



# Douglas Wright

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## **Douglas Wright**

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**D**ouglas G. Wright, 67, of Alliance, passed away on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at Bel Air Senior Living Community in Alliance, Ohio.

Born on December 19, 1949 in Salem, Ohio to Howard "Bud" and Evelyn M. (Bardo) Wright, he was a lifelong Alliance resident.

A 1967 graduate of Alliance High School, Doug was the owner of Doug's Classic 57 Diner, and retired in 2015 after 38 years.

He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and the National Restaurant Association. He was a former member of the Alliance Area Chamber of Commerce and the Alliance Lion's Club.

Doug enjoyed classic cars, especially cars from the 50's & 60's, traveling, but spending time with his grandchildren meant the most to him.

Survivors include wife, Norma K. (Leech) Wright, whom he married on January 10, 1981; daughter, Tina (John) Marsh of Alliance, OH; three sons, Ken Shaver of Salem, OH, Michael (Pamela) Shaver of Alliance, OH, Casey (Amy) Wright of Salem, OH; six grandchildren, Tiffany, Jaclyn, Alexandra, Troy, Lauren, & Owen; one great-grandchild, Lincoln; his mother, Evelyn M. Oberlin of Damascus, OH; brother, Donald R. (Kelly) Wright of Poland, OH; niece, Kiley Wright of Poland, OH; nephew, Steven Wright of Lakewood, OH; and many other nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death was his father, Howard "Bud" Wright.

A Private Service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Alliance Senior Center 602 W. Vine St., Alliance, OH 44601; Alliance Domestic Violence Center, P.O. Box 3622, Alliance, OH 44601, Alliance Food Pantry, 215 East Market Street, Alliance, OH 44601.

You are invited to view Douglas's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories



## Obituary

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at [www.sharerfuneralhome.com](http://www.sharerfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are by the Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home.



# Tribute Wall

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**Barret Ries** posted:

He was one of a kind. A great boss, but even a better friend. Years could easily go by, but he never forgot any former member of his staff. I'll miss hanging out with him shooting the s\*\*t. I'll miss his advice, his wisdom of how things really work. He was a true icon in Alliance, and among the Mt. Union students. Love you big guy! Thanks for all of the memories.

March 6 at 2:36 PM



**Todd Schubert** posted:

He will be missed by all who met him over the years R.I.P. Doug.The Schubert family

February 13 at 4:02 PM



**Karen Thomas** posted:

News of Doug's passing has brought up a lot of memories. He was my first real boss. I was a carhop for him during my high school years in the early 80s. Looking back on the experience he taught me a lot. I must admit at first I was a little afraid of him with his big presence and big voice. He expected a lot out of his employees but not more than we could give. He knew when to push me (like making me deliver orders to the Naborhood Inn – I was scared of that place back then!). And he knew when to be understanding. He took care of things when a car full of rowdy boys made me feel uncomfortable. He managed a crew of high schoolers through dramas and traumas, which must not have been easy. My memory is that he was committed to us and we were committed to him. I always enjoyed going to work, especially when I got "promoted" to "behind the counter" and got to practice holding four large rootbeers in one hand while filling them from the tap! Now if only I could remember his nickname for me.....there must have been one.....He's left quite a mark on the Alliance community. He will be sorely missed.Sincerely,Karen Thomas

February 8 at 6:22 AM



**Ken Beadnell** posted:

My condolences to the family. RIP Doug

February 5 at 4:56 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Delicious Delights Basket to the Wright family.



February 4 at 10:33 AM



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**Alex Zumbar** posted:

My condolences on your loss!

February 3 at 8:08 AM



**Jerry Haynam** posted:

I shared a lot of my memories in the newspaper. I just wanted to give my deepest sympathy to Norma,Tina and Casey. Just keep in mind if you need help, call me.

