



Carl Douglas Mayes

December 12, 1921 - October 18, 2015

Carl Douglas "Doug" Mayes, 93, of Denver, NC, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2015, at his residence. Born December 12, 1921, in Westmoreland, TN, he was a son of the late Joel Elijah and Bertha Lou Spears Mayes. Doug was the first television News Anchor in Charlotte, NC, beginning his career in 1952 with WBTV. He joined WSOC in 1982 and retired from the station in 1988. Doug continued in the Broadcasting Industry doing occasional specials upon request, including co-anchoring the WBTV News at 11 in 2013. He was a member of Denver Masonic Lodge #757, was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite member in the Charlotte chapter, and served as Potentate of Oasis Shriners in 1976. Doug was Past Director of Royal Order of Jesters Court 109 in 1983 and was a life member of Court 109. He was an Emeritus member of the Public Relations Committee for Shriners International and was one of the first members to receive the Imperial Potentate's Award of Merit for outstanding and lasting impact on Shriners Hospital for Children and Shriners International. Doug was an Emeritus Representative for Shriners International and served as President of the South Atlantic Shrine Association from 1987-1988. He was a member of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Hall of Fame. Doug was inducted into the Country Radio Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Charlotte Broadcast Hall of Fame in 2015. He was a member of the NC Broadcasters Hall of Fame, member of the Salvation Army ARC and Area Command advisory boards, where he served as membership chairman. Doug was also a recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Doug was a WWII

veteran having served in the US Navy. He was an accomplished musician having been taught at a young age by his father. Doug was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Vaughn Mayes; daughter, Brenda Mayes Lupino and sisters, Mabel Dodson, Elizabeth Simmons and Peg Bullington. Doug is survived by his son, Joe Mayes; granddaughter, Heather Leslie Rahn and great grandson, Theo. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at Denver United Methodist Church, Denver, NC, with Rev. Jeff Johnsen officiating. Burial will follow at 2 PM in Evergreen Cemetery, Charlotte. The family will receive friends from 6 – 8 PM, Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville. Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, c/o Oasis Shriners, 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262 or The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, P O Box 5669, Charlotte NC 28299. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the family of Doug Mayes. Condolences may be made to the Mayes family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Douglas Mayes*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Carl Douglas Mayes*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Carl Douglas Mayes*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I once met Mr. Mayes at a store and he was kind enough to shake my hand and listen to me tell him how much we loved him being our newscaster for so long. I just thought of him today while sitting in my car and wondered if he had passed away. My heart sank as I not only read he had but that the services had been in my home town. This is very belated, and for that I am sorry, but know he was a blessing to us and I am happy to have known of him.*

J. Alexander - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked with Doug back in the 1960's as a cameraman on the 6pm news at Channel 3. What a pro...and a funny, bright and talented man. And he could pick a mean guitar with the best of them. Remembering all the fun times with him.*

Larry Bruton - October 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ My husband and I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Doug Mayes. We shared meals together, visits, and we will miss his stories and friendship. Mr. Mayes would lite up a room by his presence. To his family and caregivers may you find comfort in knowing that Doug was loved by so many and his life was full of caring about others. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of his life. Mr. Mayes was a wonderful support to our local United Way. We will always cherish the video Mr. Mayes helped us create last year and appreciate his support to his community.

Kathy Vinzant - October 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I was fortunate to meet Doug. What a wonderful person. I am so sorry for your loss. Doug will never be forgotten.

Julie Freeman - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Doug was a close friend of mine and to so many of us in the country music industry in Nashville. He brought "class and dignity and respect" to our music and to our people. His passing leaves a hole in many hearts in Music City. Rest in peace, my friend. Bill Anderson - Grand Ole Opry - Nashville, Tennessee

October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ So sorry for y'all's lost. Doug was loved by the whole world. He might be gone but he will never be forgotten.

Lori Abundis-Ortiz - October 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Mayes family read your dads obitouary in the Tennessean paper I knew when I seen the name Mayes I knew it was kinfolk your dad and my dad Mayner Spears were first cousin so sorry for your loss*

Cleo Spears - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Rest in Peace. Thank you for your smiling face and positive attitude all those years on tv.*

Sherrie Gray - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *NOT MUCH CAN BE SAID. DOUG HAS DONE AND SEEN IT ALL AND LIVED THE EARLY DAYS AND BEST DAYS IN BROADCASTING.ALWAYS HAD THE FEELING WHEN YOU MET HIM THAT YOU ALL HAD KNOWN EACHOTHER FOREVER.GOD BLESS YOU BROTHER.SO MOTE IT BE .*

