

Douglas L. Freeman

Douglas L. Freeman, 77, died at home in Hendersonville on February 1st following a long illness. His wife Penny and daughter Koby Aylor of Hendersonville were by his side. Born in Dayton, Ohio, Doug lived most of his life in La Grange and Oak Brook, Illinois until moving to Hendersonville with Penny more than 22 years ago. He was the son of Leonard and Mary Brown Freeman who both died in 1993.



After finishing college at Dartmouth and Drake University, Doug spent his entire career in educational sales, first for 30 years with Houghton Mifflin Company textbook publishing division and later, until his retirement in 2004, with ETA Cuisinaire Educational Materials.

Following retirement, Doug devoted himself to political volunteering, the defense of human rights, equal rights, and voting rights. He enjoyed studying the history of American democracy, and the biographies of the Founding Fathers. He spent most waking hours for the next eight years serving in a variety of leadership roles for the Democratic Parity of Henderson County including several years as Chairman of the local Democratic Party.

Doug was a kind, gentle, usually quiet man, a profoundly decent and caring man who will greatly missed by his friends and the extended family which loved him deeply. In addition to his wife, with whom he spent more than 36 years, and daughter Koby, Doug is survived by his son, Robin Aylor and wife Amy of Bristow, VA, his sister, Carole Polacek and husband John of Indian Head Park, IL, his three grandsons, Tyler and Ryan MacFarland of Hendersonville and Justin Aylor of Bristow, VA. Additionally, brothers and sisters-in-law Peter and Debbie Gellert of Marion NC, Wendy and Phala Gellert of Hillsborough NC, Jonathon Gellert and mother-in-law Carol Gellert of Laconia NH, nephews John Polacek and wife Emily of Darien, IL and Steve Polacek and wife Diana of Temecula, CA and Freeman and Gellert cousins around the country will all mourn him.

Visitation will be held on Monday, February 6th from 2:30 to: 4:30 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 538 Tracy Grove Road in Hendersonville. In lieu of flowers, please donate any tributes in Doug's memory to Four Seasons CFL Hospice in Hendersonville or your favorite charity or cause.

Forest Lawn Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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