



Douglas George Merrell Musson

September 25, 1935 - December 18, 2017

MUSSON, Douglas-As a result of an accident while tending to his famous Christmas light display on Spruce Avenue, on Monday, December 18, 2017, Douglas Musson in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Joanne (nee Proctor) and loving father of Gary and Sherry of Brantford, Scott of Burlington, Debra Tascone of Burlington and predeceased by Cameron (1998). Dear grandpa of 5 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by his brother Ken (Liz) of Barrie and sisters Rosalind (Earl Winsor) of Nova Scotia and Shirley (Pete Cress) of Saskatchewan as well as many nieces and nephews. Doug was a handyman and was always willing to help others. He was a co-owner of Quinte Plastics in Trenton with his brother Ken. He was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where he loved to teach. The family will receive friends at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2366 Headon Road, Burlington on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral services in the chapel on Thursday at 1 p.m. Interment to follow at Burlington Memorial Gardens.

www.futher-franklinfuneralhome.com

Donation to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

www.heartandstroke.ca

Cemetery Details

Burlington Memorial Gardens

3353 Guelph Line
Burlington, ON L7P 0S7 (CA)

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
2366 Headon Road
Burlington, ON (CA)

Visitation

DEC 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
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Service

DEC 28. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas George Merrell Musson*

January 17, 2023 at 11:01 AM



“ *Rosalind & Earl, our deepest sympathies in your loss. Edwina & Garland*

Edwina & Garland - January 29, 2018 at 02:55 PM



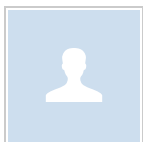
“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. I've been going to the light display since I was little, I just went tonight to pay my respects. May he rest in peace, he's an angel in the sky with his son, Cameron.*

Jennifer Bermingham - December 29, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ *My deepest and heartfelt sympathies to everyone who knew and loved Uncle Doug. He was a very special man indeed and will be missed by all who's lives he touched. Thinking of you all during this very difficult time and sending so much love.*

Sam Cress - December 28, 2017 at 04:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas George Merrell Musson.*



December 27, 2017 at 09:54 PM

BK

“ I was so sad to hear about Uncle Dougs passing. My heart goes out to everyone. He was a very loved man for many reasons. We didn't live close by so I was unable to see the light display he put up in person, but can sure tell from all of the media coverage how spectacular it was and how loved he was by his community! Love to all the family and friends at this difficult time. Brenda and Richard
xoxoxo

Brenda Kilburn - December 27, 2017 at 08:34 AM

PH

“ Sincere sympathy to the Musson family. My husband, Robert Hamilton and I knew the Musson family when they lived in Ottawa and then when they lived in Lethbridge. Ye Old English Fish and Chip Shop was the best. Joanne I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the days ahead. And Ken may you and your family also be blessed with comfort and happy memories. My Bob passed away nearly 3 years ago and although life goes on it isn't always easy. The gospel brings peace and Ward families are such a comfort.
Sincerely,
Pat McCormack Hamilton

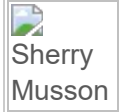
Patricia M. Hamilton - December 26, 2017 at 10:24 AM

VH

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Van Hansen - December 23, 2017 at 09:46 PM



We will cherish this. It is beautiful.

Sherry Musson - December 25, 2017 at 06:50 PM

MI

“ *I just read an article about Douglas. It made me both sad and happy. What a wonderful man he must have been. His great legacy has touched so many and will for many more. My condolences to the family. How blessed you were to have such a cool guy in your lives. All the best...*

*Mike
New Haven, Indiana*

mike - December 23, 2017 at 01:15 AM

M(

“ *Joanne and family*

Angela, Susan and I am very sad to learn of Doug's tragic accident. Your family arrived in Burlington a few months before our family also moved from Alberta. We lived a little further along Spruce Aveune. You and Doug both extended love and fellowship to our family that was greatly appreciated.

Doug was a cherished friend, always positive with a smile and a friendly greeting. He was talented and humble.

Our family loved visiting your fabulous Christmas lights display every December.

We have reminisced this week about the many good experiences we have enjoyed togetherd. The girls particularly remembered that you, Joanne, taught them how to play the piano. I recalled an enjoyable trip to Washington with John and I, and shared experiences at "cottage country". Cherished memories.

Some people that we meet on this journey of life leave an indelible imprint that stays with us always. You and Doug have left that with me.

Our love is extended to you and all your family at this sad and difficult time.

Mary O'Brien (Milne)

Mary O'Brien (Milne) - December 23, 2017 at 12:09 AM

WS

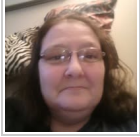
“ *Joanne,*

So sorry to hear of your lost, so surreal. Doug always upbeat and busy. Always had the time to chat and talk about life and the planet. Doug will be missed by yourself and your family.

