



Douglas Chamberlin

April 10, 1953 - October 1, 2023

Douglas Clark Chamberlin was born in Muscatine, IA to Linda and Roy Chamberlin on April 10, 1953. The oldest in a family with 5 younger sisters and one brother he soon became the “man of the family”. From about the age of 12 Doug began working to help support his family bringing his earnings home to his mother to help pay the bills and groceries. Doug loved his family and was willing to work a variety of jobs from farm fields to later being a butcher as they moved between Muscatine, Davenport and Otteson. There were even times when his mom would bundle him up to walk, sometimes miles, to get help with coal to keep them warm in winter. He also loved to sing and dance. In fact he and his sister Lori won several dance contests.

He married at a very early age and was the proud father of two sons, and one daughter. It was after getting married that he became a truck driver, a job he dearly loved and kept for 42 years. He worked for several different companies and traveled the entire United States, even owning his own truck for a while.

Doug was always ready to help out wherever he could and made friends easily. He had his first heart attack at age 46 and shortly after he got his

pacemaker he was forced to retire from trucking. But always resourceful, he then worked as a cook for the Moose Lodge in Muscatine, and was an excellent cook.

In 2013 Doug came to the valley with a friend and met Mary who had just moved there. It was meant to be as they married in March, 2014. They loved music and soon decided at the request of many friends to do a show. That show led to many more and several years of entertaining throughout the valley as The Chamberlin's and Southern Express. Doug was living his dream, even playing in Branson for several years.

Doug died peacefully at home on October 1, 2023. He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda Stansell Chamberlin Husband, father, Roy Wilson Chamberlin, step father Dean Monson, brother in law Dan Garmon and sister in law Leah Chamberlin. He is survived by his wife Mary of the home, daughter Wendy Marloff of Wapello, IA, sons: Scott Chamberlin of Riverside, IA and Robbie Chamberlin of Illinois City, IL. Brother: Jeff Chamberlin, sisters: Lori Garmon, Tami Pardi, Terri McManus, Sheri Rhoder, and Keri Raushenburger and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was also a loving dad to his step daughters, DawnRae Leonard, Kathy Whitehead, Sandra Miller and Bev Myhand.

All services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.

Tribute Wall

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“ One of the best times in my life was riding in the semi with Doug headed to Texarkana. Every time I hear the song "Eastbound and Down" I remember that trip. Doug was such a gentleman and loving soul. He will definitely be missed by many.



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