



Pastor Doug G. Shada

August 18, 1948 - November 5, 2017

Pastor Doug Shada entered the presence of Jesus Sunday, November 5, 2017 after a 4-month battle with cancer.

Doug, 69, was born to Eli & Madeline (Yanney) Shada on August 18, 1948 and grew up in Ansley, NE, learning the values of hard work and integrity at Shada Market, the family business.

Doug graduated from Ansley High School in 1966 and then attended Kearney State College, participating in football and track. He married Farrol (McCulley) Shada in 1969 and was a teacher at Anselmo Merna Public Schools.

After moving to Lincoln in 1974, Doug began working at the Nebraska Department of Corrections as a counselor, then head counselor and then became an administrator at Lincoln Correctional Center. While at the prison, he helped establish the Prison Fellowship Ministry in Nebraska. In the early 1990's he was asked to assist as a track coach at Lincoln Southeast High School which became a ministry to several student athletes.

For 20 years, Doug served on the pastoral staff of Lincoln Berean Church (1980-2000). He chaired the Elder Board, led various ministries, and began mentoring men through a personal approach of love and accountability grounded in the Bible. One of his great joys was leading a spiritual study for

doctors in the Lincoln area.

In 2001, Doug and Farrol moved to Kearney, NE where they started two different churches and Doug continued reaching out to the community. Through countless breakfasts, lunches, counseling sessions, marriages, funerals, and other meetings, Doug touched people of all ages and backgrounds with God's truth and love. He was honored as Pastor of the Year by the Nebraska Family Council in 2002.

A gifted leader, Doug served on many boards, including the International Center for Biblical Counseling in Sioux City, Iowa, Grace University, and Maranatha Bible Camp, where he led junior and senior high camp for 30 years, and a couples retreat for 24 years. He served on boards of several businesses in Lincoln, helping them develop leadership strategies.

From 1993-2011, Doug served as President of the Berean Fellowship of Churches, where his passion for international ministry grew into leadership within Possibilities Africa and Love Counts Now.

Doug was a passionate communicator of biblical truth, speaking to many civic groups, high school groups, college classes and business seminars. His daily Facebook postings were read and shared by thousands across the world. He enjoyed a round of golf, a fishing trip, and hunting deer or pheasants.

Family was always Doug's first ministry, which showed in the way he served his wife, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and the way he cared for his aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Preceded in death by his parents, Doug is survived by his wife, Farrol, of Kearney; son, Matt (Catherine) Shada of Omaha; daughter, Jodie (Gregg) Madsen of Omaha; brother, Jim (Linda) Shada of Bellevue, sister Mary Weich

of Lincoln, and brother Randy (Diane) Shada of Wahoo; six grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and their families, as well as countless who called Doug their friend, pastor, counselor, and mentor.

Services will be at 10 a.m on Friday, Nov. 10 at the Younes Convention Center in Kearney, with graveside service at Ansley Cemetery at 3 p.m. Visitation will be Thursday from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral Home in Kearney. Memorials are suggested to Possibilities Africa (possibilitiesafrica.org) or to Elevate, starting businesses internationally to transform lives eternally (elevate-people.com).

Cemetery Details

Ansley Cemetery

Ansley, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

NOV 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Younes Conference Center
416 Talmadge Road
Kearney, NE

Graveside Service

NOV 10. 3:00 PM (CT)

Ansley Cemetery
Ansley, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Doug G. Shada*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



Thomas Whistler

“ *I just saw that Doug has past. I had a blast with him years ago. I was the one that got the sax for him when he was elected the president of the Berean Fellowship. I am sorry that I am so late in acknowleging a great man of God.*

Tom Whistler

Thomas Whistler - December 20, 2019 at 01:24 AM



BL

“ *We met Pastor Doug Shada for the first time when we walked up to the door of the newly started Living Faith Fellowship. He greeted us with a big smile and made us feel welcome immediately. My wife and I were really impressed how he always remembered our son Matthews name every time he greeted us not realizing he also had a son name Matt. He always invited us to be involved in church activities. I personally learned alot of Biblical life lessons in being a husband and father at our mens breakfast meetings at Hyvee from Doug and the other men. His legacy will live on in all our hearts.*
Brian and Tracy Landis

Brian and Tracy Landis - November 17, 2017 at 06:58 AM

LP

“ All of your family are in our thoughts and prayers!! Doug was such a wonderful pastor! Our loss is Heaven's gain!!

