



## James Douglas Connell Jr

March 4, 1941 - August 16, 2019

James D. Connell, Jr. (Doug) age 78, went to be with his Savior on August 16, 2019 surrounded by his family in St. Augustine, Florida. Born in Hoboken, NJ in 1941 to James D. Connell and Mary Devlin Connell. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sandra Brownlee Connell; his daughters Tara Ward and Kimberly Connell; son James D. Connell, IV (Jay); sister Rosemary Mann; brother William D. Connell (Judith); sister-in-law Nancy Brownlee and brother-in-law Philip Portantino and 6 grandchildren, Logan Roberts, Victoria Connell, Madison Roberts, Sarah Connell, Kira Ward and Chase Ward.

Doug graduated from Red Bank Catholic High School, Red Bank, NJ, attended St. Anselm's College, Manchester, NH and studied for a short time with the Passionist Priests in Dunkirk, NY. He graduated from Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ

Doug joined the Navy in 1962 during the Cuban Missile crisis where his unit was awarded the Presidential Citation Award for their efforts during the Gulf of Tonkin incident. He served in communications in the Philippines and Hawaii where he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal by the Commander in Chief of the Pacific. He also served on the DE Charles Barry and DE Kitty Hawk. After 4 years he was honorably discharged as Petty Officer Second Class and served in the Navy Reserves in Washington, D.C.

Doug married Sandra Brownlee in 1969 and moved to Richmond where he started his career in hospital administration for the next 40 years and was instrumental in Hospital Corporation of America's expansion project which

culminated in the building of Richmond Metropolitan Hospital. He also attended Virginia Commonwealth University in the master's program. While living in Richmond, he committed his life to AA and Next Step Programs and played a part in having these programs installed into the prison system. In 1982 he moved to Seaford, DE and served as Sr. VP and CFO of Nanticoke Health Services for 24 years and retired as President & CEO. In Delaware, he served on the board of United Way of Delaware, Boy Scouts of America, Junior Achievement and was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, served on the finance committee of the Seaford Golf & Country Club and the finance committee of the City of Seaford, DE. Doug loved golfing, kayaking and was an accomplished woodworker, but most of all he loved spending time with family and friends especially over a "good cup of coffee" and many cookies. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be deeply missed.

Doug and Sandy retired to Jacksonville, FL and in 2016 moved to St. Augustine, FL. Doug was a member of San Sebastian Catholic Church, a member of the Father Rene W. Robert Knights of Columbus where he was an officer and held his Third Degree. He also served on the Parish Financial Council. Funeral mass at San Sebastian Church, 1112 St Rd 16, St. Augustine, FL. August 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Doug's name to Community Hospice, St. Augustine, FL.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

San Sebastian Catholic Church

1112 FL-16

St. Augustine, FL 32084

(904) 824-6625

# Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Dearest Sandy and Family,  
My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Words are hard to express when we lose a spouse and our children are without a Dad. Our Tom and your Doug were very good men and great fathers, a sad time. DE Hospice carried us through difficult days as I'm sure you were comforted by your local Hospice. We will be making a donation to your Hospice in Doug's name. God Bless You All, Betty Pozsgay and Family*

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**Elizabeth A Pozsgay** - August 27, 2019 at 09:49 PM

SH

“ *Sandy and family,  
I'm saddened to hear of Doug's passing. Such a great man. I so enjoyed my years of working alongside Doug. My husband Jeff also has fond memories of Doug and enjoyed working with him when Beebe and Nanticoke collaborated over the years. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Sherry (Michalik) Williams-Fried & Jeffrey Fried  
Lewes, DE*

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**sherry.williams** - August 24, 2019 at 07:09 PM

BJ

“ *Dear Sandy & family, Just heard about Doug's passing, you have our deepest sympathies. Truly loved working for Doug at NHS for 20 + years. He was a wonderful boss and friend. Thoughts and prayers.*

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**Brenda Jester** - August 24, 2019 at 05:53 PM

BT

“ Sandy, Tara, Kim & Jay. I'm so sorry to have read about Doug's death on the 16th. We are suffering also & know what you are going through. Wayne died from lung cancer on the 4th.



**Betty Truitt** - August 22, 2019 at 07:24 PM

DT

“ Diane Stephany Thomas lit a candle in memory of James Douglas Connell Jr



**Diane Stephany Thomas** - August 22, 2019 at 05:17 PM

DT

*I was so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. He was such a wonderful person and highly regarded at Nanticoke Hospital. Always had a smile when you met him in the hall. My Dad ( Van Stephany) thought so much of Doug. They were friends for many years. Please accept my deepest sympathy to all his family. Diane Stephany Thomas*

**Diane Stephany Thomas** - August 22, 2019 at 05:21 PM

JS

“ Jane Seigler and Paul Schopf purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Douglas Connell Jr.



**Jane Seigler and Paul Schopf** - August 21, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of James Douglas Connell Jr.*



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August 21, 2019 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Douglas Connell Jr.*



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August 21, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *Dear Sandy and children,  
My condolences to you on your loss. I grew up with Doug, Rosemary and Billy in Monmouth Beach and have wonderful memories of all the times I spent with the Connell family on Johnson Street. They were a wonderful family; Rosemary is my sister's best friend. Doug was always a kind, compassionate, warm-hearted gentleman. He will be missed. My thought and prayers are with you at this different time.*



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**Lynn Johnson** - August 20, 2019 at 08:35 PM

BP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. Sandy, we had many good times with all of you in Girl Scouts. It was a family affair for you. Doug was so involved in life and shared his knowledge and wisdom with so many. He will be missed. May God's loving arms comfort you, Kim, Tara and Jay. Love to all of you, Bobbi Pinson.

Bobbi Pinson - August 20, 2019 at 01:10 PM

DJ

“ Denise J. purchased a sympathy card for the family of James Douglas Connell Jr.



Denise J. - August 20, 2019 at 08:44 AM

DJ

“ Sandy and family, so very sorry to hear about Doug. I have such wonderful memories of working with Doug for so many years. He was a wonderful person and so great to work with every day. He made our time at work a great place to be. Hoping you and your family are able to find peace in your memories of Doug. -Denise Jester

Denise Jester - August 20, 2019 at 08:39 AM

LI

“ We will miss you Doug. Love, Linda and Dave 💔

linda - August 19, 2019 at 08:14 PM

SS

“ *Sally and Sean purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James Douglas Connell Jr.*



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**Sally and Sean** - August 19, 2019 at 12:59 PM

LP

“ *Love, Don Pinner purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of James Douglas Connell Jr.*



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**Love, Don Pinner** - August 18, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ *Mrs. Fields Nibblers® and Brownie Bites Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of James Douglas Connell Jr.*



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August 18, 2019 at 10:00 AM