



# **Douglas L. Wilcox**

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**D**ouglas L. Wilcox, 73, of The Villages, passed away on February 19, 2020. Douglas was born on May 21, 1946 in Pontiac, Michigan to Arthur and Gurnith (Shippey) Wilcox. Douglas married Loretta Britt and she preceded him death in 2004. He married Mary Wyka on August 31, 2006 and she survives.

Douglas was a member of the Village of Faith Church in The Villages. Douglas was teacher for many years in Michigan and retired in 2003. Douglas and his wife founded the Michigan Club South, ran a Euchre Club, and a Table Shuffleboard Club. He was a volunteer in Florida Red Cross bell ringer, the Wildwood Booster Club, and Gleaners Food Bank in Michigan.

Douglas is survived by his wife Mary; son Marcus (Stacey) of Michigan, daughter Gail (Craig) Backus of Texas, step-daughters Michele (Dennis) Anscombe of Michigan, Laurie Wyka of Arizona, Nisha Wyka of Arizona, grandchildren Jace, Etta, Nate, Curt, step-grandchildren Cody and Nick, and sister Darlene (Jim) Garver of Michigan.

There will be a Memorial Service at Village of Faith Church in The Villages on Saturday, February 22, at 11:00 AM with a Visitation 1 hour prior to service. A Memorial Service will be held on March 8th at 2:00 with a Visitation 1 hour prior to service at the Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 Huron River Dexter, Michigan. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Howell, Michigan. Memorials may be made to Village of Faith Church, 8653 County Road 127, Wildwood, Florida 34785.

On-line condolences may be shared by visiting [www.bankspagetheus.com](http://www.bankspagetheus.com).

Arrangements



# Events

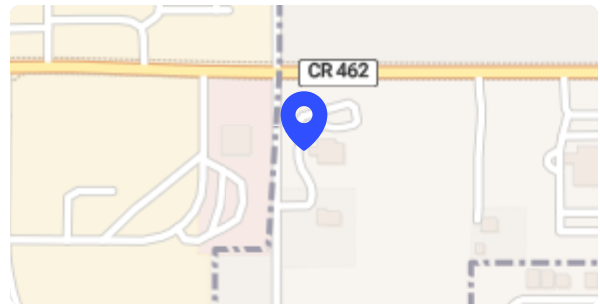
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## Visitation prior to ceremony

**Saturday**, February 22, 2020

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

**Village of Faith Baptist Church**  
8653 CR 127, Wildwood FL 34785

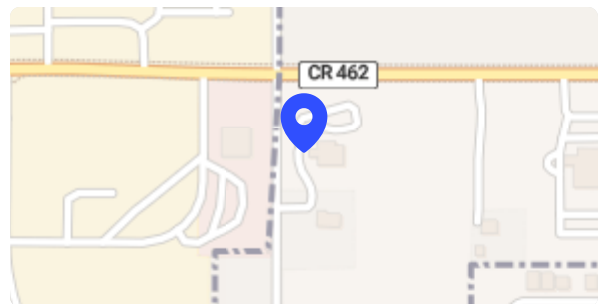


## Celebration of Life Memorial Service

**Saturday**, February 22, 2020

11:00 AM ET

**Village of Faith Baptist Church**  
8653 CR 127, Wildwood FL 34785



## Visitation prior to ceremony

**Sunday**, March 8, 2020

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

**Dexter United Methodist Church**  
7643 Huron River, Dexter MI



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# Tribute Wall

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**Stephen Bourgeau** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



September 30 at 8:47 AM



**Stephen Bourgeau** shared an album called **Doug Wilcox - 1961**.



September 30 at 8:40 AM



**Stephen Bourgeau** posted:

I was just attempting to reconnect with Doug, my best friend from high school and beyond, when I learned of his passing. Doug tried to reach me a couple of years ago when I was in the middle of a struggle with my wife's battle with cancer and just couldn't seem to put the words together to reach out to my best friend from high school and beyond. I know it would have been comforting and so regret my delay. I have thought of Doug and Loretta so often over the past 50 years and wanted him to know that. I will try to post a picture I took of him in 1961 when we were in DC. Doug was such a special person and dear friend. My love and condolences to his family. Steve Bourgeau, Alto, MI (I'd say more but I'm out of room and don't know how to expand the message space).