*Love & Prayers!
Loren & Lori Pabian*

Lori Pabian - November 11, 2017 at 01:33 AM

RH

“ A Heavenly reunion with Doug is greatly anticipated. My relationship with Doug began about 1980. I had attended a Berean Men's Retreat at Aurora. Several months later I had a work related hand injury and Doug visited me in the hospital after the surgery. Sue and I felt God directing us to be part of such a caring group of believers. We spent 3 years doing the Colossians 2:7 studies with Doug and Farrol and several other couples. It was truly a discipling experience I still treasure.

We shared a lot of life over the next 30 years. I am truly grateful for having been part of the Berean body of Christ and having the opportunity know Doug and witness his encouragement of others in this thing we call life.

Ralph Hansen - November 11, 2017 at 12:05 AM

KW

“ Dear Farrol, Matt, and Jodie,
Our deepest sympathy to you. We know that Doug is having a great time with Jesus and those who have gone before us.
Doug was the first person to welcome our family at Lincoln Berean Church. (late 1980s). We also enjoyed his teaching both at church and in a couple of life groups. Doug also gave us valuable insight when we were administrating the AWANA program at Lincoln Berean.
Farrol, thank you for sharing your husband with the world - letting him shine as a light to so many people - - all over the world!
Matt and Jodie, thank you for sharing your dad with the world. Matt, do you remember that you came to play with our boys when they were just in grade school and we had just started to attend Lincoln Berean? I was just amazed at the time and love you and your Dad gave our family.
Praise God that He let us have Doug walk among us for the time He ordained. He will not be forgotten.
Again, our deepest sympathy.
Paul and Karen Watson
Children:
Tim & Erin (Brea, Deacon, and Libby)
Joe & Angelie (Joestin, Lexi, Jolie, and Jax)
Mark Watson
Corinne Watson

Karen Watson - November 10, 2017 at 04:01 PM

TH

“ Jodie- my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I have great memories of your family growing up. Your dad was always so kind.
Prayers with you and your family.
Theresa (Range) Codr

Theresa - November 10, 2017 at 12:43 PM

JH

“ I remember the Shada family well. What a wonderful family. We were all so sad for the kids when they lost their parents so close together and when the kids were so young. I remember Doug working at the store. He was always so friendly and such a nice young man. I graduated from Ansley in 1962 and worked for Aurcelia Butler at the little cafe accross the street from Shada's grocery. Prayers, Jane (Miller) Herndon

Jane Herndon - November 10, 2017 at 01:21 AM

WT

“ We love you Doug--Thank you for marrying my wife and I . Our deepest sympathy to Farrol and family. Bill & Renet Tooley-Lincoln ,Ne

William Tooley - November 09, 2017 at 11:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.



November 09, 2017 at 10:18 PM

BB

“ My greatest memory with Doug was my dad's funeral. I would not have been able to let go and let God like I was able to at age 15, if it wasn't for Doug and his words that still go round and round in my head from that day. Doug has shown me how to study the Bible, how to look at life and death in the most beautiful way, and I will forever be grateful for him. I look forward to seeing him through the golden gates.

