



## Douglas Paul Balla

February 13, 1958 - September 9, 2017

Douglas Paul Balla, 59, of Katy, TX passed away after a brief illness Saturday, September 9, 2017. Doug was born February 13, 1958 in Euclid, Ohio to Peter and Dorothy Balla. He is preceded in death by his father and is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Laura M. Balla; his mother Dorothy M. Balla; and his sister, Kathleen S. Hendrick. Doug is uncle to Lyndsey, Allison, Kyle, Emily, April and Charles and great uncle to Levi, Lila, Jackson, Damon and Luke. He also leaves many good friends that will remember him fondly.

Doug grew up in the East lake Ohio area and attended East Lake North High School. He received a certificate in welding from Lincoln Electric Welding School in Cleveland before leaving Ohio for Texas in 1981 with the love of his life, Laura. He had a long career as a tool repair technician working for such prestigious firms as Porter Cable and Makita Power Tools.

Doug was an accomplished Ham Radio Operator with the Handle- KD5VDH. He enjoyed the outdoors, kayaking, fishing, motorcycling and bicycling. His favorite times were camping with Laura; spending time in parks and reserves all over North America.

Mr. Balla was a man of great faith. He was an active member at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Houston where he was on the RCIA Core Team, a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion and spent every Friday volunteering at Joseph's Coat at the parish. He was loved by those of us who were

honored to know him, he will be greatly missed.

The Balla family will be present to receive friends Wednesday, September 13, 2017 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a Vigil Service beginning at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 10:30 AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. A reception will follow Holy Mass on the church campus. Doug will be laid to rest in Crown Hill Cemetery in Twinsburg, Ohio at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

8592 Darrow Rd.  
Twinsburg, OH 44087

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Vigil Service

SEP 13. 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Funeral Mass

SEP 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-1500

## Reception

SEP 14. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-1500

# Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Paul Balla*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Douglas Paul Balla*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Douglas Paul Balla*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Douglas Paul Balla*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Laura I am so sorry to see this about Doug's passing. I was just thinking of you guys and searched for contact info and saw this. I had a great fondness for Doug. You were both so kind to me when we lost Marcus. Sending prayers your way.*

**Ila Dodd Acosta** - February 05, 2019 at 11:49 PM



“ *While words fail to capture the pain of losing a loved one, we look forward to the time when words will fail to capture the joy of having our heavenly Father return your dear one to you.*

**PW** - September 14, 2017 at 08:21 AM

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“*Doug was a sweet, caring, fine man. We won't forget him. Our hearts and prayers to Laura.*  
*Sunni & Phil*”



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**Sunni Hosemann** - September 13, 2017 at 11:21 AM