



Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford

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He was born October 27, 1959 in Beech Grove, Indiana to the late Donald O. and Marjorie M. (Iverson) Stafford. Douglas was a graduate of Southport High School and received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana University. He married Loretta Janelle Fowler on October, 15, 1988.

Douglas was a member of Calvary Tabernacle for over 46 years. He was a church planter, working to establish churches in the Indianapolis area and was the Pastor of Northpointe Church in Zionsville for 15 years. The central theme of Douglas' service to the kingdom of God was ministering to the weary, lost, disenfranchised, and those that are of broken heart and a contrite spirit.

Outside of the walls of Northpointe Church, he pastored dozens of individuals shepherding them closer to Christ. Douglas was also employed by the American Legion National Headquarters as Director of Fund Development to benefit American Veterans and their families.

Visitation will be Monday, December 29, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. until the time of service at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Tabernacle, 902 Fletcher Avenue, Indianapolis.

Douglas is survived by his devoted wife of 37 years, Loretta Janelle Stafford; children, Christian Douglas Stafford (Kirsten), Lauren Hunter Stafford, and Carson Joseph Stafford; grandchildren, Benton and Evelyn; sister, Katherine S. Urshan (Rev. Nathaniel P.); brother, Donald N. Stafford (Cheryl); and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Douglas was preceded in

death by his brother, Daniel W. Stafford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Christian School, 3639 S. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227, or The American Legion, 700 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Mount Pleasant Cemetery

734 N. Morgantown Rd.
Greenwood, IN 46142

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

CALVARY TABERNACLE
902 Fletcher Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Funeral Service

DEC 29. 7:00 PM (ET)

CALVARY TABERNACLE
902 Fletcher Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Tribute Wall

CS

“ To The Family of Dear Doug Stafford,
I had the great pleasure of getting to know Doug, through Jeff Stoffer, as we (my Operation Democracy) worked for years together to complete the request by Susan Eisenhower and the past Mayor of Sainte Mere Eglise, Jean Quetier, to accomplish the installation of two “Statues of Liberation” in Sainte Mere of Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. and General Eisenhower; which we dedicated during D-Day 2023 and 2024. All should make it a “bucket list” to journey there to see them. We had so much more to accomplish together...however, I understood the goals he had and Operation Democracy will continue to work with the American Legion to see that vision come true. Plus, Doug was a rare enthusiast, an optimist and a very nice man. We are so sad he left us too soon. Cathy Cyphers Soref for Operation Democracy ❤️

Cathy Soref - January 18 at 02:28 PM

CD

“ Cathy Cyphers Soref, Operation Democracy purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.



Cathy Cyphers Soref, Operation Democracy - January 18 at 02:14 PM

MG

“ Matt G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.

Matt G. - December 29, 2025 at 07:09 PM

FP

“ *First P. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.*



First P. - December 29, 2025 at 02:37 PM

FP

“ *First P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.*

First P. - December 29, 2025 at 02:37 PM

MG

“ *Doug's kindness, positive outlook and sincerity were loved by all at American Legion headquarters. He will be missed.*

Matt Grills - December 29, 2025 at 12:47 PM

KE

“ *Kevin E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.*

Kevin E. - December 29, 2025 at 08:39 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.*



December 28, 2025 at 09:39 PM

KL

“*Doug and I quickly became buddies when he joined the American Legion. I will truly miss Doug, truly a gentleman. I will miss you, your smile and kind words.
We shall meet again, my friend.
Kevin Long*



Kevin Long - December 28, 2025 at 05:08 PM

ST

He will be truly missed, Kevin. By all. Always a gentleman, always ready to smile and have a laugh.

Sarah Tibbetts - December 29, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.*



December 28, 2025 at 02:07 PM

YM

“*Your Friends in Marketing purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.*



Your Friends in Marketing - December 27, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ Your Friends in Marketing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.

Your Friends in Marketing - December 27, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ From Holly ,Bill and the MOORE Company purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.



From Holly ,Bill and the MOORE Company - December 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ From Holly ,Bill and the MOORE Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.

From Holly ,Bill and the MOORE Company - December 24, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.



December 24, 2025 at 11:12 AM

KF

“ Ken and Kathy Faulkner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.

Ken and Kathy Faulkner - December 24, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.



December 23, 2025 at 02:02 PM

PT

“ Past National Commander Vincent Troiola planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.

Past National Commander Vincent Troiola - December 23, 2025 at 02:02 PM



“ During the annual American Legion visit to Normandy, I had the pleasure of driving him around, chatting and laughing with him every year. I offer my sincere condolences to his entire beautiful and loving family. He will be missed. Nicolas from Normandy



Lecuyer Nicolas - December 23, 2025 at 01:24 PM

BB

“*Doug was an original; a true gentleman. I will miss him very, very much. -Bob Bridges.*

Bob Bridges - December 23, 2025 at 01:10 PM

AL

“*Angela F. Lundy
HR Generalist, American Legion National Headquarters*

I had the privilege of working with Doug at the American Legion National Headquarters. Every time I saw him, he greeted me with a warm smile and kind words. His positivity, kind spirit, and his presence will be deeply missed here at the American Legion.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. May you find comfort in the love and memories you shared.

Angela F. Lundy - December 23, 2025 at 12:25 PM

JS

“*In our short time together -- just a few years -- Doug and I had many unforgettable adventures, worked together on several projects, and shared many conversations/messages on faith, family, honor, the Old West, grilling, Normandy and so much more. There can be no doubt he is at the right hand of the Lord he so loved. May we all aspire to be as good a man as Doug.*

Jeff Stoffer - December 23, 2025 at 12:14 PM

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“ - Jeff Stoffer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.



- Jeff Stoffer - December 23, 2025 at 12:07 PM

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“ - Jeff Stoffer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rev. Douglas Joseph Stafford.

- Jeff Stoffer - December 23, 2025 at 12:07 PM

MS

“ Was very sorry to hear of Doug's sudden passing last Friday. While I did not know him very well, we ran into each other in the hallway on the north side of the third floor of The American Legion National Headquarters frequently. A very pleasant man, and he will be missed. My sincerest and deepest sympathies to his family and friends. :-)

Michele Steinmetz - December 23, 2025 at 12:07 PM

PJ

“ I worked with Doug at The American Legion National Headquarters. It was always a pleasure speaking with him and he is sadly missed. With my heartfelt condolences, Patti Jackson, Executive Assistant to the National Commander, The American Legion.



Patti Jackson - December 23, 2025 at 10:27 AM



Wanted to share a memory here of how Rev. Stafford helped shape my life. Coming out of college, I faced a difficult decision between 2 competing job offers. Around that time, I ran into Bro. Stafford at a tent revival. Sensing the rare opportunity to seek counsel from someone of great character, wisdom, and integrity, I asked him for his advice.

He told me not to follow the money or chase secular definitions of success, but instead to choose the path that offered the greatest spiritual fulfillment. He shared that the best part of his day was waking up early to go on a prayer walk, because that was when he felt closest to God.

He also shared that recruiters often reached out to him with offers that were flashy or promised impressive salaries, but he chose to remain where he was, serving in a role that allowed him to help so many people. Helping people, he told me, was one of the few acts on earth that always includes eternal investment. That conversation left a lasting impression on me, and I'm deeply grateful for his example and counsel.

I will miss Bro. Stafford and Bro. Stafford will be missed by so many! He was a great man in a time where great men are so rare to find.

Chris McGrath - December 23, 2025 at 11:37 AM



A most amazing gentleman among gentlemen, and a wonderful man of God! He mentored so many along the way, likely not even knowing how many lives he changed, a gentle giant who will be missed greatly! He's in God's kingdom now, reaping the rewards of all his earthly good!

Faith Loyd Wolfe - December 28, 2025 at 10:24 PM