



# Douglas Eric Leonhard

September 29, 1965 - February 18, 2026

Douglas Eric Leonhard, born September 29, 1965, passed away at his home in Duncannon, Pa., on February 18, 2026. He went peacefully as he watched General Hospital, one of his favorite shows, with his wife, Heather, and his mother, Phyllis, by his side.

He was born in Harrisburg, Pa., to the late Gerald Leonhard and Phyllis (Mutzabaugh) Leonhard, and grew up in Duncannon with his older brother, Bryan Leonhard. He was a dedicated athlete, playing baseball, football and wrestling, and worked at a staple in the community, the Red Rabbit.

A member of the West Side Singers in high school, as well as his church and community choirs later in life, he lived for a good song and the opportunity to belt it out. From The Cathedrals to Conway Twitty, Mariah Carey to Foreigner, his love of music transcended genres and lit up his soul.

But music wasn't his only love. He cherished his family more than anything. He and his wife, Heather Leonhard, were married in 2017 and spent nine happy years together traveling, laughing and supporting one another. His daughter, Brittany Leonhard, was the apple of his eye for 36 years, and she, too, thought the world of him. He also had a stepdaughter, Tiffany Rudy, who he loved and cared for very much, along with his eight grandchildren, including grandsons Gunner, Sage, Jace, Bentley, Cole, Theo and Waylon, and granddaughter, Aurora. Other members of his close-knit family included nieces Sierra Leonhard and Jaylene Leonhard, in-laws, Skip and Virginia Kunkel, and unofficial sons-in-law, Travis Boerner and Jimmy Tomsa.

His extended family, work family, friends and fire company brothers were also very important to him. Doug was a social butterfly, always attracting people with his quick wit, generous nature and infectious smile. Those were qualities that served him well as a member of Duncannon, New Bloomfield and New Buffalo fire companies. He dedicated much of his time and service to these organizations over the years, touching the lives and

earning the respect of so many members of the community.

The love for his people and the fire company was matched only by his need for speed. He was the proud owner of many fast vehicles – Dodge preferred, of course – including multiple diesel trucks, a Durango Hellcat and his (almost) dream car, a 1972 Dodge Charger. Over the years, he raced in Dyno shows, tested his limits on the road and followed NASCAR. He even passed on the same day, 25 years later, as one of his racing idols, Dale Earnhardt.

Doug wasn't just a good man...he was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, pappy, buddy and pillar of the community. To say he will be missed by many is a true, though modest statement. He was the kind of person everybody loved to know and be around. May he be reunited with his family and friends who passed before and be free to take his final victory lap in eternal peace.

Services will be held at the Family Life Center, 27 W. Shortcut Road, Newport, Pa., on Sunday, March 22, 2026. Visitation will be from noon to 2:00 p.m., followed by a service and a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please consider making a donation to your local fire company or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Doug's name.

The Boyer Family is honored to handle the arrangements for the Leonhard family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 12:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Center  
Shortcut Road  
Newport, PA 17074

## Celebration of Life

MAR 22. 2:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Center  
Shortcut Road  
Newport, PA 17074

# Tribute Wall



“ *Boyer Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas Eric Leonhard*



**Boyer Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc** - March 16 at 01:16 PM

TC

“ *Tammy(Goshorn) Campbell lit a candle in memory of Douglas Eric Leonhard*



**Tammy(Goshorn) Campbell** - March 22 at 11:20 AM



“ *161 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Boyer Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc** - March 16 at 01:05 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Eric Leonhard.*



March 16 at 11:44 AM

RB

“ I know your husband must've been an amazing man because you always beamed with pride whenever you spoke of him. Sending you an abundance of love.

*My sincerest condolences Heather and family.*

Ronda bower - February 23 at 11:23 PM

LY

“ I will always ask, why are the good taken so soon. I met Doug when he lived in Shiremanstown but his heart was always back home in Duncannon and couldn't wait to move back home.

*I will never forget his laughter and smile.*

*I truly would love to attend the services but the weather doesn't look promising. PLEASE accept my condolences. Hugs to the family and all his extended family at the fire house.*

*Lyn Wilhelm*

Lyn - February 21 at 06:17 PM

TL

“ Prayers to Doug's family. My school memories of Doug was that of a caring and kind person. He would make anyone feel at home and boy that smile lite up a room. RIP Doug.



Teresa Lenk - February 20 at 07:01 AM

DH

“ I know I was only on the dept for 3 yrs this guy was always nice to me n trend me a few things I didn't know.

*He will be really missed by us all*

daryl hostetler - February 20 at 06:57 AM

KM

“ I looked forward to seeing Doug at every class reunion. We always shared good stories and laughs and always enjoyed the class sing along! Heaven gained a special angel.



Kelly Morrow - February 20 at 03:11 AM

KP

“ A yellow candle is lit as Doug’s light shown brightly here on earth and now shines brightly with his family gone before and with our Lord.



Kathy Page - February 19 at 06:48 PM

JH

“ Jeff & Stacy Holman lit a candle in memory of Douglas Eric Leonhard



Jeff & Stacy Holman - February 19 at 02:00 PM

DR

*Dear Phyllis, Bryan and family; I am so sorry to read of Doug's passing. I have known you for many years and you all our a loving family. May our father in heaven wrap his loving arms around you all and comfort you. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen Much love to you all. Sincerely; Donna "Toland " Roush*

Donna Roush - February 22 at 10:41 AM