



## Douglas Patrick Collins

May 1, 2022

Beloved husband, son, brother, and friend to many, Doug Collins, of Loveland, CO, passed on May 01, 2022 in his 48th year. The way Doug passed is just like he loved to live: riding his mountain bike on a beautiful spring day on one of his favorite Loveland trails, the Devil's Backbone.

Doug will forever be missed by his best friend and college sweetheart, his wife Leslie Collins, and their adored cat, Carlos. Also cherished and survived by his parents David and Cecelia (Gerber) Collins, his brother and sister-in-law Clint and Dawn Collins, his niece and nephews, Jake (Natia), Matt, Thea, and Luke Collins.

He grew up on his late grandpa Fred's farm in North Dakota and went on to achieve his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado. He founded the successful product design and 3D printing company Avid Product Development in Loveland in 2012.

Doug had a passion for all things biking including building them and helping others enhance their bikes. Doug and Leslie were part-time residents of Steamboat Springs, CO and he specifically loved riding Howelsen Hill and the Divide Trail with his buddies. In addition to biking, he loved traveling with Leslie, his new camper van, soccer, cross country skiing, and snowboarding.

Doug had the most beautiful smile that would brighten up any room. His undeniable positive spirit will carry on through many as he looks over us while petting their late cat Mollie on his lap.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to two of Doug's favorite organizations: Routt County Riders in support of his love for Steamboat Springs and the riding community ([routtcountyridders.org](http://routtcountyridders.org)) and Larimer County Humane Society for Mollie and Carlos ([larimerhumane.org](http://larimerhumane.org)). Additionally, a Colorado School of Mines scholarship has been setup in Doug's memory and is available for donation ([weare.mines.edu/rememberdougcollins](http://weare.mines.edu/rememberdougcollins)). Friends can share condolences and memories with the family at [Goesfuneralcare.com](http://Goesfuneralcare.com).

#### Celebration of Life

We will be gathering in the outdoors he loved to share some of our favorite memories, our stories, to laugh, to cry and remember wonderful Doug who will be greatly missed.

SATURDAY, JUNE 04, 2022

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Ceremony with reception to follow

Home of dear family friends:

5744 N. County Road 27, Loveland, CO, 80538

Please let us know if you can attend by emailing [info@goesfuneralcare.com](mailto:info@goesfuneralcare.com)

We encourage carpooling and kindly request mask wearing for those unvaccinated for the safety of yourself and others. Doug prioritized comfort therefore casual comfy attire is appropriate. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Routt County Riders ([routtcountyridders.org](http://routtcountyridders.org)),

Larimer County Humane Society ([larimerhumane.org](http://larimerhumane.org)), or to the Colorado School of Mines scholarship has been setup in Doug's memory ([weare.mines.edu/rememberdouglascollins](http://weare.mines.edu/rememberdouglascollins)).

## Previous Events

**Celebration of Life, \*Please RSVP at [info@goesfuneralcare.com](mailto:info@goesfuneralcare.com)\***

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Patrick Collins*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

JM

“ I had the great pleasure of meeting Doug in Barcelona in 2019 during the inauguration of a 3d printing R&D center where he was presenting his work. It was obvious that he had a great passion not only for his projects but how the technology could be developed to change lives in the future. We were later able to hang out during and after dinner where, in addition to learning that we shared a birthday, we talked about everything from sports (I couldn't resist pointing out that he's the namesake of one of Michael Jordan's Bulls coaches) to family, technology, politics, and travelling. I soon learned that his passion wasn't in any way confined to his work!

*I am not in the habit of making friends after such brief encounters, particularly at work events, but for whatever reason, our bond of a single evening together over a few drinks and talking about the worlds ills and how to fix them led us to keep in touch over the years and we had recently had a conversation about the possibility of me flying over to the US with the family and meeting in Colorado, or for him and Leslie to join us in Portugal. He was also totally stoked about having his campervan fixed up back in November and was planning a couple of adventures ahead.*

*Doug, I hope you're up there living out some of those adventures now. I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to you, Leslie, and though we never met I can tell you that it was a privilege and an honour to have called Doug a friend.*

*P.S Doug gave me a 3d printed key ring with the Avid logo (rotatable on ball bearings) that my boys couldn't stop playing with...so I ended up giving it to them as a gift from "Doug the 3d printing man" (photo).*



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James McKay - June 07, 2022 at 07:20 AM

GN

“ Dear Leslie, I met Doug almost 2 years ago now and the first thing I remember was his big smile, being full of positive energy which was truly contagious. Doug was a passionate engineer and a recognized authority within the industry, but at the same time one of the most personable people I’ve met. Next to you (and his cat Carlos), he had a big passion for outdoor activities and always challenged me to join him on a mountain bike ride. At the same time however he send me pictures of rattlesnakes he came across while he was riding. Not being a fan of snakes, it scared me off joining him, which I truly regret now (being an “Avid” cyclist myself...).

