



Thomas "Ed" Edwards Douglass

December 10, 1947 - January 9, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Thomas Edwards Douglass, affectionately known as Ed, who left us on January 9, 2025, at the age of 77. Born on December 10, 1947, Ed was a proud graduate of the Tennessee Military Institute Class of 1965. In 1966, he enlisted in the United States Air Force as a C-130 Aircraft Propeller Repairman, serving honorably in Vietnam. His service to his country was a defining part of his life, and he carried that sense of duty and dedication throughout all his endeavors.

After his military service, Ed spent many years working in the turf and industrial equipment industry before retiring and enjoying time with family and friends. In his retirement, Ed enjoyed working in his yard and indulging in his love for tinkering in his garage. He was always happiest when immersed in a project, whether it was maintaining his cars, his home, or simply enjoying the peacefulness of his surroundings.

A lifelong fan of NASCAR and racing, Ed loved everything about the sport, from the roar of the engines to the thrill of competition. He was also an avid car enthusiast, spending countless hours working on and restoring vehicles. His passion for racing and his knowledge of cars brought him joy and a deep sense of connection to his interests and loved ones.

Ed is survived by his devoted wife of over 37 years, Renee Douglass, and

their three children: Brad Douglass (Jennifer) of Alabama, Stephen Douglass (Sandra) of Tennessee, and Erica Moore (Kenny) of Florida. He was also the proud grandfather of Grace Douglass (23), John Douglass (20), and Lily Douglass (17), who were the light of his life.

Ed will be remembered for his warm, generous spirit, his love for his family, and his unwavering passion for the things that brought him joy. His memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, with visitation from 10:00 –11:00 AM at the Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel. Chris Oglesby and Brother Greg Narrell will officiate. After the service, Union Grove First Baptist Church will provide a meal for anyone who would like to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association in Ed's memory. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel entrusted with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

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“ It’s unreal that tomorrow will be 1 year since we lost Ed. I loved the times we would just sit and talk. He would probably say that I did most of the talking. I miss his weird sense of humor. Like the stuffed Curious George he gave me for Valentines few years ago. He didn’t want me to feel left out. He could have a tender heart at times. He wasn’t only my bestie’s husband, he was my other bestie. Ed, I miss you so much. Love Elaine

Elaine Suggs - January 08 at 01:48 AM

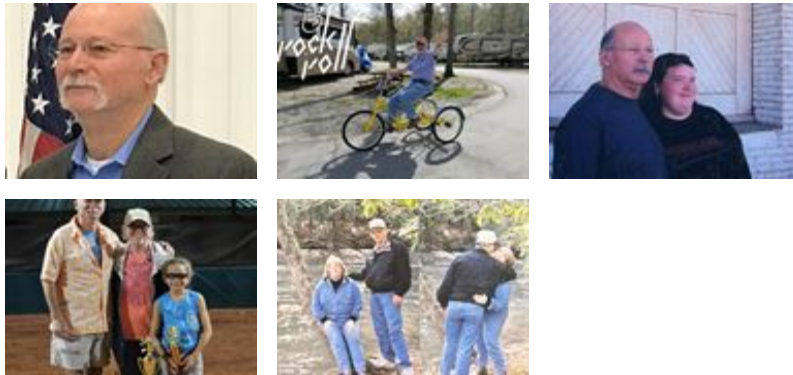
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“ Doing a little thinking this morning. We are just shy of a year from Ed’s passing. He is missed. But he lives on in so many. His stories are retold often. They leave great memories, laughs and chuckles!! Grateful for his impact on our family!!

chris oglesby - November 30, 2025 at 10:25 AM



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Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - January 13, 2025 at 02:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Ed" Edwards Douglass.*



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“ *We met Ed and Renee in Virginia. We shared so many good memories. Ed was very knowledgeable about a lot of things. It was interesting just listening to his stories. We called him “Pops” because he was the father figure to most people. He loved Renee very much. Ed will be missed but not forgotten! Until we meet again we love you old friend.*

Tim & Vicki Wright

Tim & Vicki Wright - January 12, 2025 at 02:51 PM



I am so sorry for your loss and will be praying for you and your family. Thanking Ed for sharing his son, Brad, with our family. We love him very much , as our son, too. Ed’s love for cars and racing was passed to his sons and Grandchildren. We are thankful for Ed, his and Renee’s friendship, and the memories made with “our children”. He will be missed.

Dian Casteel Terry - January 13, 2025 at 04:27 PM