February 2 at 10:48 AM



**Melissa Beatty-Miller** posted:

So sorry for your loss...Doug was a good guy to the Alliance community. We will miss him.Rich & Missy Miller

February 2 at 8:56 AM



**Caren Hammer** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

Doug was one of nicest people you ever want know my husband dave and I always tried to go in place when ever we could my hubby loved the big stew sandwich !! Doug was so kind to us . we will miss your smiling face doug . may the comfort of family and friends be close take care . 😊😊😊



February 2 at 3:48 AM



**Adam Tuel** posted:

(Adam Big A Tuel) I remember my first day working at dougs I didn't even know how to turn on a grill , now I get asked all the time where did you learn to cook? I learned @ Dougs but I learned alot more I learned how to be a good person i learned respect, and i learned love ... Im not gonna cry Im not gonna cry f it Im crying I miss doug what he taught me cant be bought in any college or university ... I send my love to Norma and family your in my prayers Love Adam...

February 1 at 6:37 PM



**Casey Wright** February 2 at 3:53 PM

Thanks so much Adam. We had great memories.



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DB

**Deb Bochnewich** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

February 1 at 2:48 PM



KS

**Karen Swisher** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

February 1 at 2:18 PM



SB

**Sheri Pierson Boehm** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow. Doug was a wonderful man and grandfather. He will be truly missed. With deepest sympathy, Sheri and Bruce Boehm

February 1 at 1:37 PM

SI

**Scott Ingledue** posted:

He called me COUS ! He had heard from his Mom about a relative in Salem , and when he shared the name with me , it was someone from my Mom's family is Salem. He figured we were related , which I wanted no part of. When I would walk in the restaurant , He would give that Big HEY COUS !. It seemed to make us both Lite up ..I would listen to his lies or stories , depending on the subject , for days. We shared a Passion for Cars and collecting 50-60's Memorabilia. We go back to the Fred's Root Beer Stand Days. I will miss my friend and possibly , MY COUSIN ??? God Bless Norma and the Family for their LOVE , CARING , and TAKING CARE of my friend. My God Bless all of you , and Doug and I will be be telling stories to each other again some day.God Bless you MY FRIENDSCOTT INGLEDUE

February 1 at 1:15 PM

PM

**Peggy Molnar** posted:

Norma and family, you all are in our thoughts. Lots of memories of Doug. Peggy & Craig Molnar

February 1 at 12:41 PM



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TO

**Teresa A Offill** posted:

DEAR WRIGHT FAMILIES, SORRY TO HEAR OF DOUGS PASSING HE WAS A GREAT GUY OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ART & TERESA OFFILL

February 1 at 12:36 PM

PB

**Pat & Walt Beck** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

Doug was a unique person. Always spoke to you by name and had great stories. Prayers to the family in this time of great loss..

February 1 at 12:35 PM



RF

**Randy Flint** posted:

My deepest sympathy to Doug's family for your loss. Many fun conversations with Doug. Thoughts and prayers.Randy Flint

February 1 at 12:24 PM

JS

**Joseph Shaffer** posted:

I send the family my deep sorrow for your loss and mourn the passing of a great friend and 67 classmate. Doug and I first met as Sunday School boys at Union Avenue Methodist and went all through school together. Through the years, I looked forward to visiting the 57 Classic whenever I was visiting in Alliance. I always admired Doug's business sense and, through his hard work, he became not only a success in the restaurant business, but a success as a kind, warm hearted human being. I thank him from my heart for all the kindness he showed to my widowed mother who lived across State Street from the 57 for years. I can only add a line from a poem by A.E. Houseman."With rue my heart is laden, for golden friends I've had." Doug was a golden friend.Joe Shaffer, Bozeman, Montana

February 1 at 9:52 AM

BC

**Bob Cole** posted:

AKA "Skin" I can never appropriately express all the thoughts and memories that we have shared in a lifetime together both the good and the bad, I will always remember that sense of humor.😄😄

February 1 at 9:37 AM



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**Lori Lear Ross** posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to Doug's family. Doug was a great guy who will be missed by so many who were touched by his welcoming manner and humor.

February 1 at 9:06 AM



**William Midkiff** posted:

Our condolences to Doug's Family and friends....I knew Doug at AHS....my Sister graduated with him...I left Alliance right after graduation so I never had the chance to visit his eatery....I praise his efforts to enhance the Alliance community...Prayers...William Midkiff and Karen Midkiff Avelis...Dania Beach, Fl

February 1 at 9:03 AM



**Patti Reich** posted:

Condolences to Dougs family. We were friends from the age of 5. He will be missed by all of us whose lives he touched over the years.

