



## Douglas Hoxsie Robinson

February 28, 1946 - December 8, 2020

Douglas Hoxsie Robinson passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at the age of 74 in his home in Heber surrounded by his wife and children. He was born on February 28, 1946 in Long Beach, California to Wilford and Maleta Robinson. On June 7, 1969, he married Susan Ellen Holdaway and, together, raised six children.

Words could never do justice to Doug's larger-than-life personality and experiences. Doug (aka "Grog") was a national-championship bull and bronc rider, a rodeo clown, a practical joker, a Utah State Student Body President (self-proclaimed), a Sigma Chi Consul, and a successful sales manager and entrepreneur. He was strong, opinionated, passionate, and gregarious. He loved telling his grandkids stories about his antics like the time in college when he invited his future wife, Susan, to a toga party only for her to be horrified upon realizing they were the only ones wearing togas. Most importantly, Doug believed that the true test of a man's character was how he treated his fellow man; a test that he passed with flying colors through countless acts of service to those around him. Doug could come across as macho and tough, but to those who knew him, he was gentle, generous, and kind.

Doug loved the outdoors. He spent much of his childhood working outdoors on a ranch in Laketown and then returned to his cowboy roots when he settled in the Heber Valley to enjoy his retirement. Some of his fondest memories are days spent with his family outdoors water-skiing at Bear Lake and Lake Powell, snow-skiing at Snowbird, and forcing his kids and grandkids to work with him in his yard. He loved sports: playing sports, watching sports and, especially, coaching sports.

Although Doug enjoyed professional success, he was most proud of the legacy that he established through his progeny. Doug is survived by his wife of fifty years, Susan, his six children and their spouses: Ryan and Katie, Justin and Janet, Chalyse and Christian, Zachary and Gina, Colin and Andrea, and Casey and Sapphire, and eighteen grandchildren: Dane, Kaytlin, Savannah, Parker, Derek, Trevor, Cooper, Tyler, Daxton, Luka, Kate, Cannon, Sebastian, Alexianne, Kendall, Reza, Soyod, Muhammad, and other

foster grandchildren who will continue to live out his legacy of love, generosity, and service.

Doug is also survived by his sister Judy, brother George and his wife Marion, brother David and his wife Debbie, sister-in-law Karen, sister-in-law Barbara, brother-in-law Craig and his wife Jane, sister-in-law Claudia, and sister-in-law Nora and her husband Clark, and more nieces, cousins, and family friends (that he considered more family than friends) than we can easily name. He was preceded in death by his brother, Wilford Jr., parents, Wilford and Maleta, parents-in-law, Reed and Margaret, brothers-in-law, Lee, John, Max, Don, niece Kristin, and nephew Benjamin.

We are so thankful for all the doctors, nurses, and caretakers who have cared for Doug and our family with kindness, compassion, and humor as he battled with Parkinson's disease. Thank you to our family, friends and neighbors who have consistently loved and supported all of us. We have been overwhelmed and humbled by your tender acts of generosity, kindness, and love.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. and will be broadcast for family, friends, and neighbors at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBB6wZ-HtZY&feature=youtu.be>. Doug's life will also be celebrated in Laketown, where he grew up

and spent countless summer vacations with his family, at a time and location to be announced once the pandemic is controlled in a manner that it is safe to gather. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or another charity of your choice.

# Comments

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“ Just wanted to send our love to the Robinson family and let them know we have wonderful memories of each one from past years in our Apple Valley Ward! Doug and Sue were wonderful to work with as we served together in Cub Scouts and with the youth at various times. My sons remember what a great volleyball coach Doug was to them, showing patience and positivity always! Thank you for great years of friendship and association!! We pray for many blessings of comfort at this time for you all!! Love from Jerry and Judy Bollinger

**Jerry and Judy Bollinger** - December 22, 2020 at 10:28 AM

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“ Sue and family, I am so sorry for your loss Doug will leave a large void too fill but it looks like he left a great legacy behind to do that. I'll keep this short and to the point somewhat like Doug would do. I met Doug in the fall of 1964 as an incoming freshman at USU. When I first met him he had this dark bruise on the side of his face that, if you looked really close. it appeared to be the imprint of a horseshoe. Come to find out it was, a result of one of his recent rodeo Clown exploits. Talk about first impressions, he must have a hard head. We were both going through Greek rush week and also trying out for the freshman football team at the time. I consider myself to be very lucky that we both joined the same fraternity, Sigma Chi, which was the start of our friendship, how else could you two guys get tagged with the nicknames of Grog and Hog for a couple of small town boys. Luckily our college relationship also included Sue who was this super lady who would attempt to keep Doug somewhat in line. Looks liked it worked out great when you see the prodigy Doug and Sue have provided. You knew what you got with Doug, no hidden agenda or BS, in any discussion you would get to the point quickly. A man of true integrity, if he was your friend he was your friend, he has set a good example for anyone to follow and live by. A man among man, he will be missed.

