



Douglas Edward McKenna

December 9, 1944 - September 23, 2021

Douglas Edward McKenna, age 76 of rural Fredonia, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021 at his home.

He was born Dec. 9, 1944 in Wichita to Wiles and Shirley (Robertson) McKenna. He attended schools in Texas and Colorado, graduating from Bailey (Colo.) High School, then earned an associate's degree from Labette Community College.

Described as "a man's man," Doug served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era, 1966 to 1968, working in Intelligence, and was honorably discharged due to medical reasons. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Doug began his law enforcement career as a dispatcher in Wichita, and also worked in law enforcement in Lander, Wyo., before moving to Fredonia to be near his parents. He worked as a Wilson County deputy and later served as Fredonia Chief of Police, retiring in 2006.

On July 8, 1983, he married Kellie Conard in Fredonia and she survives at the home.

In 1986, Doug and Kellie moved to their home in rural Fredonia where they rescued dogs for 35 years.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two daughters, Jennifer and Warren Reynolds of Fredonia; and Heather and David Howland of Independence; 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, whom he loved dearly.

His granddaughter Savannah Renee died in 1996, his parents also preceded him in death.

A private family memorial service will be held, with military honors.

Memorial contributions can be made in Doug's name to Fredonia Pound Pals, and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th, PO Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Tribute Wall

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“ I was lucky enough to have Doug as a mentor, friend, and brother. We had many adventures together, hunting, fishing, and our many Colorado trips. Doug had a very sharp sence of humor, some of the jokes he pulled on me and his fellow officers were the suff of legends. I miss him already, and will miss him even more in the coming years. Someone asked me once what Doug was like, I told them to look in the dictionary under the word integrity, and you will find a picture of Doug McKenna looking back at you. Doug was the only man I ever knew that I would follow to the banks of hell, just because he said we needed to. Rest easy Douglas, I have the watch now

Bill R. Jones - September 24, 2021 at 09:56 PM

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“ Doug McKenna was always a thoughtful man serving his country ans the law enforcement community for many years. He will be missed by many.

Janet Harrington - September 24, 2021 at 06:11 PM