



Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant

February 2, 1942 - December 24, 2025

Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant, age 83, of Grand Island, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 24, 2025.

A celebration of life service with military honors will be held on Friday, January 2nd at 10:30am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Bill Pavuk officiating. The service will be livestreamed on the church's Facebook page. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation. Condolences can be left at www.giallfaiths.com.

Doug was born on February 2, 1942, in Polk, NE, to Clarence and Eleanor (Johnson) Bryant. He spent his formative years in Polk until the age of 7, when his family relocated to York, where he would eventually graduate from York High School in 1959. Doug then pursued higher education in Milford, earning a degree in Autobody Repair, laying the groundwork for a lifetime of excellence. His service in the United States Army further shaped his character when he enlisted in 1966 and was honorably discharged in 1972. Doug's love for cars was more than a hobby; it was a calling that fueled a lifetime career of working on and restoring vehicles including some classics. Owning several iconic cars, he shared his passion through various ventures, including his first body shop in Waco and another in Grand Island on 4th Street, before finding his legacy in Central City with Ace Body Shop, established on August 25,

1975. He then later expanded his business, opening Ace Used Cars next door in 1999. After decades of dedication, Doug sold his businesses in 2020, embarking on a well-deserved retirement where he loved spending his free time playing the game of poker. His spirit was defined not just by work but by the need for adventure, whether through the thrill of him racing his IMCA Modified race car or joyful moments with his grandkids getting on the rides at the fair. On May 3, 2003, Doug's life took another meaningful turn when he united in marriage with Betty Findley, following a heartfelt proposal at the Hoover Dam. Together, they blended their families totaling six daughters, imparting wisdom and love. Family was at the core of their joy, whether through poker nights where Doug taught his girls the game, travels to see their grandkids play ball, or special trips to Graceland for their honeymoon and an Alaskan Cruise for their anniversary. Doug's membership with the Eagles Club and American Legion underscored his commitment to the community. Camping adventures in their Winnebago, board involvement with 4-H, and supporting his girls in various activities, including showing sheep, were testaments to his devoted fatherhood and active community spirit.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Betty Bryant; daughters, Suzanne (Gunner) Lulow, Sherri (Mark) Sanchez, Michelle (Warren) Whelan, Stephanie (Joshua) Pitstick, Sara (Jeremiah) Blair and Megan (Adam) Gray; 19 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; sister in-law, Carol Bryant and numerous nieces and nephews.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Bob and Clayton Bryant.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church
1515 South Harrison Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



All Faiths - January 06 at 10:20 AM

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“ With love, Matt & Sara, Chris & Tara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.

With love, Matt & Sara, Chris & Tara - January 01 at 12:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.



January 01 at 12:13 PM

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“ Brandi & Chris and Diana & Troy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.

Brandi & Chris and Diana & Troy - January 01 at 01:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.*



January 01 at 01:27 AM



“ *Rick and Kathy Davidson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.*

Rick and Kathy Davidson - December 31, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *Rick and Kathy Davidson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.*



Rick and Kathy Davidson - December 31, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.*



December 31, 2025 at 11:53 AM

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“ Love - The Circle of Trust planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.

Love - The Circle of Trust - December 31, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.



December 30, 2025 at 04:50 PM

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“ The Dries family and The Blair family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.



The Dries family and The Blair family - December 29, 2025 at 06:33 PM

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“ The Dries family and The Blair family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas "Doug" C. Bryant.

The Dries family and The Blair family - December 29, 2025 at 06:33 PM