February 1 at 8:09 AM



**Debbi Lacher** posted:

My condolences to Doug's family. He was a great guy.

February 1 at 7:54 AM



**Karen Hamon** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.



February 1 at 7:17 AM



**Karen Hamon** February 1 at 7:18 AM

I am so sorry for your loss, I have known Doug for such a long time, really going to miss him.



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BD

**Brenda Difloure** posted:

Sending my sincere condolences to Doug Wright's family on his passing! Doug was a good man and I loved his place and the food was always good!! He will be greatly missed by all his friends! R.I.P Doug! :(

February 1 at 6:27 AM

JK

**Joanna Kerns** posted:

Doug is greatly missed. He was our Charles Chips deliverer letting the kids search his wares knowing I would cave. Then creating a great place to take them to eat at Doug's Classic 57. Originally picking up to take home having to have a great milkshake. Later dining in with great visits with Doug. Loved by all.

February 1 at 5:00 AM

MK

**Marcia Kimble** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.



February 1 at 4:33 AM

JM

**Julie Mackintosh** posted:

We were sad to hear of Doug's passing. Our sympathy to Kim and Doug's whole family. We have many happy memories at the restaraunt when our daughter was little. He was a nice guy, Julie and Jim Mackintosh

February 1 at 4:06 AM

RM

**Robert Murphy** posted:

Doug & I were definitely "best buds" in the AHS Band.... Also we did a bunch of crazy things from age 9 onward. He will be missed by all who knew him. My sympathy to the Wright family. Robert Murphy

February 1 at 3:22 AM



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PH

**Phillis Hutchinson May** posted:

Evelyn & Don, I am so very sorry for your the passing of Doug. My prayers are with you all. May God's peace & comfort be with you. Being at the College Plaza most of my life in my parents store, I met a lot of wonderful people. Keeping the memories of your whole family close to my heart. Phillis Hutchinson May.

February 1 at 3:16 AM

PC

**Paula Carter** posted:

Evelyn and Don, my heart aches for you, but I'm grateful that he now has the peace of God. Paula Gusbar Carter

February 1 at 2:20 AM

LS

**Linda Sherwoof** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.



January 31 at 7:55 PM

KB

**Keith Blaser** posted:

My deepest condolences in your loss! I have many great memories of Doug going all the way back to high school. He will missed by many. My prayers are with the family!

January 31 at 5:14 PM

JQ

**Jeff And Connie Quinn** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.



January 31 at 5:08 PM



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JN

**Jeanne Novellino** posted:

I have so many good memories of Doug he was such a good friend to Phil. Doug was a really great guy and will be missed by so many. RIP dear friend. So sorry for your loss. Jeanne Novellino

January 31 at 5:02 PM



**Casey Wright** January 31 at 5:14 PM

I'm sure he and Phil are living it up together now. I miss Phil too. He was a great guy.

MC

**Mike Cibulas** posted:

I have so many great memories as a result of having met Doug and his family, certainly as a customer, and briefly as an employee. He knew everyone who walked into his place, and never forgot a face. Lots of great memories as I have said, among them is meeting the Brienza family while working there while I was in college; my Aunt Elizabeth was hired by Doug as one of the cooks in the kitchen, not long after my Uncle Vlado passed away. And, of course, it goes without saying that any old car lover in the area went there for old car cruise-ins and just to get a bite to eat. The very first place I went when I bought my 1962 Olds Starfire--even before I arrived home with it--was to show Doug what I just picked up. And years after that, when I first took my station wagon out, its first destination was to take it to Doug's to hear his thoughts about it. My most sincere condolences to Norma and the entire family; my Doug Rest In Peace, and his legacy will live on in the hearts of the countless people who met and knew him over the years...

January 31 at 4:28 PM

BS

**Bj Simms** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

Was a great man will be missed

January 31 at 3:32 PM





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**Mary M Doyle** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.



January 31 at 3:23 PM



**Barb Balog** February 1 at 3:37 AM

Doug was my cousin and he will be missed by many. He was always a good guy. Growing up with him he was the leader of anything we did. Love you Doug and even though I've lived so far away you always had a place in my heart. God bless you Don Aunt Evie, Casey and of course Norma. She was there for him everyday. Now that was a true love you don't see everyday. I'll never forget you Doug.love cousin Barb and Rich too.



