

obituary

Charles (Doug) Kroll

June 19, 1949 - August 3, 2021

Charles (Doug) Kroll, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 in Williamsburg, Va. at the age of 72

Doug was born on June 19, 1949 in Florence, South Carolina and was raised in Lanark, Illinois by his parents, Clifford and Martha Kroll. He was an ordained Lutheran minister and U.S. Navy Chaplain, serving 24 years in the military. He earned a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1971, a Master in Divinity from the Luther Theological Seminary in 1980, a Master of Arts from the University of San Diego in 1985, and a PhD from the Claremont Graduate School in 2000. On May 1, 1976, he married Lana (Gerling) in New York City, they raised two sons, Timothy and Matthew.

Doug enjoyed history and taught for 13 years at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, California. He researched and published multiple historical books and articles on the Coast Guard, such as *Commodore Ellsworth P. Bertholf: First Commandant of the Coast Guard* and *A Coast Guardsman's History of the U. S. Coast Guard*. Doug also enjoyed public and community service, volunteering thousands of hours to the Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He enjoyed music and regularly played the trumpet in community bands and sang in multiple church choirs throughout his life. Doug combined his passions for the military, community service and music by playing Taps at funerals for veterans through Bugles Across America to honor his fellow service members of the armed forces.

Doug's service in Keizer n included volunteering at the Keizer Heritage Foundation and Museum, the Keizer Community Library. He was instrumental in getting the American Legion post started in Keizer.

Doug's lifetime of service allowed him to live all over the country and touch the souls of many people in Keizer as well as Lanark, Ill.; New York, N.Y.; St. Paul, Minn.; Brewster, Kan.; Saginaw, Mich.; San Diego, Calif.; Claremont, Calif.; Palm Desert, Calif;



CHARLES (DOUG) KROLL / Submitted Photo

and Williamsburg, Va. He is survived by his wife Lana, his two sons Timothy and wife Christine (Williamsburg, VA) and Matthew and wife Amber (Washington, DC), and five grandchildren: Preston, Aiden, Brennan, Savannah, and Audrey. He is also survived by his brother Jim, sister Margaret, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held at 1pm on Thursday, August 19 at the U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Yorktown, Va. Due to military base security and COVID-19 restrictions, the ceremony will not be open to the public. A live-stream video of the service will be available. He will later be laid to rest in Riverside National Cemetery in Southern California.

Park clean-up set for Aug. 15

The Claggett Creek Watershed Council along with a number of McNary High School students will be conducting a general clean-up of Palma Ciega Park on Sunday, Aug. 15, beginning at 10 a.m.

There will be trash pick up along with blackberry and ivy removal. The public is invited to help with the project. Those who do volunteer should bring work gloves and tools.

Palma Ciega park is an undeveloped park at the end of Cummings Lane N. A member of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association reported that there is an osprey nest at the park and a mother bird is teaching her babies how to fly.

Elks announce new scholarship program

High school seniors in Oregon who are U.S. citizens are encouraged to apply to the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program. Applicants will be judged on academics, leadership, community engagement and financial need. Students will compete through four levels and can earn scholarships at the local, district, state and national level.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is on November 15.

Two first-place students will win \$50,000 each at the national level. There will also be a \$40,000 prize for two second-place students and a \$30,000 prize for two third-place students.

The remaining 14 finalists will each receive \$20,000 and 480 others will receive scholarships of \$4,000.

There is also the Oregon State Elks Association which offers a Vocational Grant Scholarship for those attending a program related to a specific trade or profession. Applications are currently open and must be received by midnight on March 1, 2022.

For more information on the Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship Program, visit www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm

For more information on the Vocational Grant Scholarship, visit oregonelks.org/student-contests/scholarship/.

Interested students and families can also contact their local lodge or the Oregon State Elks Association Scholarship Chair Mary Danca at emjade@opendoor.com.

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