



Douglas Bengford

January 2, 1959 - July 27, 2011

Douglas M. Bengford, 52 of Lakewood , Colorado passed away at his home on July 27th, 2011. Doug was born on January 2nd, 1959 in Fort Collins Colorado to Leonard and JoAnn Bengford. Doug grew up in Fort Collins and graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in 1977. He then went on to attend CSU and graduated with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. He practiced Veterinary Medicine in both California and Colorado from his graduation to present time. Doug is survived by his two sons Tyler Bengford, 18 and Mitchell Bengford, 16. He is also survived by his parents Leonard and JoAnn Bengford; his brother Greg Bengford; his two sisters Kelly Lewis and Cheryl Bengford; and several nephews. Contributions in his honor may be made out to the animal shelter of your choice. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Monday, August 1, 2011 at Blessed John 23rd University Parish.

Tribute Wall



“ I was thinking of you and decided to look you up. I didn't know you have moved on. We worked together in Arcadia, CA when we were first out of school. You obviously made an impression on me as a good person. I am sure you touched a lot of lives. Rest in peace.

Dirk Yelinek - August 17, 2023 at 11:07 AM



“ *Douglas Bengford*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Doug's classmates from the Rocky Mountain High class of 1977 will remember him at our reunion this year.*

Kacy Thompson - September 19, 2017 at 08:58 PM



“ *We moved 40 min. from Lakewood and regrettably had to transfer my dog's Banfield plan. You see, Dr. B was such a great vet and kind human being that I was debating on changing vets or not. My dog loved him so! He is greatly missed!*

Ruth Chinaea - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I am very saddened and surprised to read of Doug's passing. He was the vet to both my cats for many years and at several locations. I tried to keep up with him and never knew where he went after Petsmart in Littleton. Doug was extremely good with my very difficult cats and I felt that he cared about them so much. Many animals and their owners will miss him. I know his family will greatly miss him and my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Carol Wolfe - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FZ

“ Growing up Doug and I spent a lot of time together whenever our families could visit.

I remember endless hours catching crawfish, snakes, and anything else that was within reach. Doug was fascinated them by all things living, not too surprising that animals became his career.

I remember going for Ice Cream one night when we were visiting in Ft. Collins. Somehow Doug was left home alone by accident. We brought him home an ice cream, but I still remember he was mad as an old wet hen.

*I Love you Doug! Hug Grandma for me too.
Until we meet again.*

Fred Zeglin - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I met Dr. B in 1991 when we both were hired at Nelson Animal Hospital. We worked together for 13 years and had a lot of fun. As some one previously stated he was the King of "corny" jokes. He also treated some of my own pets over the years and I always knew they were in good hands. He was a very kind person and extremely well loved by his clients. When I had a traumatic event occur to me several years ago he frequently remembered to check in with me and ask how I was doing, but it was never intrusive, he just wanted to let me know that he cared. When Doug moved on to a new hospital we fell out of touch with each other and I will always regret that. Take care Tyler and Mitchell, you were the light of your Dad's life.

Ginny Betz - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ JoAnn,
I was so saddened to see your son's obituary in the Denver Post. Please know that he and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,

Mary O'Brien

Mary O'Brien - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ JoAnn, Lenny...great sadness comes to those whom God cares about. Our thoughts are with you at this time. We are so very sorry for your loss of Doug. May you be blessed with your wonderful memories.
Sincerely, Bud & Marilyn Anderson (neighbors of Leonard/Milly on Maple)

Bud-Marilyn Anderson - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Dear Joanne and family,
Was so sad to read about your son passing. God bless you with His
peace and comfort now. Your boy was so young. Love, Hanah

Hannah Baumann - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ John Johnson and I were just talking about Doug a couple of
months ago. He was a person who we wanted to make contact with.

Doug was a great friend and person. I don't know what happened,
but I hope Doug is at peace now.

I hope his family knows that he was a great friend in high school to
a lot of people. I hope you have many memories to hold on to.

Peace be with you Doug!
Denise Morgan

Denise Morgan - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CN

“*Doug and I had an interesting past. After graduating from veterinary school I practiced in California for 4 years. At the time of Doug's graduation I move back to Colorado and Doug actually took my position in California. When he moved back to Colorado he soon became an associate at our hospital. We shared many difficult and enjoyable times during the 13 years we worked together. I will always remember the birth of Ty and Mitch and how proud a father he was. What always impressed me was his desire to take on difficult cases, especially when surgery was involved. It would be impossible to enumerate the numbers of animals lives Doug saved and the joy he brought to their masters. Although it has been almost 10 years since he left the hospital, it is rare that a week goes by without a client asking about Dr. B. I will always cherish my association with Doug and am proud to have been his friend.*”

Clark Nelson - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“*I was truly saddened to hear that Dr Bengford had passed away. I have been taking my animals to Banfield for many years and always requested to see him when he was working. He was a patient and understanding doctor and always had time for me and all my questions.*
Tyler and Mitchell, your dad was a very kind, wonderful person. I will really miss seeing him, and I know many other people will, too. I want both of you and the whole Bengford family to know that I am thinking of you all. Take care.”

