



Douglas J. Haines

March 29, 1968 - August 4, 2025

Douglas J. Haines, age 57, passed away in his sleep on August 4 while visiting friends in Minocqua WI. He is preceded in death by his mother, Miriam and father, Donald. He is survived by his sisters, Lisa (Randall) Kolberg and Ann Haines Holy Eagle; brother, Jeff (Heidi) Haines; 8 nieces and nephews, Maya, Jon Erik, William, Malik, Solveig, Isaiah, Kyle, Nate, and 4 great-nieces and nephews.

He was born March 29, 1968 in St. Paul, MN. In May of 1968, he was adopted into the Haines family. He spent his childhood in Storden, MN, Ishpeming MI, and Wausau WI. He graduated from Wausau East High School in 1986.

He said that he “lived his life like he was on vacation every day” and he proved that by working, living and playing in some of the best vacation spots in America: worked at Camp Agawak Minocqua, WI; Beach Grom at Clearwater Beach, Florida; Ski Instructor at South Lake Tahoe, California; worked and Waterskied at Minocqua, Wisconsin; Backcountry Snowmobile Powder Ski-n-Board at Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Pelican Pier Marina at Marco Island, Florida; Ski Bum at Stowe, Vermont; Guest Services at Trapp Family Lodge Stowe VT.

He made friends easily and often. From an early age, where he had a “treat route” to visit all the grandmothers in the tiny town of Storden looking for

candy and cookies to his 1,400+ friends on Facebook, he was always reaching out to make another friend.

A celebration of life will be held in Minocqua, WI on September 7, 2:00 pm at the bowling alley before the Packer game ("Go Pack Go!").

A memorial service will be held at Central Lutheran Church, 333 S. 12th Street in Minneapolis on September 13 at 11am (streaming at <https://www.centralmpls.org/>) with a coffee/cookie reception following.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Island City Lanes Bowling Alley
8085 US-51
Minocqua, WI 54548

Tribute Wall

KH

“*Khara H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas J. Haines.*

Khara H. - September 10, 2025 at 01:19 PM

BS

“*I had the privilege of meeting Doug a few times in Miriam and Don’s home in Richfield. He was such a pleasant and thoughtful young man. I remember him serving food in Miriam’s kitchen and being such a delightful host. I know Miriam was concerned for his wellbeing and am glad they are both fully well and together again. My condolences to all the family*

Bobbie Spradley - September 09, 2025 at 08:51 AM

DG

“*I had the pleasure of meeting Doug in 1984 when he began dating my daughter Jessica in high school. Doug became an important part of our family, enjoyed every minute we got to spend with him. Family dinners, outings, going to concert, playing games. He always had a smile on his face, infectious laugh and he made our lives better . Love him to pieces. Diane Geisel.*

Diane Geisel - September 05, 2025 at 03:04 PM

GC

“*Northwoods friends!
Celebrate Doogie Sept. 7th at Island City Lanes 2pm.
Food and memories.*

George Callos - September 03, 2025 at 10:30 AM

BK

“ 2 files added to the album Milk Jug



Bill Korrer - August 08, 2025 at 09:43 AM