The house light show at Christmas and Halloween always been terrific. Reflects in one way, tasks Doug did for others to enjoy life.

Wayne

Wayne Smith - December 22, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ I have only met Doug recently upon my return to Church. He was one of the smiling faces to welcome me back. I was saddened to learned of his passing. His holiday light display and the story the story that goes with it is amazing. He will will be missed by many.

Janet Lindsay - December 22, 2017 at 05:51 PM

RK

“ Joanne and families, the cousins send their deepest sympathy to you. We have missed your association since you moved away. Reah and Floy, Marilyn and Cal, Rodney and Ivy, Richard and Mary Ann, David and Roselie, Elsa and Vic, Roland and Meredith.(The Kiddle Family.

Richard Kiddle - December 22, 2017 at 04:03 AM

KR

“ Ken Marlene Darrell and Natasha Robinson purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Douglas George Merrell Musson.



Ken Marlene Darrell and Natasha Robinson - December 21, 2017 at 06:41 PM



“ We were so saddened to hear of Brother Musson's passing. Our deepest sympathies to Joanne and family. We always felt welcome at The Mussons whether it was Christmas eve or New Years Eve. We have many fond memories of their open houses. May you be comforted by your memories.
Sincerely, Melanie and Philip Perron

Melanie Hedden-Perron - December 21, 2017 at 06:07 PM



AB

“ *This is hard to take...Doug was a great man, a great friend, and amazing teacher.
I will miss you...miss those moments where we shared ideas and a good (sometimes bad) jokes.*

*RIP my friend
Alexandre*

Alex Blizzard - December 21, 2017 at 02:52 PM

GB

Doug's friendship was unconditional....through the good times and the bad. How very sad that we get caught up in our lives and sometimes forget to keep treasured connections....a lesson learned. Joanne...I will pray you are blessed with strength and eventual peace to endure this....

Gaye Blizzard - December 21, 2017 at 08:44 PM

WW

“ *We were so sad to hear of Doug's passing. We knew you well, Joanne, as our 3 kids took piano lessons from you 25 years ago. Today they still enjoy music and it is part of their children's lives, as well.*

*We send our deepest sympathies and our thoughts are with you.
Sincerely, The Wagland Family--Leigh, Laura and Drew.*

Wagland--Peter and Wendy - December 21, 2017 at 02:07 PM

GM

“ *Glenna Mooney lit a candle in memory of
Douglas George Merrell Musson*



Glenna Mooney - December 21, 2017 at 08:52 AM

GM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father. I wanted to let you know how very much it meant to me and my family when we would drive by your home on Spruce every year ... it was always the last stop on the light show drive, usually very close to Christmas Eve. I know how much my mother looked forward to that drive and I even made a special long distance drive with her after we moved. Please know how very much those memories mean to me and to so many others: the fabric of your family and mine are woven together in a wonderful way. My sincere condolences to you and your's, he was a fine, generous man.
Glenna Mooney-Williams

Glenna Mooney - December 21, 2017 at 08:50 AM



“ My last discussion with Doug was indicative of his life. He was deeply concerned for the well-being of each person he knew. He demonstrated Christ-like love for all by his actions and his kind words. Maria and I were always touched by his humble and faithful service and his positive attitude. He and Joanne clearly loved their family.
Maria Eugenia & Andrew Rattray

Maria Eugenia Gutierrez - December 21, 2017 at 07:20 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas George Merrell Musson.



December 20, 2017 at 10:15 PM

LB

“ *My family and I have many fond memories of Doug. We spent a lot of time with him & Joanne at our cottage and in our homes. Doug was always willing to help with the many repairs that resulted from our rowdy kids! He was like my personal handyman. His kind spirit, willing manner and great sense of humour will surely be missed.*
Linda Beatson & family

Linda Beatson - December 20, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ *My First Christmas In Heaven*

*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars reflecting on the snow,
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe that tear,
For I am spending Christmas
with JESUS CHRIST this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music can't compare with
the Christmas choir up here,
I have no words to tell you of the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart,
But I'm not so far away, we really aren't apart,
So be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you near,
And be glad that I am spending Christmas with
JESUS CHRIST this year.*

*I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above,
I send you each a memory of my undying love,
After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold,
It was always more important in the stories Jesus told,*

*Please love and keep each other as my father said to do,
For I can count the blessings of love He has for you.
So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear,
Remember I'm spending Christmas
with JESUS CHRIST this year.*

Chris Franklin - December 20, 2017 at 06:32 PM

SB

“ Doug was a wonderful person, with a great sense of humanity. I remember his years of service in the church as branch president and bishop. I also have great memories of serving with him in various callings in the church. He cared about all ward members, showing great love and compassion. He will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to the Musson family, especially Joanne. The Hamilton ward had a great loss when Doug and Joanne were called back to Burlington.

Scott Brandon

Scott Brandon - December 20, 2017 at 06:11 PM

DK

“ Thank you for giving me, my daughter and her friends joy each December when we visited your home to see the lights. You will be one of the bright lights in heaven.



Donna K - December 20, 2017 at 03:38 PM

BW

“ Doug's passing is an enormous loss to all of us, and most especially to Joanne, the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Doug's kind and loving spirit, energetic capacity in teaching, leadership in church and community, and personal touch in each of our lives, leaves a terrible hole that can neither be described nor filled. The example which Doug and Joanne have given in lightening the world around us at Christmastime (and year round) are an inspiration beyond description. Our hearts will long for him, and we will feel his continuing prayer and steady urging that we be true disciples of Jesus Christ, serving others diligently in the love of our heavenly Father.

Brian Weatherdon - December 20, 2017 at 03:28 PM

LH

“ You brought joy mad smiles to so many people over the years, including my Grandsons for whom a visit to your Christmas display was a long tradition, especially loved the virtual Santa in the window, pure magic.

Thank you for your caring heart and dedication over the years. May your light now shine brightly🌟 And my heartfelt condolences to your family. Lynda Hill



lynda hill - December 20, 2017 at 01:42 PM

SD

“ Mr. Musson brought so much Christmas spirit and joy to the community each and every year. Visiting the Musson home to admire the Christmas decorations and displays has become a Christmas holiday tradition for so many us. Our family has been visiting each year since 1995. Thank you for brightening the holidays and helping create so many great Christmas memories. God Bless.

S. Darroch - December 20, 2017 at 01:35 PM

SH

“ Hi Joanne
So sorry to hear of Doug's passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you and the family
May a God bless you and keep you in his care


Susan Hebert (Rosevear)

susan hebert - December 20, 2017 at 01:22 PM

CT

“ I remember taking my wee grandkids to see the lights for the first time. The looks on their little faces made my Christmas. They are in college now and still go when they are here. Thank you for all your hard work and all the Christmas memories. RIP Doug Musson.

Carol Tomlin - December 20, 2017 at 01:04 PM

 Donna
Miller
Dunbar

“ Thank you so much for all you did to brighten Burlington's Christmas. I have been driving by & walking around your property from day 1. I always enjoyed looking around and saying that is new, oh look at that, that is new. You put a smile on so many faces. My deepest sympathy and condolences to your family and friends. Thank you again for allowing us post our tributes for Mr. Musson here. Thank you again for all the wonderful memories.
Donna Dunbar



Donna Miller Dunbar - December 20, 2017 at 12:05 PM

EL

“ Rest in Peace Dear soul May your lights shine brightly now and forever . The Spirit of Christmas shines for all that remember your generous contribution to the community with your spectacular lights . Rest In Peace Doug Musson



Eve Lindsay - December 20, 2017 at 12:00 PM

BH

“ Thank you ! A very special man . Years of of wonderful Christmas memories for our family . I hope your family is comforted during this difficult time by all you did for others. RIP Doug

barb holloway - December 20, 2017 at 11:53 AM

AB

“ Truly tragic, our hearts ache for your loss...and ours ;-(

A Brennan - December 20, 2017 at 11:35 AM

CP

“ My deepest sympathy to your family and friends. I just took my mother to look at the beautiful lights on your house this Sunday past. My father just past this August so looking at all the beautiful lights helped to lift our spirits. May you eternally RIP Mr. Musson

The Poirier Family :(

Christie Poirier - December 20, 2017 at 11:32 AM

 Sharon
Walter

“ Thank you Mr. Musson. We didn't know you personally but we have be followers of your beautiful displays. We have been attending your home over the holidays, from the year that you started this grand adventure, and we have watched it flourish. It was an annual event for our family to visit your light display every year. We just went to see your beautiful lights on December 8th, after our long drive from Owen Sound, to see family, and tagged them along with us. We loved looking at everything just to see what was new, and added from the previous year. We loved your sign in earlier years stating "We are not the Grizwalds".

You touched the lives of so many families, loved ones, wee babes, and children of all ages.

You kept the spirit of Christmas alive, when others may have lost hope. Your house of lights was a beacon of hope for all to see, and rave about.

Condolences to your family. We cannot imagine their pain & loss right now.

*RIP.
The Miller Family*

Sharon Walter - December 20, 2017 at 10:21 AM

MB

“ Deepest condolences to all the Musson family .