Christine Hanke - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ My mom told me of Doug's passing, and I have been profoundly touched by this news. I remember the late-night games of "Feudal" and other strategy games, the early winter pond hockey games where we had to quit because the ice was melting at the shoreline (and the time Doug fell through the ice trying to save my Pittsburgh Penguins puck). I was blessed to have a friend like Doug when I was growing up - I can truly say that I am a better person because of him.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bengford and family - you have my prayers and condolences.

Andrew Rowe - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Was sorry to hear about Doug's passing. I have not seen him since High School. Hope that his memory lives long with you and know that he is watching over you and will be missed by many.

July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I am so sorry and shocked to hear that Mr. Bengford passed away. We had a vet appointment this morning and just found out. He was so loving and caring to my dog even though my dog growled and barked at him every time. My Carson thinks he has to protect me from everyone. Mr. Bengford, you seemed like such a loving and caring person. I'm sorry you had to leave so soon and the lost of pet care you gave will be missed.

Kathy

Kathy Brunsilius - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Dr. Bengford treated our animals in Littleton, Colorado. His kind, gentle manner was a comfort to us and our pet friends. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Kelly Smith - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Doug kept me in stitches and will be missed.*

Rady Wells - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *I'll miss you B. Now who will put up with my retarded dog? Wish I could be there to send you off, but I guess you already know that. Oicimani was'te mitawa Koda. When we see each other again, I will know you my friend.*

DD Trudogg - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Growing up on Glenmoor Drive, I had 5 brohters..., Randy, Mark, Greg, then Doug and Doug (better known as "The Doug's") I also had two sets of parents; two sisters, Kindra and Cheryl; and one best friend, Kelly! That was my family.

It's been years since then but I must say my heart still feels the love and holds dear to the memories of those days and the all the summers we'd come back to Colorado to hang out with the Bengfords!

Family is a good thing to have because with family the joys multiple and sorrows divide. Much love to my Bengford Family and extended family.... you're in my prayers.

Sandy Wells-Chapman

Sandy Wells-Chapman - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I don't remember much about Doug but Kelly was a great friend. I'm so sorry for your loss, prayers for the entire family for peace and comfort through this difficult time.

Kimberly Hofferber - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ It was with great shock and sadness that I saw Doug's obituary in the 7/31/11 Sunday paper. I first met Doug when he was at Nelson Animal Hospital in Littleton, CO. Later we went to him at Petsmart. He was the most caring and kind veterinarian and he was very well respected. He will be greatly missed.

Judy Hamrock - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Uncle Doug,

From your goofy jokes too your big heart. We all miss everything about you so much. Through all the adversity that you faced, you inspire me to keep going in life everyday just as you did. Although you may only be a memory now, you still and forever will be my uncle. Love you so much. Thanks for everything you've done for me and I will never ever forget you.

*Your little nephew,
-Austi*

Austin Bengford - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *I first met Doug working together at Banfield. He became a good friend. More like a brother to me. He was the type of person that would give you the shirt off his back if he could. I have alot of good memories that I will cherish. I will miss you terribly Doug.*

Deb Donelson - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *got a bright idea! lets make a light bulb-frenchs mustard jar,cotton,old lamp cord and vasoline. will it worked? then he plugged it in- i had a black hand for two days. doug your in god's hands now and my heart. love doug w.*

doug wells - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *The thought of Doug being gone from this earth brings tears and sadness.
But the thoughts and memory of Doug has brought out alot of laughs and pleasant memories. Like the times the Dougs were running around naked and I knew Doug was destined to be a Vet after watching him cut open a perfectly healthy garder snake so that he could try save its life. You leave me with many smiles and I know you are smiling next to Jesus*
Love Mark

Mark Wells - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *To My Loving Brother... May you rest in peace. You are in Heaven now, you have nothing more to worry about. Say hi to grandma for me! I love you so much Doug Your sister Kelly*

Kelly Lewis Bengford - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Goodbye to my brother, Doug...
may you rest in peace at the right hand of Jesus Christ.
You deserve that, your life was so stressful, i wish i would have done more to help you out... i will always regret that.
peace to you now....I LOVE YOU Doug*

Greg Bengford - July 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM