



David W. Doyle

November 25, 2022

David W. Doyle, aged 95, passed away on November 25, 2022, in Portsmouth, Virginia in his daughter's home. He is preceded in death by his parents James B. Doyle, Sr and Sallie Creasey Doyle, his brother James B. Doyle, Jr, and his son Marshall Doyle. He is survived by his wife of 69 ½ years Alice Bohon Doyle, his daughter Anne Doyle Hauer (David), his granddaughters Beverly Elizabeth Howard (Matt), and Lauren Paige Barr (Majeed Noroozi) and his granddog Huckleberry Hauer, his sister-in-law Norma Doyle and many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Doyle was born in Roanoke, Virginia on January 31, 1927, and graduated from Jefferson High School class of 1945. He was an Eagle scout for troop 25 in Roanoke Valley, and a confirmed member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Roanoke. He also attended Roanoke College.

At the age of 17, he made his father sign for him to join the US Navy during World War II and he turned 18 in boot camp. He trained as a corpsman and served in Bainbridge Maryland, Portsmouth Naval Hospital and Camp Perry. He was honorably discharged, went on to study at Roanoke College where he majored in chemistry and later transferred to his beloved University of Alabama and graduated in the class of 1951. He was also a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at both colleges.

He went to work in Bloomington, Indiana for the Department of Defense as a chemist. He married his college sweetheart Alice on May 2, 1953, and they moved to Indiana. They missed their native Virginia and moved to Portsmouth in 1957, where he worked for the annex at St. Julien's Creek weapons depot and later transferred to Yorktown weapon depot until he retired after 34 years of service to the Navy.

He was a member of First Lutheran in Portsmouth, and Holy Communion. He was a charter member and founding father of St. Andrew Lutheran church on High Street, where he knocked on doors for membership, broke ground, served on the first council and property committee and was a pitcher for the baseball team. He was also a member of the Churchland Masonic Lodge #276 and the Scottish Rite Bodies.

After retirement he and Alice moved to Florida to be full time grandparents. He also volunteered for the Skill bank, meals on wheels, enjoyed gardening, played golf and bridge; and was a member of Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church in Citrus Springs. His Christian walk involved service to his God, his family, his country and his community.

In 2021, he and Alice moved back to his beloved Virginia, where they resided with their daughter, son-in-law and granddog.

A memorial service will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at St Andrew Lutheran Church 4811 High Street West, Portsmouth, VA 23703. A Masonic service will be held at 2 pm Friday, December 16, 2022, in Loving Funeral Home with visitation to follow until 4pm.

Previous Events

Masonic service with visitation to follow

DEC **16.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Memorial service

DEC **17.** 12:00 PM.

St Andrew Lutheran Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David W. Doyle.*



December 14, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *Dear Alice, You both have been on my mind for sometime now. I was hoping to connect with you somehow but I didn't have any contact information. You both were the kindest neighbors and I remember well our first time meeting and the delicious apples you brought back from Georgia. We all enjoyed a delicious apple pie on your birthday which at first was unknown to me. We had some laughs that night and over the 19 years we lived in Florida. Our backdoor neighbors, and we couldn't have asked for better neighbors. We remember Dave mowing the lawn in his bare feet and you always trying to entice my husband, Dave, with your okra. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies to you, your daughter and granddaughters. We miss seeing you. Sending love and hugs. Dave & Mary Conant*

Mary & Dave Conant - December 11, 2022 at 06:46 PM



That is my dad mowing barefoot he was what you see is what you get. She has dementia now don't know if she would remember you

anne hauer - December 14, 2022 at 12:04 AM

BB

“ Uncle Dave, we will always miss you and although when you and Aunt Alice were miles away, you both were never further than a pleasant phone call. As a kid I learned early to appreciate new cars and the new Pontiacs you drove back then were some of my favorites and our small hometown Pontiac dealership became my first real job. It was great that most of our family has enjoyed your friendship for all of our lives and we are so appreciative of that time we have had together. May you always Rest in Peace, Love Butch & Linda

Butch Bohon - December 01, 2022 at 01:32 PM

GG

My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the Doyle family. David was a very nice man . God bless.

Greg Guertin - December 04, 2022 at 09:31 AM

SU

Mr Doyle always added to Anne's sleepovers. Never forget that "seance" when he sneaked outside and knocked on the window; you could hear the screams down Briarwood! Sentiments to you Anne and your family. Love Susan

susan - December 13, 2022 at 12:19 PM

AH

I still remember that I think my mother almost killed him

anne hauer - December 14, 2022 at 12:06 AM