



## William "Doc" Dougherty

November 18, 2016

On November 18th 2016, William Dougherty "Doc", 87, was called home to his heavenly father. He died peacefully at his daughter's home after fighting a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in South Philadelphia where he lived with his parents and eight older brothers and sisters. As a young boy, he was a member of St Anthony's Parish. He was predeceased by his siblings: John, Joseph, Francis, Agnes, Edwin, Bernard, George, and Dorothy.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Kathryn (nee: Mulholland). He was the loving father of Denise and her husband Wayne Boyd of Mt. Ephraim, NJ; Kathleen Toland of Galloway, NJ; Patrick and his wife Deborah of Norriton, PA; and Linda Dow and her husband David of Galloway, NJ; loving Pop Pop to 10 grandchildren: Brandon Boyd and his wife Rachel, John Toland and his wife Sara, Shawn Boyd and his wife Jessica, Katelyn Toland, Bridget Dow, Michael Toland and his fiancée Madeleine, Denise Marie Boyd and her fiancé Chris, David John Dow, Erin Dougherty, Jill Dougherty; great Pop Pop to 4 great-grandchildren: Eric, Logan, Noah, and William; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Prior to retiring 23 years ago, he was a Pressman for the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News, where he worked for 46 years. Later, his son, grandsons, and son-in-law also took employment with the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Doc had a great ear for music and truly loved being involved as an active member of the Trilby, Broomall, and Quaker City String Bands. He was an avid reader and sports watcher of his beloved Philadelphia Phillies. He enjoyed watching the games with his children and grandchildren. For the better part of his life, his summers were spent enjoying his time with family at his home in Wildwood, NJ.

A visitation will be held at Earle Funeral Home, 122 West Church Street, Blackwood, NJ

on Tuesday, November 22, from 7-9PM.

A funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday at 10:30AM at St. John Vianney RC Church, Deptford, NJ. Entombment will follow at New St. Mary Cemetery, Bellmawr, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Doc's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Funeral under the direction of D'Elia Funeral Home, Lakewood, NJ

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## New St. Mary's Cemetery

515 W. Browning Road  
Bellmawr, NJ,

**NOV 22**   **Visitation**   07:00PM - 09:00PM

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Earle Funeral Home-BLACKWOOD LOCATION  
122 West Church Street, Blackwood, NJ, US

**NOV 23**   **Service**   10:30AM

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Infant Jesus Parish at St. John Vianney Church  
2901 Good Intent Road, Deptford (Blackwood Terrace),  
NJ, US

# Comments

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“ I am so sadden by the passing of "Poppa Doc". He will always be in my heart. I will always miss our visits to your house in Wildwood, whenever I was down. You raised 3 beautiful daughters and 1 great son along with the help of "Momma Doc". Kas, Denise, Kathy, Linda and Pat, I will always keep him in my thoughts and prayers. Love from one of his many extended daughters, Jo Ann

**Jo Ann Greene Grudzinski** - November 22, 2016 at 11:26 AM

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“ Dear Kass, my sincere sympathy on the loss of your husband. This is Jane Fulton McCullough, a voice from your distant past. We were married at St. Anthony's Church on 9 12 53. We were 10 o'clock and you were 11 o'clock. I just lost my devoted husband on 9 1 16, just 12 days of our 63rd anniversary. These are difficult times but your loving family will support you and lift you up. You and your family will be in my prayers and thoughts. Similar threads seem to run in both our lives. We had 6 children, 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. I too now live in New Jersey with my youngest daughter. God is good and will help uou during this most difficult time.

**Jane Fulton McCullough** - November 22, 2016 at 09:45 AM

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“ This is a tribute to " A life well lived ", in integrity, love, principle and courage. " Doc " was my dad's best friend. Often they were referred to as " Bert and Harry ", as my dad was 6' 2" and Doc was somewhat shorter. My dad and Doc both worked for the Daily News in Philadelphia, and together they drove to work every day over the Walt Whitman Bridge; past the Publicker Brewery on the right where you had to hold your nose because of the smell, back in the days when the toll was 25 cents. The Pressman took great pride in their profession and in themselves. Doc surely was one of " The Greatest Generation ". He was a man of great principle. He was a " Tough Irishman " , but if you looked into his eyes you saw the twinkle of a gentle man, with a big heart who loved life and was so appreciative and aware of all the blessings God had gifted him. " I've been to Ireland 15 times " Doc proudly said. Doc loved music and he actively played the Glockenspiel (Bells) with the string bands, most of his life. So when I think of life that was so " Well Lived " ....So rich....So loved...So complete, one man easily comes to mind. They called him " Doc" I'll check the margin..... " Hey Doc!...Would you make me a Newspaper Hat? "

Love, " Bobby's Son " Walt

**Walter Kingston** - November 20, 2016 at 05:45 PM



“ Thank you Walt, we couldn't say it any better than that. Kas,Denise,Kathy,Pat, and Linda

**Kathy** - November 22, 2016 at 08:40 AM



“ Walt, what a beautiful sentiment for a well loved man. He was definestely one of a kind. At their last wedding anniversary, there was a wonderful voice singing, " When your lad wedding ring was new". When I asked who was singing, my sister replied, " why it's Doc of course! We lived two doors away, for about 100 years, and we could always counting on watching Doc walking his miles and miles everyday, he was the healthiest man alive. Now, that he passes,, he will be missed by many! Everybody loved him, what a man !

**Bonnie. DiFelice.** - September 26, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ Thanks Bonnie, I didn't realize my Dad died on the same day as your Dad, Tracy told me. We were so very lucky to have the parents we did. Tough but so very loving and kind. God Blessed them & us.

**Kathy** - May 07, 2018 at 10:28 PM