

Douglas Brian Baird, 46

Douglas "Doug" Brian Baird, 46, of Waukesha, Wis. died on Friday, Sept. 7, 2001.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the First Assembly of God Church in Waukesha, Wis. and 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Watts Funeral Home in Montezuma, Iowa with Rev. Verne Hagenbeck officiating at both services. Visitation was held at Watts Funeral Home on Sept. 12.

Casket bearers were Chuck Baird, Randy Baird, Kim Criswell, Mark Doll, Mike Doll, Richard Doll, Mondo Hernandex, Paul Reider, Carl Schlesselman, Tom Sierakowski, Terry Thompson and Bob Wren.

Burial was in Jackson Township Cemetery at Montezuma with full military honors accorded by the Volk Field Air Guard at Camp Douglas, Wis.

Memorials are appreciated to the family in Doug's name so that they can determine a charity at a later date.

Doug was born on June 18, 1955 in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the son of Lester and LaRetta Jacobs Baird. He attended Montezuma Community High School in Montezuma, where he graduated with the class of 1973. On Sept. 21, 1975, Doug was united in marriage with Carla Jean Doll in Montezuma. The Bairds made their home in Florida and South Carolina prior to settling in Waukesha. From this union two children were born, Brandon Douglas and Brittany Doll. After earning a degree from Upper Iowa University, Doug pursued a career in the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard, attaining the level of

Lieutenant Colonel and retiring after 21 years. Presently, he served as a Retirement Specialist with Nationwide Retirement Solutions.

The Bairds are members of the First Assembly of God Church where they participated in fellowship groups and were preparing to become group leaders. Doug loved playing games, telling stories, and visiting with family and friends. He also enjoyed spending time outdoors doing a variety of things. Doug traveled extensively, and he and Carla enjoyed road trips on their Harley-Davidson motorcycle. Doug ended his life doing something he loved, riding the Harley. He continues to travel and impact lives through organ donation.

Doug is survived by his wife, Carla; son, Brandon; daughter, Brittany, and her fiancé, Jason Knuth, all of Waukesha; his father, Lester Baird, of Montezuma; 4 sisters, Bonnie (Carl) Schlesselman of Deep River, Iowa, Sherrie (Terry) Thompson of Urbandale, Iowa, Vickie (Kim) Criswell of Albia, Iowa and Kim (Armondo) Hernandez of Deming, NM; 2 brothers, Chuck (Jan) Baird of Las Vegas, Nev., and Randy Baird of Scottsbluff, Neb.; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Donna & Joe Grife of Barnes City, Iowa; his other in-laws, Colleen (Bob) Wren of Dubuque, Iowa; Richard (Joni) Doll of Montezuma; Mike Doll of Montezuma; Mark (Melissa) Doll of Lynnville, Iowa; Mike (Sherri) Grife of Carroll, Iowa; and John (Andrea) Grife of Hawaii; his aunt, Verna Baird of Montezuma; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and many friends.

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A complete obituary will be printed in *The Montezuma Republican* next week.

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