



Douglas Ronald Tangen

April 11, 1969 - December 20, 2015

Douglas Ronald Tangen, 46, of Wenatchee, passed away on Sunday, December 20, 2015.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com.

Arrangements are by Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

“ Does anyone know if this is the Douglas Tangen that wrote this article in 2010 -

If so, Elliott Portee has traveled all of the way to Wisconsin and my husband in law enforcement met with him and helped him with a roof over his head. His story is remarkable and I am looking for those that may have come into contact with him. If you have any information you are willing to share, please email me at gallaghje@gmail.com. Blessings to you and your loss.

← *Back to the cause*

About

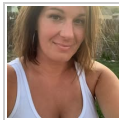
Elliott Portee has been traveling the Northwest since 1969 with all his worldly possessions in a baby buggy and he may end up in sandpoint Idaho give a little help on his way.

I commute from Wenatchee to CWU Ellensburg Wa. Every weekday for College and on the way home I noticed a man pushing a baby buggy full of stuff just outside of Ellensburg. The next morning I saw him again about 50 miles further over the Cascade Mountains huddled under an overpass escaping the rain near Dryden at the junction of highway 97 and 2. I stopped and asked him if he had walked all that way over the Cascade Mountains last night in the rain. He said oh yeah. I asked him if there was anything I could do for him to help him or make him more comfortable in his journey, he just asked for me to pray for him. he said he has been traveling since running away in 1969. Before running away he lived with his mom and dad in New Jersey, his dad was a breakman for the railroad and his mom was a chambermaid, at a hotel or for a Jewish family. He made it to the 11th grade in special education at Atlantic City High School in New Jersey where he lived near a freeway and a cattle farm. He has not seen his family since running away and does have some siblings somewhere. He remembers his mother stealing sheets for him and his siblings and how nice it was to have those fancy sheets to sleep on. He said he wanted to avoid the cities because the last city he was in the Kent, Auburn area the

Police where real mean, they ramed me with there car because they thought I had something to do with the 4 police officers that got shot there. I had no idea what they where talking about. He said I never had a limp until after that day now I'm sore all the time. he said he traveled through Sandpoint Idaho years ago and it was real nice and thought he would give it a try again and if it didn't work out back on the road I go. He said he was stuck here because he didn't want to travel on highway 2 but wanted to stay on highway 97 and on to highway 20 and over to Idaho. Well I said lets load up your buggy and I'll help you get past highway 2 and continue your journey on 97. We loaded up all his worldly possessions and headed down the road to Wenatchee, I asked him if i could buy him a warm meal to help him in his journey, he smiled and said that woud be nice. So we sat in Buz Inn restuarant on the Wenatchee Av and talked about the Environment, presidents and his travels. He is polite and friendly eats all his soup and sandwich and 2 cups of Coffee. We continue on the road and I drive him to a coveniance store in the city of Orondo just past Highway 2 on 97. I give him some money and a small flashlight to help light the way on his journey and said I would pray for a safe journey for him.

- 1. Elliott is a simple man with a simple plan.*
- 2. Runaway since 1969 from New Jersey*
- 3. All he wanted was my prayers*

Jennifer - August 05, 2016 at 04:01 PM



Yes it is. Doug is my ex-Husband and I recall him talking about this encounter and the impact he made on him. Doug is very missed by his Children and all of his family and friends.

Ginnie McGrew - March 28, 2017 at 05:27 AM

JP

I knew Doug and just found out from a friend today about his passing. He was my friend and we had many good conversations.

Joe Patton - December 03, 2019 at 02:41 PM



“ *Janet Hay lit a candle in memory of Douglas Ronald Tangen*



Janet Hay - January 07, 2016 at 04:41 PM

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“ *Doug's son Jacob misses his Dad so much! They had a difficult relationship at times, but had recently reunited. Jacob was so happy and excited to have his dad back in his life, and then... Jacob is so excruciatingly sad and heartbroken. We can't stand to think of the pain Doug was in. Wishing so much that we could go back and somehow have prevented this.*



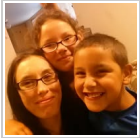
Lorenda - January 05, 2016 at 12:23 AM

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“ 9 files added to the album *Photos of Doug*



Lorenda - December 31, 2015 at 03:00 PM



“ *Condolences to Jenny and Taylor...prayers...
Doug, you are very missed...you were such an awesome guy, and
an amazing, wonderful friend! R.I.P. VETERAN!!*

Seneida De La Cruz - December 31, 2015 at 01:31 PM



“ Grandpa Mel and Doug on the back deck of the house with our first born nephew, I'll miss and love you. As it says in 1 Thess. 4:13-16 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 - For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so then also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 - For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 - For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

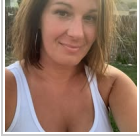


Janet Hay - December 30, 2015 at 12:41 AM

PL

“ Jenny, My heart is with you and Taylor. Aunt Patty

Patty Lund - December 29, 2015 at 08:09 PM



“ *Doug was a wonderful Father to our 9 year old Daughter. Even after we divorced our Daughter was our #1 priority. I want Doug to always be remembered as a amazing Father. He served our country in the military for 20 plus years. He loved the outdoors and was always at home in the woods. He was blessed to meet a wonderful woman Jenny Howe whom he was engaged to. Taylor spent every weekend with her Dad and Jenny. His Daughter Was his main priority and when Jenny came into his life she accepted and loved our Daughter as if Taylor was her own Daughter*



Ginnie McGrew - December 28, 2015 at 07:56 PM

LM

Perfect pic of daddy and daughter day out with Marley of course !!!! Love and miss your smile dougaboo and littlemiss Taylor and Marley!!!

Laura Milton - December 29, 2015 at 11:59 PM



Will there be a memorial service or something for Doug? I can't seem to find anything beyond that it says "arrangements will be handled by Jones & Jones".

Darla Daniels - January 03, 2016 at 03:35 PM

MO

Yes I. Early April.around Doug's birthday, announcement to roll oil w re, celebration of his life.

Mom - January 29, 2016 at 10:59 PM

CM

“ My name is Chris Milton .Doug and i use to be so close.I remember when him and I get together stuff always happened to use.he was a good man and awesome friend and a cousin. I will miss him and my mom and aunt Janet will miss him so much.



Chris milton - December 24, 2015 at 11:59 PM

Vicki
Smith

“ I haven't seen Doug since our years at Wenatchee Police Department. He was a great officer, an excellent teacher and one of my favorite people. I know I was one of the few he would let call him "Dougie" and we'd laugh. When I left the Department, Doug was one I knew I would always remember fondly. I send prayers for Doug and his family. I am so sad.

Vicki Wass-Smith

Vicki Smith - December 24, 2015 at 07:42 PM

Lorenda
Tangen

Hi Vicki, just as it was in life, this Douglas Tangen (born 1969) is confused with Detective Doug Tangen. I'm so sorry for the confusion and hope that Detective Tangen can receive your warm wishes in person.

Lorenda Tangen - December 29, 2015 at 12:46 PM

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Leanne Emerson - December 24, 2015 at 09:22 AM

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Leanne Emerson - December 24, 2015 at 09:18 AM

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Leanne Emerson - December 24, 2015 at 09:11 AM

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“ *Lorenda sent a virtual gift in memory of Douglas Ronald Tangen*



Lorenda - December 23, 2015 at 11:44 PM