go just right for me. Now Doug is with "THE KING." We're praying for you Pat.###imported-begin##Dale & Joann Lackore###imported-end##

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June 20, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ My heart and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I will keep you all in my prayers. May God comfort you with His Holy Spirit in the days to come and may you take joy in the memories of a life well lived.###imported-begin##Pamela Freudenrich###imported-end##

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June 20, 2011 at 09:27 AM



“ Pat, I am so sorry for you loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers!###imported-begin##Michelle Carl##imported-end##

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June 20, 2011 at 08:14 AM



“ Pat,  
Sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Faye Santala###imported-begin###Faye Santala###imported-end##

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June 19, 2011 at 09:46 PM



“ Pat, sorry to hear of your loss. Doug was always so cheerfull when  
he would come to see you at T.O. Plastics. I will be praying for  
you###imported-begin###Jay Vandenheuvel###imported-end##

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June 19, 2011 at 05:36 PM



“ So sorry for your loss..my thoughts and prayers are with  
you###imported-begin###Debbie Copa###imported-end##

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June 19, 2011 at 04:01 PM