Becca Baillie - November 09, 2017 at 08:48 PM

DT

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Shada family in the loss of Pastor Shada. We had the pleasure of him presiding over our wedding in March of 1999 at Berean Church. We've been gone from Lincoln since 2001 so hadn't see him for awhile. He was special. May the Lord keep you close in the days ahead as you grieve his absence. Look forward to seeing him again in eternity. Dale and Cinda TerVeer

Dale & Cinda TerVeer - November 09, 2017 at 08:18 PM

PF

“ Sending hugs to Catherine Shada . The family of Carol Stauffer sends you love and hugs. We hope you and Matt and your families find solace in God's loving arms and in the memories you share. Doug and Pat, Dan and Darcy, Dave and Kathy

Pat Friedli - November 09, 2017 at 06:41 PM

JA

“ Our Deepest Sympathy to all Shada Families. We have known Doug for many years. Doug and his family attended St. George Orthodox Church. A great great family. We are sure he will be missed by all who knew him and loved him. His teachings on Facebook was a must read every time he posted, it was as if he read our minds and what we needed to hear. We believed in Doug's teachings. You made us a better person. Thank You Pastor Doug.

Memory Eternal.

*Wanda Maloley and James
Greg and Josie Awtry*

Josie Awtry - November 09, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.*



November 09, 2017 at 03:24 PM



“ *My memories of Doug were at Lincoln Berean, where he was administrative pastor. He stepped in and worked wherever needed. I spent many hours in his office getting encouragement and counsel. Always, he referred to the Lord and to the Scriptures. He was always upbeat and positive. My condolences to Farrol, and all the family.*

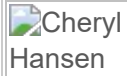
From Terri Brand in Lincoln, NE

Terri Brand - November 09, 2017 at 12:00 PM



“ *Farrol, Matt and Jodie- So sorry for your loss of such a special man. Doug was the very first person we met as he greeted us at the door at Berean over 34 years ago! He made us feel special and welcomed. His kindness will also always be remembered from when Reed broke his leg at the state football playoff in Kearney—there walks in Doug at the hospital to sit and laugh and pray with us! A thoughtful man!!*

Tish Knoll - November 09, 2017 at 11:43 AM



“ I thank God for the hours and hours of investment that Pr. Doug gave to my family...mentoring us as a couple, dinners, leading a Bible study in our home, to being a camp counselor at Maranatha with our son. I greeted kids alongside him at VBS, sat under his teaching in HEA...

Praising the Lord for his faithfulness!

Cheryl Rowell Hansen

Cheryl Hansen - November 09, 2017 at 11:03 AM

W?

“ Whitespires Church / Pastor Tobey & Family ?? purchased the 23 Psalm Blanket for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.



Whitespires Church / Pastor Tobey & Family ?? - November 09, 2017 at 10:55 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.



November 09, 2017 at 10:19 AM



“ Eric McCulley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.



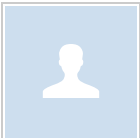
Eric McCulley - November 09, 2017 at 06:39 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.



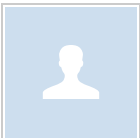
November 08, 2017 at 07:22 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.



November 08, 2017 at 06:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.



November 08, 2017 at 05:23 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.*



November 08, 2017 at 03:52 PM



“ *Please accept our sympathy in Doug's passing. He reached out to many up lifting them when they needed a encouraging word. I was one of those people and was very appreciative of his encouragement. I will miss him with his encouraging words as well as his congregation will miss him and his sermons.*

Dick and Barb Beechner

dick Beechner - November 08, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.*



November 08, 2017 at 07:38 AM

TW

“Wow did our family love Doug. He was kind to our two handicapped children and always remembered their names. They loved the "Bear". We benefited from his teaching, compassion and wisdom for many years. My wife and I recall the couples retreats at Camp Maranatha and Doug's leadership. What fun it was to watch Doug get needled and needle right back. He may have seemed tough to some, but we will genuinely miss him. Isn't it wonderful that we will get to enjoy one another's company with Jesus some day and not have any agendas except to worship the Lord ! We will miss him and pray peace and comfort from the supernatural hand of God Himself for Doug's family. Thank you Lord for letting us know Doug Shada, and would you say Hi to him for us ?

