



Mr. Douglas Edward Gauss

March 29, 1950 - May 4, 2023

Doug Gauss, 73, died May 4 at home following a history of heart disease. He was the son of Rev. Edward E. Gauss and Stella Richards Gauss, and brother of Tamara Sue Gauss, all deceased, all of Tarpon Springs. He leaves behind his beloved Katherine, whom he married in 1982 and who was with him when he left this world's stage.

An accomplished musician, Doug was recognized for his finger-style guitar prowess and harmony singing. Well known and loved among Florida's folk music community, Doug was a central performer for more than fifty years at the Florida Folk Festival. For many years he would close the weekend's festivities on the main stage, alongside his many friends, including Florida Artists Hall of Fame members Will McLean, Gamble Rogers, and Frank Thomas.

Doug also served Florida in a 26-year career with the state, beginning at Florida DOT, where he travelled in a van with a dashboard camera, compiling a video inventory of every state-owned highway — forward and back. Along the way, he developed a one of a kind knowledge of Florida's musical history, which he used to create a live audio-visual program for the Florida Humanities Council. In later years, he settled into a more home-based job with WFSU-TV in Tallahassee, retiring as a broadcast engineer.

Doug continued to enlighten and entertain through social media. His daily posts mixing humor and politics were followed by hundreds of friends and like-minded individuals. He was smart, funny, sometimes temperamental and often irreverent, but he was generous and kind — and concerned about his Florida's future.

A memorial gathering to honor and swap stories about Doug is being planned.

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“*Doug was always a breath of fresh air and a solid spokesman for a better community.*”

RICHARD WAYNE ANDERSON - May 22, 2023 at 12:56 AM

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“*3 files added to the album Doug Gauss*”



Dana C. Bryan - May 10, 2023 at 12:29 PM