*Please accept the deepest condolences from me and the whole Lubrizol team. Although his presence & leadership will be badly missed, the team is committed to make Avid even more successful, honoring his memory.*

*Gert-Jan*

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**Gert-Jan Nijhuis** - June 02, 2022 at 10:02 AM

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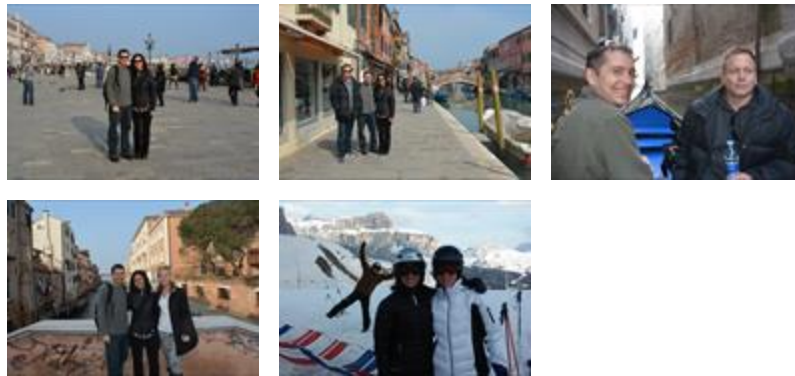
“ We’re so grateful to have known Doug, even if for a relatively short amount of time. He had a truly sincere smile, like a window into a very kind soul. He just radiated joy and goodness (see the first photo), making others around him (like us) want to be better, just by being himself.

Leslie, having met Doug through you, we always saw his love for you as one of his most defining traits. There is no doubt you were the center of his life.

The world was better with Doug in it, and he is greatly missed.

Nate and Sofia

PS. We’re sorry to miss the memorial due to travel.



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Sofia Kelly - May 26, 2022 at 05:45 PM

JG

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Jay Gluck - May 26, 2022 at 05:31 PM

GB

“ I don't recall how I met Doug, but somehow he ended up coming to the Sunday group rides when he could. His warm smile and friendly manner were always welcomed by all. The last time he joined us was on the November 2021 Estes ride. He was excited about his sabbatical, ski/snowboard season and spending more time with Leslie (who he often talked about on rides.)

*I had the pleasure of touring his business facility before it grew. He was very proud of the business and the positive impact it had on customers and employees.*

*The unimaginable grief suffered by his friends and family is a measure of the depth of his loss and what a great person he was.*

*Gale Bernhardt*



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**Gale Bernhardt** - May 21, 2022 at 02:34 PM

GB

“ I don't recall how I met Doug, but he would occasionally show up for the Sunday group bike rides that meet in my driveway. He showed up more before his business grew so much. The last time we saw him was November of 2021 on a ride to Estes Park.

*His smile and easy manner was easy to like. On rides he would often talk about Leslie and the time they enjoyed in Steamboat. I was able to tour his business when it was relatively small and he was so excited about it.*

*The unimaginable grief that will be with all of his close friends and family is a testimony to how much he was loved and what a great soul he was.*

*Gale Bernhardt*



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**Gale Bernhardt** - May 21, 2022 at 10:07 AM

RB

“ Oh Leslie, Jan and I are so saddened by this news. Doug was such a genuinely nice person! We remember getting to know him during your rooftop celebration, several years ago. A few years later Doug spotted me from across the room during a technology fair at the Galvanize Campus in Fort Collins. He was more interested in catching up with me and my life then he was showing me his latest 3D printing technology. Doug was a very kind man who will be missed by all. We love you, Leslie. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Rodger & Jan Bailey*

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**Rodger Bailey** - May 21, 2022 at 09:39 AM

AM

“ There are no words to describe losing Doug but this picture pretty much sums up our friendship. The Coffee Tree, smiles, laughter, hugs, and lots of love. Kennedy very clearly remembers this day and the Beanie Babies you and Leslie brought for her. Missing you!