MIKE MOORE - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *This little light of mine ...you will make shine! Love you and miss you Grant and Karleigh*

leigh honeycutt - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. Doug Mayes was one of the finest men I have ever met. I worked with him at the Oasis Temple and at the Cancer Center at Presbyterian Hospital. Spoke with him many times at the Walmart in Denver and he was always friendly and joking, such a joy. We will miss him terribly. May God give the family comfort and peace. Rest in peace Doug Mayes.*

Gloria McCoy - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *A terrific gentleman who will be forever remembered as part of what made Charlotte such a wonderful place growing up. God bless the family and friends with peace*

Charlotte, North Carolina

October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you in the loss of Doug, A good man and friend to all who knew him. The Family of The Late LW Lambert*

Phyllis Lambert Lowe - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. I'm so honored to have served Doug at Captain's Cap in Denver each week. He always asked about my family and I will surely miss seeing and talking with him.*

Heather & Shawn Bumgardner - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Joel was deeply saddened to learn of Noble Doug's passing. He was truly a great man, mentor and close friend. Doug and I served together as stadium announcers and radio announcers for the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas when the game was played at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Charlotte. I was honored to be selected alongside Doug for the Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame Class of 2010. He touched many lives throughout his storied career. It was indeed my honor and privilege to have worked with him in support of our Crippled and Burns Children at Shriners Hospital. He will be missed. May the God of our Fathers be with you and your family during this most unsettling time, Joe Joe Sessoms Public Relations Chairman Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas' ”

Joe Sessoms - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ RIP Mr. Mayes. I always enjoyed your broadcasting when I lived in Charlotte. My sympathies to the Mayes family. ”

Steve Ashley - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Blessings to Doug and his family as he continues his journey after a fulfilling life among us. I was honored to chauffeur Doug as a Veteran in our Westport July 4th parade. Our community's love and respect for him was wonderful to witness. We'll miss him! ”

Sue Nikodem - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Joe and family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Uncle Doug was a wonderful man, always enjoyed talking with him. Our heart goes out to you. ”

October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Watch Him on tv for years. Honored to know his son Joe.

Art Barney - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Joe-Sylvia and I extend our deepest sympathy to you and family. Doug and I were good friends and colleagues for many years. He was a true professional and one of a kind. He will be missed but we're all blessed for having known him.

Cullie Tarleton - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ Joe and Family, We rejoice with you in your Dad's homecoming; we shed tears of sorrow with you for your loss; We lift you up in our hearts for peace and comfort; and hope that each day gets better and better.

Frank Jones - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ R I P Doug.

Marty Oxman - October 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sad to hear of Doug's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. may he rest in peace and his memory be eternal. He was a very nice person. Chris and Andrea Zourzoukis Asheville NC

October 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ I last saw Doug back in the spring at Captains Cap in Denver. My grandson colored a picture and gave it to him. He was very sweet to Kipton and told him he was going to hang it in his office. Next time we went to Captains Cap Kipton wanted to color "that man in the wheel chair" another picture but Doug was not there. He was a special person.

Susan Jones - October 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ I will miss Doug as a very good neighbor also his hugs and beautiful smile.

Dolly Ocker - October 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Doug in the early 1960s as a reporter and news producer. He was a true gentleman and set the standard for news anchors in the fledgling television industry. He was the "face" of WBTV and with his colleagues made channel 3 an industry leader. A true family man, he and wife Ruby provided a nurturing home and set great examples for all. My wife Earlyn and I share the loss with Doug's family.

October 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We always enjoyed being with Doug, especially when we would eat at Captain's Cap at the same time, and when we would stop by his dock at Lake Norman when we were boating, since we also lived close to him at the lake. We also enjoyed being with him at one of his birthday parties at Stacy's. He emceed several events we attended and always had some really good jokes. Our prayer is that God's greatest comfort will be with the family as you reminisce about all the wonderful memories you have about Doug.

Melvin and Anita McIntosh - October 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ It was sad to hear that Doug has passed away. He was a loving and kind man. every time you met him , he treated you the same every time. so sweet and friendly. we will surely miss him. Howard & Shirley Keyes

October 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Doug was a very old and dear friend, whom I had the privilege of working with many years ago, and with whom have kept in contact. Doug was an illustrious person in more ways than one--in public and private life, alike, and will be sorely missed by many. Debbie and I certainly will miss Carl Douglas.

Gerald Lee - October 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Doug was a find person. The first time I ever saw a TV and anyone on it - it was Doug Mayes! He really had class and will be missed! RIP

Bobbie Childers - October 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM