



## Douglas William Meyer

September 3, 1956 - March 22, 2017

Douglas William Meyer, 60, of Del Rio, Texas, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, after a long battle with cancer. Doug was born September 3, 1956, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Victor R. Meyer and Audrey Roeber Meyer. Upon graduating from Joshua High School in 1974, he attended Tarleton State University and graduated in 1978 with his Ag Science degree. It was while he was in college that he met the love of his life Suzann Whitehead Meyer, they were married in May of 1980. In the fall of 1980 he began teaching ag at Mercedes High School in Mercedes, Texas. It was here that he stayed for 33 years touching the lives of many students. During this time, he and his wife welcomed their first child, Douglas Wayne Meyer in 1992. Sara Ellen Meyer later made her debut in 1996. Doug was very active while working in the valley. He was the Area X President of the State Ag teacher Association, he served 8 years on the board of VATAT (Vocational Ag Teachers Association of Texas), and he was the chairman for the Beef Syndicate Barbeque. Doug served as a chair on many academic committees including site based decision making committees, volunteered, taught, and certified in most TP&W programs. The last 5 years of his life he worked as the Devils River Project Director in Val Verde County for The Nature Conservancy. Doug enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and fishing as well as passing his values onto future generations. He was an old school self-sufficient mechanic, carpenter and welder. Doug was well known for being the Harley riding ag teacher. He was an advocate for the Livestock show, always promoting fair play and responsibility. The last lesson that Mr. Meyer wishes to teach is a simple one, stay curious, keep learning, and be confident enough to admit when you are wrong. Doug is preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Mickey Troutman. Doug is survived by his wife, Suzann; son, Doug Meyer and fiancée Allison Williams; daughter, Sara Meyer; sisters, Mori Ruland, Margie Lemley, and Marcia Meyer; and 15 nieces and nephews. Doug is also survived by 33 years of students whose lives were forever changed by his extraordinary teaching and support. His door and heart were always open to his students to listen and guide them. Mr. Meyer strived to lead his students out of the darkness of selfishness and into the glorious sunlight of brotherhood and cooperation. The family wishes to thank you for all the prayers and kind thoughts during Doug's journey home. Honorary Pallbearers are Andrew Prukup, Rodney Beamsley, Danny Trevino, Scott

Cornnet, Truman Olson, Cody White, and David McGinnis. A memorial service will be held on April 1st, 2017 at 10:00am at G. W. Cox Funeral Home Chapel in Del Rio, Texas. In lieu of usual remembrances, donations may be sent to the Rio Grande Valley District FFA Association. PO Box 4283, McAllen, Texas 78502. Funeral arrangements with G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, of Del Rio LTD, 114 Fletcher Drive, Del Rio, Texas. 78840 Ph: 830.775.2000

# Comments

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“ My deepest condolences to the Meyer Family. Mr. Meyer was my FFA teacher at Mercedes HS from '84-'88. He was not just a teacher but a mentor and a friend. He was a heck of a man that took the time to teach us and definitely knew his job. Thank you for everything you did not just for me but for all the students from Mercedes. May you Rest In Peace and continue teaching us from up ABOVE.

**Rolando Loya** - April 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was very saddened to learn of Doug's passing, but knowing full well he had fought the good fight. Doug had been on our prayer list at church , where he and his lovely family contributed much in service over the years. I recall many years ago when the grain sorghum on our farm was being stripped by blackbirds. Doug brought some friends and Dougie out with shotguns to help keep the birds away.He looked for any reason to hunt. Doug was a fine man and gave much to many during his life. Blessings to Suzann, Dougie, Sara and family.Ray Jones Family - Mercedes

April 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am very glad to have met Doug Meyer. He had a passion for education and conservation as well as the great outdoors. I feel blessed that he chose to invite me to the Dolan Falls TNC Preserve before he passed. I'm glad we had that time together in a special part of Texas to the both of us. Doug and I only had a few experiences together but they were memorable and I'm very glad to say that I knew him.

**Philip Walker** - March 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Doug was a great man who strove to make a difference in everything. I had the honor to know him and learn from him since I was 15, when my Dad took us duck hunting off the Rio Grande with a local who knew where the birds where. His big-ole white dodge looked like it could go anywhere, and had just gotten back from doing so. He was my dad's hunting buddy ever since. He taught me to appreciate turning off the camp lights after dinner so we could sit and relax in the dark with only the glow of fire's dying embers and the brightness of stars, how I miss those evenings in the valley at the hunting camp listening to the sounds of nature. As Ag teacher, he always brought the fattest steaks and never was without his Calvary hat. My brother Joe and I last saw Doug when we fished the Devil's River and he looked like he belonged there, amongst the Oaks and cedars and abundant wildlife and ancient history. When I think of Texas, I think of Doug and Suzann, Dougie and Sara at their farm, enjoying all that Texas has to offer. I love you Doug and miss you; thank you for all that you taught me.

**Beau Wegmann** - March 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ You get to know a man well when you stand across the hall for twenty years, and Doug was a very special man and friend. Doug and I solved most the world problems in those twenty years. However, no body listened to us. But, we knew we were right. Kathy and I wish the Meyer the best. Bless you Art and Kathy Cowden

March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Doug Meyer family and may his soul rest in peace. He and I both taught at Mercedes High School for many years and I remember him as a friendly and intelligent person. May God bless his family!

**Armando Lopez** - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the Meyer family. I remember him every time I hunt. He not only taught my hunter education class but made that class and ag. class fun and interesting.

**Jesse** - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I thank God for the privilege of knowing this family. I am heart broken for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

**Lisa Bernal** - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Sara & family, Jack and I are heartbroken hearing about the passing of your dad. You will always have a special place in our hearts. Prayers for all. Missy & Jack Harrington

**Jack** - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I send the Meyer family so many prayers and blessings in this difficult time. Mr. Meyer was such an amazing teacher to say the least. His classes were always so fun. He's in a much better place now. So much love to the family.

**Valeria Villarreal** - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you for sharing your passion with us. My condolences to the Meyer family. You will be dearly missed Sir.

**Paola Mora** - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Prayers to the family. I have known Doug since high school and went to college together. Being an ag teacher myself, stayed in contact over the years. Doug was a great guy and will be missed.

**Randy Looper** - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Praying by for the Meyer family at this time! Love to all.

**Caitlin and Nick McGuire** - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Condolences on the loss of your loved one. We will continue to keep the family in our thoughts during this difficult time.

**Bob** - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you for all you did for the betterment of our Valley youth.

**Dawn Roe** - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to Suzzane, Dougie, & Sara. Doug i will never forget all the good memories we had traveling buying showpigs for your students, Dougie, Sara, and my boys also on all the hunting We did. Thanks for being my friend. R.I.P. BROTHER.

**J** - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of Mr. Meyer! I had the pleasure of being a part of the first group of students he taught at Mercedes! Certainly a cool dude! May your body find rest and your soul peace! You will be missed!!

**Dalia Reyes** - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Rip Doug. Thank you for the many years of friendship while working at MHS. Prayers and hugs for your family.

**Rosie Gomez Flores** - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to his family. Mr Meyer was the best teacher I ever had. He taught us life skills.

**James Cabrera** - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ To a great educator and mentor. Thank you for all the life lessons. We need more educators like Mr. Meyer's.....RIP

**Daniel Ruiz** - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ May you rest in peace, Mr. Meyer. Great man with words of wisdom.

**Amanda Flores** - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the Meyer family. Mr. Meyer was a great mentor to me in all 4 years in Ag with him and Mr. Trevinio. (1990-1994) May he Rest In Peace

**Marty Mora** - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Meyer you were truly a positive impact on my life in high school. While taking your Ag class and then your Welding class. When I enrolled In welding class I wasn't sure if I had made the right decision as I was the only female and I was intimidated by the other male students as I was the only female in the class and I had so much doubt in myself. But thanks to Mr. Meyer in welding class I learned so much more than just welding but I learn to be confident in myself even when others doubted me in the things I wanted to accomplish in my life, to never give up in life and above all to always give it 110% in everything I did in life and never ever give up. And because of Mr. Meyers positive impact on my life I have been in law enforcement going on 8 years. I was truly honored to have not only Mr. Meyer as my teacher but someone who guided me towards the right path in life. I will never forget what a huge impact Mr. Meyer had in my life and I am truly grateful to God for putting such a wonderful person in my life. God bless you always Mr. Meyer and I know that you are truly making a positive impact on heaven.

**Victoria Celina Martinez** - March 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM