



Douglas McMurtrie

July 7, 1950 - May 21, 2026

Douglas McMurtrie, 75, of Blacksburg, Virginia, passed away peacefully at home on May 21, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on July 7, 1950, in New York, Douglas lived a full and deeply meaningful life marked by curiosity, discipline, kindness, and adventure. He was a lifelong learner whose many passions included computer science, chess, SCUBA diving, martial arts, golf, yoga, and health and wellness. He approached life with an open mind and a genuine appreciation for learning, exploration, and the people around him.

Above all else, Douglas deeply loved his family and friends. He will be remembered for his intelligence, quiet strength, thoughtful nature, and the many conversations, experiences, and memories he shared with those he loved.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Desin (Jao) McMurtrie; his daughter, Michelle Nataya-McMurtrie Chamlis; his son-in-law, Jeff Chamlis; and his granddaughters, Shea Chamlis and Piper Chamlis.

He was preceded in death by his father, John McMurtrie; his mother, Helen McMurtrie; his aunt, Elizabeth McCallum and his brother, John Henderson.

The family will receive friends at McCoy Funeral Home on May 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 2:00 p.m.

Douglas will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cemetery Details

Westview Cemetery

723 E. Roanoke Street
Blacksburg, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

MAY 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

TG

“ Doug hired me as programmer/analyst at Moog Components Group in Blacksburg when I was almost sixty-five years old, a kindness I will always appreciate, and he was an outstanding supervisor from then on until I retired about five years later, when we lost touch with each other. What others have said about him in their tributes here certainly resonates with me. I agree. The sad news of his passing reached me only a few minutes ago.

Tom Godfrey - June 03 at 09:30 PM

LJ

“ Larry, Lucinda, and Joe purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Douglas McMurtrie.



Larry, Lucinda, and Joe - May 26 at 02:01 PM

LJ

“ Larry, Lucinda, and Joe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas McMurtrie.

Larry, Lucinda, and Joe - May 26 at 02:01 PM



“ John O'Connor interduce Doug to me when we started playing Wallyball at the Fitness Connect, which was about 40 years ago. Which quickly lead to a consistent weekly get-together. Reading the posted comments, we were not the only group to experience Doug's wisdom, kindness, and warm. Doug will be greatly missed.



Larry Jackson - May 25 at 06:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas McMurtrie.



May 25 at 02:43 PM

DC

“ I met Doug about 10 years ago at the Blacksburg Gym. Over the next few years we got to know each other as we shared workout information and talked about a wide range of topics. He was one of the most knowledgeable, selfless, non-judgemental and kind individuals that I have known. He never tried to force his opinions or act like he knew more than you (although most of the time he did). During one of our conversations the topic of the "Feldenkrais Method" came up. I was interested in this method because of its focus on movement efficiency. Doug was familiar with Feldenkrais and taught me and another friend the basics of this method over the next few months. Workouts at the Gym were less fun and productive when Doug was not there. He was always more focused on helping others than on himself and his smile made you feel good. I often think about the significant impact that he had and continues to have on my life. Doug's friendship has made me a better person. David Clark

David Clark - May 25 at 02:31 PM

LM

“ Lawrence M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas McMurtrie.

Lawrence M. - May 25 at 11:08 AM

JA

“ Doug was more than my friend - he was like a brother to me. For 47 years, we shared a friendship built on loyalty, respect and countless conversations that I will always treasure. There wasn't a subject he couldn't discuss thoughtfully or a problem he wouldn't help you through. What made Doug special was not only his intelligence but his heart. He was genuine, caring and deeply valued by those lucky enough to know him. I will miss him more than words can express! My love and condolences go out to Jao, Michelle, Jeff , Shea and Piper. Prayers Janet

Janet - May 25 at 08:32 AM

JJ

“ Janet And Jerry purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Douglas McMurtrie.



Janet And Jerry - May 25 at 08:19 AM

JJ

“ Janet And Jerry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas McMurtrie.

Janet And Jerry - May 25 at 08:19 AM

SD

“ Susan and Jim Dailey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Douglas McMurtrie.



Susan and Jim Dailey - May 24 at 06:00 PM

WA

“ The last time I was with Doug it was 4 of us golfing in Floyd. We had a friendly but competitive team match and it came down to Doug having to putt this impossible undulating 100 footer on the 18th hole to win... In which he promptly did... No theatrics or Tiger Woods fist pumping, just Doug calmly walking across the green with that big grin to retrieve his ball. Gonna miss you man! Walter

Walter - May 24 at 02:51 PM

JD

“ Doug was a great friend and client. He checked on me, to see how I was. We played golf on occasion, discussed current events, and shared numerous meals. I don't remember ever having a cross word. I will miss him greatly!

Jim Dailey - May 24 at 02:31 PM