September 30 at 8:22 AM



**Marilyn Mcevoy** posted:

Dear Wilcox Family, We met Doug and Loretta at 1st Baptist Church of Howell. They were always such a sweet, wonderful couple. Marcus and Gail, you made them so proud. Such bright children from such loving parents. When I was in a car accident in 2004, I asked Doug to fill in for me as the co-op coordinator in Howell. He agreed to do so (even though he had just retired). What a wonderful educator and supportive of students! He was respected by educators throughout the county. I will always remember this family. I will especially hold a warm place in my heart because he helped me and my family at a time when life was difficult. Hugs to all of you! David and Marilyn McEvoy

February 26 at 4:09 PM



**Gail Backus** February 29 at 8:55 AM

Marilyn - thank you for all your kind words. Dad helping you out was a blessing to him. He enjoyed that time. And it came at a time when he needed to stay busy. - Gail



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BM

**Beth Miller** posted:

My late husband met Doug in a class at Western Michigan University when he was about 21 years old. They soon became friends and we got together as couples. We were all newly Weds with little money but, lots of love. We both had our first baby at about the same time. I remember them being at our first house in Kalamazoo with our newborns in their carriers. Gail and Marna were so special and they looked so cute sitting next to each other as we had dinner. We continued in our relationship with them over the span of our lives. We were so blessed by them. We enjoyed many dinners at their house in Howell. I remember one time when Doug and Mary were showing us Marcus baseball cards. They were so proud of Gail and Marcus. They came to our house after we moved to the Lansing area also. We were so sad when Loretta passed away at such a young age. I always her gentleness and her kindness. A couple of months later Doug came to our house by surprise. We were so glad to see him and we had dinner at our house together. It was clear that he was so lonely without Loretta. Much later, when we heard he had found someone to love and cherish, we were so happy to meet his lovely wife, Mary. We could see how happy they both were. We visited once in the villages and we're pleased with the love we saw. There is so much more I could share. I am so sad that God has called him home even though I know he will receive a rich reward in heaven. Doug and Loretta's faith in God was always the rock of their family. Doug was a kind and gentle man whobfeared God.

February 22 at 8:11 AM

RD

**Ron Daly** posted:

Dear Mary, Gail, Marcus and family,I have known Doug since we worked together at Shippy's Color Center in Howell, I think it was around 1974??ish. He was such a good person and always willing to train me in the business field. I learned much from him. His kindness will be remembered by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.Ron and Tomye Daly

February 22 at 6:07 AM



**Gail Backus** February 29 at 8:53 AM

Ron - thank you so much. I remember times with you and Shippy's fondly. Dad had great times there.



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**Henry D Colombo** posted:

We met Doug a little over 2 years ago at euchre, that Doug & Mary run. We liked him right away, how could you not, he was a very caring person. As we got to know Doug & Mary more with all their involvements in various clubs & charities, we found someone we could call a friend. That friendship was cut way too short, but we know, God has welcomed another angel in Heaven. So Doug, till we meet again, safe travels. We love Mary & our deepest sympathies & prayers are with you. You have the love & support of many people that you have touched their hearts, as you have touched ours. Thank you for your friendship. Love, Hank & Pat

February 22 at 4:36 AM



**Theresa Hayes Barnard** posted:

I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Peace to you and your family. May he Rest In Peace.

February 21 at 2:21 PM



Stephen Bourgeau shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

September 30 at 8:47 AM



Washington DC 1961



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Doug Wilcox - 1961 Taken by Steve



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

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



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