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**Alyson Millner** - May 20, 2022 at 10:47 PM

BS

“ I was so shocked and saddened at the news. Doug was such a great guy, always friendly and working to help people out and make things happen. It was great to see him grow and make his business successful, and he was one of the most avid mountain bikers I've known. I am disappointed I won't be able to make the memorial due to travel. My deepest sympathies and condolences to Leslie and all his family members, and those who knew, loved, and respected him.

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**Brad Shannon** - May 19, 2022 at 03:01 PM

KH

“ I have known Doug for 22 years. Initially, I worked for him after he hired me to join the mechanical design engineering team he was responsible for growing and managing. We worked side by side for about three and a half years and we developed some incredible test interface fixtures during that time. But it was always under such immense pressure to perform, and with very little room for error.

After telling Doug about my intent to part ways with the company and start my own product development company. He asked me how I felt about him teaming up with me. He revealed that he had been looking for an alternative to the job he now had, and he thought that since he and I had done so much great work together, why not keep a good thing going? It was only a day or so as I recall when we shook hands in agreement that we would become business partners.

We founded OTB Designs and Engineering, LLC in August of 2003 and we stayed at it until mid-year 2012. From day one, we never lacked work. Doug liked getting out and mixing with people so he took on the publicity duties of the company. He was good at it and in a few years, the phone rang just by word of mouth. I give Doug a lot of credit for getting our business name out there.

The work came in fast and a lot of it was hard. We got involved in some really great products and we traveled afield as needed to attend conventions, trade shows, vendors, and customer sites. In 2012, after many meetings, we agreed to part ways since we wanted different things by then. We each agreed that neither of us would have come that far by that time if it was not for the influence each of us had on the other. We parted as good friends wishing the best for each other and agreeing to stay in touch.

As time passed and we had our restaurant meetings, I was so happy and so proud of Doug. How he had found his path and what he had accomplished. He was always growing the business, sometimes quite fast. But it never really surprised me since Doug

*could not be held down.*

*Doug was warm and accommodating. Doug had a smile that was welcoming and sincere. Doug was polite and considerate. Doug believed that positive energy comes back to you and he made little room for negative energy. Doug always had a story he could share and he easily saw the humor in things. He didn't seem to take himself too seriously. Doug was always planning his next adventure. Doug loved his Leslie. He was so proud of her and he glowed when he spoke of her. He loved his cats and my dogs. He took time out to chat with my wife each day when she came home from work. They had many friendly kitchen talks and he knew her well. She loved him. He was so easy to brainstorm ideas with. It was as if he was tracking my frequency each time we worked on the whiteboard or the CAD screen. I wish those times when we said "Let's do lunch." that one of us (I) would have reached out more to set a date. I always thought he was so busy. Boy, if I could have a do-over, that would be it.*

*I miss you, Doug... I really miss you, my friend.*

*Ken and Sonya House*

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**Ken House** - May 18, 2022 at 03:54 PM

CW

“ *Please accept my sympathy for your loss. (A fellow teacher with David.)*

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**Clifford Weixel** - May 18, 2022 at 11:22 AM

KA

“*Doug was such a dear friend and left us with so many wonderful memories. We are forever grateful to have know him, Kathleen and Norm*



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**kathleen** - May 17, 2022 at 12:18 PM

BR

“*Doug and Leslie were longtime clients of mine at blue sky animal clinic where I helped care for Molly and Carlos for many years. Although I only knew Doug through this one facet of his life I will always remember his kind and gentle spirit, his warm smile and honest concern and love for Molly and Carlos. He took such loving care of both cats through their health and various medical conditions. That says a lot about the person he was at his core.*

*Leslie, I know you will always miss your soulmate so deeply. And although there are no words to ease your sadness and grief I hope you can feel all the love and support around you and that will continue as time goes on.*

*We can all honor Doug when we remember his kindness and share that kindness with others.*

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**Barbara Roberts** - May 16, 2022 at 08:50 PM

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Leslie - May 16, 2022 at 10:37 AM

IR



Irma Rosales - May 17, 2022 at 12:49 AM

JG

*I was fortunate to ride with Doug on some special rides in some very memorable locations, and despite our age differences, he always made me feel young and full of energy. I'm still shocked and saddened, but I will always think of Doug whenever I go out riding. My heart goes out to Leslie and their families. Jay Gluck.*

Jay Gluck - May 26, 2022 at 05:43 PM