Douglas, Thank you for all the years of joy that you provided with the beautiful light display.

My daughter, Tina and Debbie were school pals and have known the Mussons for many years, we visited the lights every year, so very ,very sad for you all.

RIP.

Marlene. The Barker Family.

MARLENE BARKER - December 20, 2017 at 10:20 AM

TD

“ Our hearts go out to the Musson family. Visiting the lights that Mr. Musson would put up every year became a yearly tradition for us when we traveled to Burlington to visit family. He was obviously a very caring man and the community was very lucky to have had him.

the Dukes - December 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas George Merrell Musson.



December 20, 2017 at 09:20 AM

DM

“ Thank you Mr. Musson. We didn't know you personally but were the beneficiaries of your beautiful displays. It was an annual event for our family to visit your light display every year. You touched the lives of so many.

Condolences to your family. Cannot imagine their pain & loss right now.

RIP.

The Miller Family

Diane Miller - December 20, 2017 at 07:29 AM

SB

“ To the Dear Musson,

I like 1000's of others have visited your home at Christmas Time. My husband and I moved to Burlington in 1996. We became parents in Nov 1997...I heard about your home from the community and in 1997 and we visited your home for the 1st time just a few weeks after my son was born. Not having any family here in we had to create our own family traditions and each year we would visit your home. In 2000 my daughter was born so the 4 of us each year would go to your home to enjoy the spirit you shared with the Burlington Community.

Last night my daughter and I went to your home and for the 1st time this year, the crowd was silent as they stood and paid respects to Doug.

Then comes a little one...smiles and cheers...know that Doug spirit lives on through the smiles and the giggles of the little ones.

Christmas is in the heart and that is where Doug is now...in the hearts of all that came over the years...Your family has touched so many.

Our condolences to your family. May the Lord offer comfort in your time of need and hold you when you need to be held...

*Peace be with you all,
The Booth Family.*

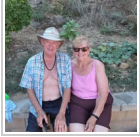
Sherry Booth - December 20, 2017 at 06:52 AM

MP

“ My sincerest condolences to the Musson family. 🙏🙏



Monique Percival - December 20, 2017 at 12:55 AM



“ *He found me when I was at my lowest and reached out his hand and raised me up. He was a dear friend and confidant.*

Robert Lavery - December 20, 2017 at 12:12 AM



“ *I am in shock to hear the news.
Br. Musson spent his life in service, as with his final deeds on earth.
Thank you for all the memories!
My prayers are with your family at this time.*

Laura Souza - December 19, 2017 at 11:20 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Douglas George Merrell Musson.*



December 19, 2017 at 11:07 PM



“ *I have been taking my children and now my grandchildren to see
this family's fantastic display of love and caring, and to show them
what real Christmas spirit is all about....making others smile. I can't
imagine the shock and pain the Musson family is feeling, but know
our entire community grieves along with you.*

The Taylor family

nancy - December 19, 2017 at 10:44 PM

JC

OMG!!! How horrible for this wonderfully amazing family. Our sincere and most heartfelt condolences for yet another tragic family loss!

This family has endeavored and most definitely succeeded in bringing so much joy to Burlington and the rest of the world with their absolutely amazing light displays! So many families have included viewing this home as part of their own traditions!

Thank you so much to the Musson Family!

I'd also like to let them know that if there is ever ANYTHING that their family requires assistance with all they would have to do is ask!

Burlington is an amazing community and I know that there is many of us who would absolutely love to help in whatever way is required!

Respectfully from the Campbell Family

Jackie Campbell - December 20, 2017 at 07:19 AM

GP

“*Doug has been such a great friend. So many stories. So many discussions about religion. So many hugs. So many game nights with munchies (thanks Jo!) and laughter. I am glad his knees won't hurt anymore. Doug will be missed for sure.*

Gloria Pope - December 19, 2017 at 10:44 PM

MM

“*Our deepest condolences to Doug's family. Thank you for the beautiful Christmas display that brought so much happiness to so many people. Rest in peace.*

Melinda Mahon-Batista - December 19, 2017 at 09:54 PM

GB

“*I was shocked to hear the news. On behalf of Mark, Greg and Walter, I offer my deepest sympathies.*

May his memory leave a smile in your heart

Gloria Bilous - December 19, 2017 at 06:36 PM

LS

“ *Such a wonderful man. Cared for everyone. Took all us youth for a ride in his hot red car. Amazing bishop. Hamilton ward has a great love for this man and Joanne. He will be greatly missed. Until we meet again Brother Musson.*



Laura Syty - December 19, 2017 at 06:17 PM



“ *Chris Franklin lit a candle in memory of Douglas George Merrell Musson*



Chris Franklin - December 19, 2017 at 04:50 PM