



In Loving Memory Of Doug Lorenz

Born to Donald & Laura Saylor

June 16, 1984 ~ Los Angeles, California

Joined the Pirates

February 19, 2024~ Watford City, North Dakota

Funeral Service

Friday, March 8, 2024 ~ 1:00 PM

Rough Rider Center

Watford City, North Dakota

Officiating

Mark Honstein

Music

Amazing Grace ~ Dropkick Murphys

In This River ~ Black Label Society

Yesterday ~ The Beatles

Simple Man ~ Lynyrd Skynyrd

Hold the Light ~ Dierks Bentley

Pallbearers

Molly Pead Jordan Saylor Randy Fischer Jr.

John Geck Adam Lesh Robert Hanley

Zach Thompson Jerry Hills

Honorary Pallbearers

Don Saylor Everett McRae-Lorenz Ezekiel Lorenz

Ushers

Kaden Nikoleyczik Dewey Screen

US Forest Service Honor Guard

Presentation of Flag

Final Resting Place

Schafer Cemetery ~ Watford City, North Dakota

Arrangements By

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home

Watford City, North Dakota

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Douglas Lorenz

"Doug"

June 16, 1984 - February 19, 2024

On February 19, 2024, our collective hearts broke upon learning that Douglas "Doug" Lorenz (known to some as "Tommy Chacon" along with other nicknames, including Dougie Fresh, Doug Life, or his favorite— "Dad") had passed away in Watford City, North Dakota. His death was unexpected and sudden; Doug's loved ones are struggling to understand, yet finding solace in the memories shared with Doug over his 39 years.

Born on June 16, 1984 to Laura Lanyon Saylor (Chacon) in the Los Angeles area, Doug was a sweet and playful child. He loved to help others and play with his multiple siblings, cousins, and friends. As a teenager, Doug and his family lived in the Lake County area in Northern California. Doug built close friendships over a love of music and sometimes getting into mischief, and his immeasurable bonds with those siblings and friends remain today.

After graduating from high school, Doug managed two smoke shops in Santa Rosa and had a few other jobs before joining the U.S. Forest Service, where his mother also worked. Doug loved being a wildland firefighter, even joining the Elk Mountain wildland hot shot crew in the Mendocino Forest of California.

It was in Ukiah that Doug was called up for jury duty in December 2013 and where he met the love of his life: Tara Catherine McRae. They sat on the jury next to one another and tried to avoid their mutual attraction until after the case concluded. Tara had a five-year-old son from a previous relationship, Everett "Skippy," then Doug and Tara welcomed Ezekiel "Zeke" to the family in February 2015. On January 16, 2016, at their home in Upper Lake, California, Doug and Tara were married, surrounded by family and friends.

Doug always enjoyed motorcycles and gained a greater appreciation for them when he visited his mother and Don in the forests of Covelo, California. Doug became incredibly close to Don, who he has always seen as his father, and who we've suspected really shares DNA with Doug by some pirate twist of

fate. Doug credited Don with teaching Doug how to be a better man. In 2015, Doug joined the American Kickers motorcycle club in Lake County and stayed connected to the group even after he moved to North Dakota.

Moving to North Dakota in 2017 provided Doug and the family a chance to be near Laura & Don (who had themselves moved to Bismark in 2016) as well as his brother Jordan, nieces, nephews, and extended family. Zeke and Skippy enjoyed making new friends, exploring new places, and spending time with their dad, whether it was ice fishing, learning to hunt, playing golf, or telling jokes after karate class. Life was, as Doug would say, "sweet."

Doug was a devoted father to both boys, legally adopting "Skippy" in February 2023 and was the silly, strong, caring dad that both Skippy and Zeke knew and loved. Doug made sure to tell them both each day how loved they were, and they will forever hold the memory of their dad in their hearts. Our hearts grieve with these two young boys.

Grief is not a linear process, nor does each person grieve in the same way. It can be especially difficult to grieve when we cannot make sense of a person's death. We humans tend to search for a reason behind what happens, a way to find purpose within the chaos of life. Some look to God and some look elsewhere; some are open in their grief and others remain private. The common elements, however, are sorrow for the loss of someone dear to us and concern for those left most affected by that loss. We will miss Doug deeply and we collectively pray for his two precious sons, Skippy and Zeke. Our hearts go out to Tara, his wife of eight years, partner for ten years, and mother to the boys. She grieves for her sons especially, knowing all the moments their dad will miss, hoping he will watch over the boys in some form.

The common phrasing in obituaries is to say that the decedent is "survived by" those who still live, but the phrasing does not quite capture the ways in which one must endure and work through pain in order to survive loss. Forever changed, yet living still, are Doug's parents, Laura and Don Saylor; Charles "Charlie" Lorenz, Sr.; his siblings Teryn Lorenz (Geneo Hulse); Jordan Saylor (April Bland); Sierra "CiCi" Lanyon (Chris Machado); Sarah Lanyon; Charles Lorenz, Jr.; and Sam Lanyon (Christina Marie Tymn-Lanyon); as well as his many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and the MOST amazing and eclectic group of friends. Of Doug's large group of friends, there are three from his young adult days that stand out in particular: Molly Pead, John Geck, and Adam Lesh. Anyone who spent time with Doug would surely have also heard him speak about his beloved dog, Cody, who preceded him in death but lived on in spirit. Others who passed before Doug were his special grandparents, Concepcion "Connie" and Jesus Chacon; as well as Margarita Chacon Miller; and Ezekiel Chacon.

