



## Norman Earl Doughten Sr.

November 21, 1932 - December 10, 2018

Bluefield, WV- Norman Earl Doughten, Sr., 86, of Bluefield, WV, died Monday December 10, 2018 at his home.

Mr. Doughten was a lifelong resident of Bluefield and was a member of College Avenue Baptist Church. He was a self-made man who retired as Captain of Bluefield Fire Department, and he was also a Master Plumber and had owned and operated his own plumbing company.

Mr. Doughten had a love of life and an infectious laugh. Just his presence made him the life of the party. He was an avid NASCAR fan and had a plaque at Charlotte Motor Speedway in recognition of his attendance to the first 50 races. He also loved to travel and dance.

The most important roll of Mr. Doughten's life was that of being a father. He loved his family and was a fantastic father and friend to his son, Buzzy. He will be missed greatly.

Those left to cherish his memory are his son, Buzzy Doughten and wife Donna of Marietta, GA; special Aunt Mozelle Brown; uncle, Robert Doughten; special neighbors who the family wishes to thank, the Higgins family; special friend, Henry Glenn of Bluefield, WV; and too many friends to mention.

The family will receive friends at Mercer Funeral Home on Friday December 14, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be conducted on Saturday December 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m from the Mercer Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ed Fisher officiating.

Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery where Fred Simon, David Litz,

Dickie Flinchum, Rob Melton, Buddy Matthews, and Sonny Matthews will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1893, Memphis, TN, 38101-9950 or [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home is serving the family of Norman Earl Doughten, Sr.

# Cemetery Details

**Monte Vista Park Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC **14**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701  
(304) 327-6155  
merc@mercfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.mercerfuneralhome.com/>

### Funeral Service

DEC **15**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Norman Earl Doughten Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Hey Buzzy. Sorry to hear about your dad. Mom died awhile back and I brought her back to Bluefield. I regret not stopping by to see your dad. Take care and look me up if u are ever in Los Angeles. James Taulbee. “Jimmy”. Chrmus2@yahoo.com.*

**James Taulbee** - January 14, 2019 at 12:05 AM



“ *Uncle Earl was a fixture in my childhood; a loyal friend to my father and mother, he was always a part of our lives. I vividly remember visiting him, Buzzy, and my Aunt Betty in Bluefield, when he was a Bluefield fire-fighter; then, after Aunt Betty's passing and his retirement, his work as a plumber and sales rep; and, finally, seeing him at his little house in Holden Beach, NC. When my father died, he was a source of constant support for my mother as she re-built her life. So many good memories--he loved NASCAR, beer, parties, and laughter. So long, Uncle Earl--and safe journey home!*

**Jack Summers** - December 16, 2018 at 11:31 PM

VM

“ Earl Doughten was a fine man, good friend, confidant and like a 2nd Dad to me when I was in high school. I cherish fond and fun memories of traveling with him to Buzzy's away games, races and the beach.

May God comfort and bless Buzzy, Donna and the family.

1st Corinthians 2:9

Vicki Johnson McKenzie

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**Vicki McKenzie** - December 14, 2018 at 06:26 PM

RS

“ One more thing, my Mother was Pat Raines you might remember me as Randi Raines not Stutler.

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**Randi (Raines) Stutler** - December 14, 2018 at 02:54 PM

RS

“ I remember Earl from when I was a little girl. I use to spend the night with his granddaughter Susie. He would make us laugh and laugh. I had some of the best times with the Doughten family. God bless you all.

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**Randi (Raines) Stutler** - December 14, 2018 at 02:52 PM

DT

“ Earl was a great mentor and friend, I will never forget time spent talking NASCAR with him when we worked together at the BFD.

Prayers to the family, Daniel Tibbs

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**Daniel Tibbs** - December 14, 2018 at 01:11 PM

SB

“ Donna and Buzzy, Jay and I were so glad to share memories of Earl with you on Wednesday. We adored him. He was so full of joy! There are so so many Earl stories and we will always remember him enriching our lives. The Elks Club was the background for many of these good times with many other people who also loved him. We share in the grief of your loss but we are so grateful we had the pleasure of his friendship. There will never be another Earl! Take care and come see us at the lake. Sharon and Jay

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**Sharon Belcher** - December 14, 2018 at 09:33 AM

ES

“ Oh Earl I so will miss you! You had a laugh like no other, and were always so kind to me. You treated me like family, even though I could never develop a taste for scotch. I know you haven't met a stranger in heaven, just as you never met one here on earth. You are surely talking some angels ears off right now. And telling amazing stories to all you loved ones that preceded you to heaven. Thanks for including me as part of your life! I was proud to call you Uncle Earl whether there was a relation by blood or not.

One of my favorite memories was the first time Erik drove to see me and meet everyone. (Erik drove in the middle of the night from Bristol, TN to my parents house in Bluefield). You so eloquently named him "dick head" without a look at him. More or less trying to protect your "Baby Hays", he was already not good enough for our crowd. You warmed up quickly and you two became quick friends. I am sure Erik was so happy to welcome you to heaven! We all had such great times at the beach, and I will always cherish the memories from it. I don't know how many times I dyed your hair blonde, but I have the pictures and memories to prove it!

To Buzzy and Donna: There is no one that could replace his zest for life and his love for his family and friends. I hope that you will find comfort in stories told in the upcoming weeks/months. They should all bring a smile to your face. I am so sorry I cannot attend the funeral. I so wish I was able to do so! I send all my love and prayers to you on that difficult day. May you know how much he loved you, and that you have the best guardian angel watching over you!

Much Love, Erin

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Erin Stephens - December 13, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Earl Doughten Sr. .



December 13, 2018 at 03:41 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Norman Earl Doughten Sr. .



December 13, 2018 at 01:11 PM



“ Stephen and Mike, Jim and Louise, Paul and Dianne. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Norman Earl Doughten Sr. .



**Stephen and Mike, Jim and Louise, Paul and Dianne. -**  
December 12, 2018 at 11:29 AM



“ Vance and Sherri Vlasz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Norman Earl Doughten Sr. .



**Vance and Sherri Vlasz -** December 12, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Norman Earl Doughten Sr. .*



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December 11, 2018 at 09:02 PM