*Werblow's of North Platte
Natalie, Aaron, Sandee and Tom*

Tom Werblow - November 07, 2017 at 09:30 PM

MB

“ My faithful brother in Christ, Pastor Shada, mentored me weekly for somewhere between 5 and 7 years. And not just me, but he met with men a majority of his breakfasts and lunches each week, encouraging, reproofing, rebuking, exhorting, and holding men accountable to live a holy life with great patience and instruction. He is a man that truly practiced Paul’s instructions to Timothy in 2 Timothy 2:2, “The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” He once told me his desire was that long after he is gone he wanted to see men faithfully meeting together, growing in sanctification and love with Jesus Christ.

I met with him again this September when I learned he had cancer and in his booming voice he declared, “Michael, I win! If God heals me I win, and if I go home to be with Him, I win!” Pastor Shada knew the victory he had in Christ and he lived his life with Christ as his hope. He spent his life telling people of that hope. Now he has received the unfading crown of glory with Christ as his reward.



Michael Bogus - November 07, 2017 at 12:31 PM

JB

“ My first memory of Doug is when I was 5 years old. i was all dressed up in my Easter dress with a new purse. He tried kissing me and I swung my purse at him and it broke. I was so angry at him. We have laughed about that many times. He has probably told the story many times of how the elevator opened at Bryan Hospital in Lincoln and this young lady said to him, My Mother needs you. He had no idea who this young lady was but he said well take me to your Mother. That Mother was me, I had just been told my Husband had caner and would die. God had definately sent him to us because we sure needed some quidance at that time. He was there for both my Husband and I until the end. Since then he helped us through the death of my Father and then my Mother. The last time I seen him was at my Granddaughters wedding. So glad I had this Happy time with him. I think of all the obsticles he had in his life since he was such a young Man and then I think of how many lives he has made a difference in and I am so proud of him. I looked for his devotionals every morning first thing, I will miss Him in my life and my heart goes out to all the Family.

Janet Burkey - November 07, 2017 at 12:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.



November 07, 2017 at 10:38 AM

MW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary Weich - November 07, 2017 at 10:00 AM

MW

My brother Doug, was more like a father to me then just your typical brother. Don't get me wrong, he still picked on me. After our parents died my brother Randy and I went to live with my grandmother, after she'd passed away Doug and Farrol took my brother and myself into their home after being married for just a very short time, they were Newlyweds. How many newlyweds in today's age would bring in two teenagers into their home, not too many, but my brother Doug and Farrol opened up their house and made it a home. A couple weeks before Doug passed away he and I went for a walk and he looked at me and he said "M", that's what he called me, we don't know the day, the hour or the minute, that God will take us home, we just have to be ready when he calls are named. He look down at me cuz I'm short, and he says Mary I'm ready to go when God calls me home and you need to be also. I of course started crying and said but Doug I'm not ready for you to go yet, and he looked at me and he says but Mary you're not in charge. I miss you my brother but I look forward to seeing you in heaven.

Mary Weich - November 07, 2017 at 10:44 PM

FC

“ From your friends in the 2019 Commemoration purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Pastor Doug G. Shada.



From your friends in the 2019 Commemoration - November 07, 2017 at 09:04 AM

JB

“ Our sincerest sympathy to the Shada family. What an incredible legacy he left with the lives of of his dear family!! We love you all and Doug has always been a pillar for us in our spiritual journey. When Jerry & I first were introduced to the Lord almost 35 years ago, Doug was one of the first people we met at Maranatha at a couple's retreat. I remember watching everyone very carefully trying to "size up this new Christian life." Jerry and I got up really early the first morning and it was just getting light. We looked out the window of our cabin and observed Doug walking by the lake with his Bible in his arms and you could see he was praying. It was a picture we will never forget and still talk about to this day. Doug was the real deal!! He lived his entire life with powerful determination and commitment to his dear Savior. We loved him so much!!

Jerry & Diane Bumgardner - November 06, 2017 at 04:30 PM