**Mary M Doyle** January 31 at 3:26 PM

You will be sadly Missed but NEVER Forgotten.... Fly High RIP RIH.. My Condolences to his Family and Friends... God Bless



**Linda Duchnak** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.



January 31 at 3:21 PM



**Linda Duchnak** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.



January 31 at 3:21 PM



**Linda Duchnak** posted:

Where do I begin? Doug was one of a kind. He could always make me laugh. He had a wonderful sense of humor and really knew how to tell a story. I'll always remember that he called me after our son's wedding. He said it was the one of the best ones he'd ever attended or catered. That meant the world to me because he wasn't one to hand outinsincere compliments. I could share much more but I'll close by saying that you will be missed, Doug and never forgotten as long as I live. Love, Your cousin, Linda

January 31 at 3:20 PM



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**BS**

**Barry Schroeder** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

I will never forget some of crazy stories Doug told. He had a bunch! Great guy.RIP Doug

January 31 at 2:56 PM



**EB**

**Eillen Best** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

January 31 at 2:37 PM



**EB** **Eillen Best** January 31 at 2:38 PM

When my children were little we went there they loved it . R.I.P Doug.

**JH**

**Jim Hartenstein** posted:

I've known Doug for alot of years he was one of the kindest,easy going man i was proud to know i took care of him at Belair i could always get him to smile he will be missed, he was a big assett to the city of Alliance...

January 31 at 1:37 PM

**CW** **Casey Wright** January 31 at 5:17 PM

I always felt a little better when I saw you around bel air, knowing you were taking care of him in his final months. Thanks Jim.

**JH**

**Jan Hinerman** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

I have so many fun memories at the restaurant. I know you were welcomed Home by many friends. RIP, Doug. You certainly were and always will be loved.

January 31 at 1:19 PM



**KW**

**Kira Wiltingroses** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

January 31 at 12:47 PM





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KW

**Kira Wiltingroses** posted:

He was always good to Mike, when he was sick we didn't have to worry about him losing his job because doug was more than flexible. Always had a great sense of humor. I had the honor of taking care of him for a short time and enjoyed the smiles and laughter! He will be missed! !

January 31 at 12:47 PM

NM

**Niki Mcilvain** posted:

My first job was at Doug's Diner. He took a chance on me even though I was ornery and young, and provided an opportunity for me to make good money and still attend school, all the way through high school and into college. I learned a lot about hard work and life from him, his tough love sent me into my career ready for anything people threw at me! I'm thankful for my years working with him and the friends that I made during that time. His memory will always live on in Alliance. My prayers and condolences to his family, I know how much you loved him and how badly you will miss him.

January 31 at 12:35 PM

NV

**Neva Vizzuso** posted:

What a Blessing he was to so many. Haven't been to Doug's since he left. Rest in Peace.....Prayers of comfort to all who loved him. Amen Neva VizzusoPlease say Hey to Bruce when you see him 😞

January 31 at 12:18 PM

PS

**Paula And Lee Spranger** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.



January 31 at 11:44 AM

DC

**Doug & Debbie Caughey** posted:

So sorry for your loss. The family of Doug have our deepest sympathy. Always enjoyed dining at Dougs 57, and a good old BS session with Doug. Dougs was the only place I know to get either gravy fries or butter fries.

January 31 at 10:54 AM



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CW

**Casey Wright** shared an album called **Doug**.



January 31 at 7:00 AM

LF

**Lori Fagan** lit a candle in honor of Douglas.

Doug was a good man and quite a character. He always had a story to tell and was fun to be around. I always enjoyed going to Doug's and eating and having good conversation with him. Hold tight the memories. God be with all of you at this time. God Bless. Matt & Lori Fagan



January 30 at 7:01 AM

RJ

**Richard Johnson** posted:

So sorry for the loss of a kind and gentle big man. Doug was always friendly despite the grumpy appearance. He was so proud of his restaurant. My wife and I use to stop there when we had occasion to be in town around lunch time. May he rest in eternal peace. Rick & Sally Johnson

January 30 at 4:45 AM



## Media

**Douglas Wright**  
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Casey Wright shared a photo to the **Doug** album.

January 31 at 7:00 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Douglas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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