



Douglas Lee Daniels

April 9, 1969 - December 24, 2025

Douglas Lee Daniels, 56, of Elmhurst, Illinois, passed away in Chillicothe, Illinois, on December 24, 2025. He was born April 9, 1969, in Peoria, Illinois, to Jerry and Barbara Daniels. Doug graduated from Illinois Valley Central High School in Chillicothe, Illinois, in 1987, attended Eastern Illinois University pursuing Jazz Performance, and graduated from Columbia College Chicago with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. Doug is survived by his parents, and brother, Michael (Christina) of Lynnwood, Washington.

Doug was an accomplished musician, starting his career in the early 1990's as an alto and tenor saxophonist, backing the best singers and instrumentalists throughout central Illinois. In 1997, he joined Blues legend Eddie King's band, The Swampbees, and toured nationally and internationally for years, performing in locations such as France, New York, Spain, Russia, Canada, and Turkey. For the past 25 years, Doug has been very active in the Chicago music scene, most recently performing in bands The Ron Burgundy's and Motown Nation.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at Osborn Funeral Home in Dix, Illinois. Burial will follow at the Donoho Prairie Christian Church Cemetery, in Texico, Illinois. Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 31, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. until the hour of service, at the funeral home. Memorial gifts may be made to the Donoho Prairie Cemetery Fund, and will be accepted at the service, or by mail to the Osborn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 130, Dix, Illinois 62830. Online condolences may be

made at www.osbornfuneral.com, or on the Osborn Funeral Home Facebook page.

Cemetery Details

Donoho Prairie Cemetery

Texico, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ML

“ Heartbreaking news about Doug’s passing, Barb & Jerry. With my sons sharing the music stage all thru their time at Mossville & IVC, it was a joy to watch Doug become a professional musician. Working together in the Band Boosters, then later at Sheridan Bank, I enjoyed a growing friendship with you, Barb. Please know I’m thinking of you & Jerry, tho I’ve misplaced your phone number. Praying your warm memories bring you comfort.

Michele Haines Lee - January 05 at 07:10 PM

VS

“ So sorry to learn of the passing of your son. We will keep your family in our thoughts.
Sincerely, Wayne and Vickie Styck

vickie Curtis styck - January 01 at 04:30 PM



“ *It is with sincere sympathy that we extend our condolences for your loss. We pray that you will find healing, comfort and peace through our Lord Jesus Christ who loves you beyond measure!*

Death is something we will all encounter and if we don't make a decision now before we die, about giving our lives to Him, we will face serious consequences for rejecting Him and His love for us, after our departure from this world. Jesus paid a tremendous price for us by taking the wrath of God on the cross, on our behalf, for our sins and rebellion against God. God, being our Creator, sent Jesus, His Son, to lay down His life for us, so we would never have to face God's eternal judgement once we leave this earth. Death is not the end for any of us. We will all live on, but where is determined by whether or not we surrender our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ who is the only way to God the Father and to our salvation from sin, death and destruction. Jesus is only a prayer away. A simple prayer like "Lord Jesus, I believe you are God's Son who He sent to pay the price for my mistakes, sins, and rebellion against God. Please forgive me for all I have done in rebelling against you, Lord.

I now give and surrender my life to you and ask that you be my Lord and Savior. Thank you for saving me from God's eternal judgement and allowing me to now be a part of you and your royal family forever. In your name, I pray. Amen. " God bless you and keep you always during this hour of your grief. I pray you will realize that you're never alone when you're in Christ Jesus. His Word guarantees us He will never leave or forsake us.

Deb Jetter - January 01 at 10:07 AM

MF

“ I am shocked and saddened. I have played hundreds of gigs with Doug through the years. I also managed Eddie King and the Swamp Bees starting in 1998 and toured the US with Doug. I was the trumpet player for Eddie as well. Doug was one of the very best musicians I have ever stood on a stage with. I will miss him and his saxophone playing. Musically speaking Doug was a monster player, and had the best sound I have ever heard anyone obtain on a saxophone. He made me a better player because of his incredibly high standards of excellence. God bless you Doug...you will be missed very much. I am so thankful I knew such a wonderful player and feel blessed to have played with him.
Mike Fesi

Michael Fesi - December 31, 2025 at 08:41 PM

RR

“ Rich Fobes on behalf of The RonBurgundys purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Douglas Lee Daniels.



Rich Fobes on behalf of The RonBurgundys - December 31, 2025 at 11:29 AM

AP

“ Anthony P. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Douglas Lee Daniels.



Anthony P. - December 31, 2025 at 01:24 AM

AP

“ Anthony P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Lee Daniels.

Anthony P. - December 31, 2025 at 01:24 AM

MN

“ Mike N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Lee Daniels.

Mike N. - December 30, 2025 at 06:27 PM

CF

“ Coax and Folks purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Douglas Lee Daniels.



Coax and Folks - December 30, 2025 at 12:21 AM

CF

“ Coax and Folks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Lee Daniels.

Coax and Folks - December 30, 2025 at 12:21 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Lee Daniels.



December 29, 2025 at 12:05 PM



“ Wow, this was such a terrible surprise to learn of Doug’s passing. My sincerest condolences to Doug’s family.

I worked with Doug at many events over the course of the last few years. I always admired his integrity and strong drive to learn more and to increase his capability. We helped each other and he always stood up for what was right.

Doug, it was an honor to know you. Thank you for sharing your gifts with the world. I pray that you are serenading the angels and dancing in the moonlight. 🙏

Natalie Carlascio - December 29, 2025 at 11:47 AM



“ From the Ronald Shafer family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Douglas Lee Daniels.



From the Ronald Shafer family - December 29, 2025 at 11:43 AM

AF

“ Aunt Sue and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Douglas Lee Daniels.



Aunt Sue and family - December 29, 2025 at 11:25 AM

AF

“ Aunt Sue and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Lee Daniels.

Aunt Sue and family - December 29, 2025 at 11:25 AM

MW

“ Jerry, Barbara, and Mike, my condolences on your loss.

Mike Whitchurch - December 29, 2025 at 12:17 AM

TT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Terrence Roat AKA Reverend T - December 29, 2025 at 12:03 AM

TT

Doug doing what he did bed with Rev T & The Soul Shakers.

Terrence Roat AKA Reverend T - December 29, 2025 at 12:09 AM

TT

“ Doug The Soul Shakers and myself will always grateful to have been friends and band mates god speed my friend fly high!!

Reverend T & The Soul Shakers
Peace
Reverend T



Terrence Roat AKA Reverend T - December 28, 2025 at 11:59 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Douglas Lee Daniels.



December 28, 2025 at 05:00 PM

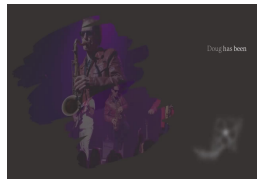
TF

“ Todd Rearden and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas Lee Daniels.

Todd Rearden and Family - December 28, 2025 at 05:00 PM

ME

“ 1 file added to the album Doug



Michael Ellis - December 28, 2025 at 03:43 PM

MN

“ *MoTown Nation purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Douglas Lee Daniels.*



MoTown Nation - December 28, 2025 at 03:26 PM