Charlie Bracken

**charles bracken** - December 15, 2020 at 08:45 PM

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“ Glenna Peggy Karma Marilyn Diane Jeanne Susan H purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Douglas Hoxsie Robinson.



**Glenna Peggy Karma Marilyn Diane Jeanne Susan H** - December 15, 2020 at 01:10 PM

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“ I spent many wonderful days with my Robinson cousins in Laketown. One summer day out of boredom I suppose, one of the older two boys I don't remember if it was Doug or Geoerge, shot his brother on the fanny with a bb gun. The chase was on. Ranging over the whole farm the boys wrestled for possession of the gun shooting each other when they could. I was thrilled. Up to this point my naive 8 year old brain had thought that people only chased each other with guns in the movies. The pace quickened and I thought things could't get any better when Maleta sent out Wilford to stop the bloodshed. He hauled the two boys in for a licking with a genuine razor strap! David and I listened at the door and the peaceful Bear Lake Valley was soon filled with wolf like howls ot two sorrowful but unrepentant boys. I cherish no fonder memory. The strength of the Robinson clan resided in Doug's mother, my aunt Maleta. A more honest, hard working kind person has never lived on earth. I am sure that Doug is having a wonderful reunion with Maleta, Wilford, and many others.

Bruce Ashton

**Bruce Ashton** - December 14, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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“ I always felt such a love and affinity my uncle Doug and his wonderful family. My kids, too, bonded with and loved all the Robinson kids and grandkids. While I give full credit to each of them for the unique and beautiful spirits they are, apples don't fall far from the tree, and I know that the bright, warm, kind, always loving, supportive, and positive energy that Doug and Susan bring to the world is also alive in them and fuels the good they do in the world. That bright love, that positive energy, that roguish grin, and the wry twinkle in Doug's eyes, shines in my memories of the times we spent together over Christmas, at Bear Lake and on the other occasions at which we gathered as a family. I always looked forward to seeing Doug, I always felt welcome, loved, seen, and appreciated by him. I'm sure everyone that knew and loved him did as well.

In lieu of flowers, we made a donation to the Matthew J. Fox Parkinson's Research Foundation, in tribute to Doug.

All our love to you, Doug, and to your family as we celebrate your life and grieve your loss.

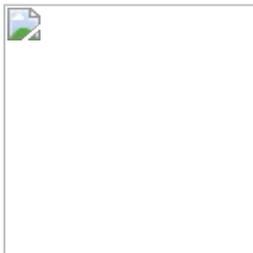
Ethan and Flo

**Ethan Miller** - December 12, 2020 at 05:40 PM

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**Zac Robinson** - December 12, 2020 at 02:35 PM

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“ Dearest brother Doug,  
I love you! In all these years I've known you, I've been in awe of your powerful Zest for Life!!! I experience you as a “force of nature”! — always a twinkle in your eyes! Always a big “YES” to life and to whatever gifts and challenges may come your way. Always amazing energy for work and for play!  
And even though it's been kinda your manner to razz your wife, my dear sister Susan, we all see these as your own unique brand of frequent love notes. We all feel how deeply you adore her and know how proud and supportive you are of your beautiful wife.

Doug, I've always been aware of your powerful work ethic and I know how lovingly and diligently you worked to install these values in your children, all of whom are demonstrating through their lives that they GOT IT!!!

I know in your youth you were a bareback bronco rider, and though I never had the thrill of watching you do that, the fearlessness (or maybe the acting in the face of the fear), the “go for it” attitude, showing both the qualities of taking on challenges and enjoying the excitement and fun are very strong “mind pictures” I hold of you! Just being in your company for a while, I feel “painted”, enriched and inspired by these natural gifts you possess.

And, dearest brother Doug, we know in the last several years, you have had many life challenges to face, but through them all, my dearest brother, I return, in my thoughts and love for you, to the twinkle!!! That twinkle in your brown eyes — that twinkle is your wholehearted “YES”! That twinkle, that spark, that ZEST FOR LIFE enlivens and enriches everyone in your company.  
For that and so much more, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, dear brother!

I love you Doug,  
Karen

**Karen Holdaway Miller** - December 11, 2020 at 02:49 PM

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“ George & Marion Robinson and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Douglas Hoxsie Robinson.



**George & Marion Robinson and Family** - December 11, 2020 at 11:48 AM

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“ Susan,

We are so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. You and your family will certainly be in our prayers. May you be blessed with peace and comfort. We express our love and sympathy at this difficult time.

Love, Bob and Glenna

**Glenna** - December 10, 2020 at 09:28 PM

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“ Dwayne loved working with Doug in scouting because he always went the extra mile and he always had the boys' interest at heart. I appreciated as much as anything done for my children ever how Doug and Tyler took the boys under their wing and taught them the finer points of playing volleyball. Suddenly these boys who had never been good at sports had a place in that world. What a difference they made! Doug was fun yet serious in the right moments and always first to serve. We will all miss him.

**Nancy westenskow** - December 10, 2020 at 04:41 PM