



## Douglas Allen Hetzel

November 19, 1959 - December 4, 2017

Douglas Allen Hetzel, 58, husband of Harriet Cox Hetzel, passed away December 4th at his home in Summerville, SC.

Family and friends are invited to attend his visitation on Thursday, December 7th, 2017 from 6 to 8pm at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Friday, December 8th at 9am in the Bethany United Methodist Church sanctuary. A full military honors burial will follow at 12pm at Beaufort National Cemetery, 1601 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC

Born November 19, 1959 to the late Grantville Douglas Rice and Louise Stamps Hetzel.

He attended Valdosta State University where he was President of the SAE fraternity. Doug commissioned into the Air Force in 1983 through ROTC and served until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in 2008. A decorated officer and pilot, Doug flew C-141 special operations, C-22, C-137, and C-17 aircraft. He accumulated over 6,000 flying hours with meritorious service, supporting every major contingency, humanitarian support, and combat operations. Doug was highly respected by those with whom he served as a leader, mentor, and professional aviator. His passion for flying led him to American Airlines where he flew internationally on the 757-767. Doug enjoyed taking his family to the Caribbean islands, being out on his boat and playing golf. He was a faithful member of Bethany United Methodist Church.

He is survived by wife, Harriet Cox Hetzel formerly of Macon, GA; daughters, Mallory Brooke and Lauren Taylor (Fiancé Blake Wyatt), Douglas Ray Hetzel;

mother, Louise and step-father Dave Hetzel of Tifton, GA. He is also survived by siblings; Grant Rice, Jr (Kellie) of Chicago, IL, Jason Rice (Kiley) of Chicago, IL, Lisa Rice Avrett of Atlanta, GA, Sharon Tuinder (Tim) of Cumming, GA, Kimberly Welty (Kenny) of Annapolis, MD, Julie Thumbtzen (William) of Jasper, FL, special loving cousin Albert Ellis (Delene) of Lafayette, GA and by 13 nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, Grantville, he was predeceased by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Allen Stamps, brothers Patrick Hetzel and Todd Rice. His beloved Gran was his light and love as a young boy.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the South Carolina Junior Golf Foundation (SCJGF) | 803-732-9311 | P.O. Box 286 Irmo, SC 29063 (in memory of Doug Hetzel).

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com).

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

# Cemetery Details

## Beaufort National Cemetery

1601 Boundary Street  
Beaufort, SC 29902

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home  
303 S. Main Street  
Summerville, SC 29483  
(843) 873-4040  
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

## Service

DEC 8. 9:00 AM (ET)

Bethany United Methodist Church  
118 W. 3rd S. Street  
Summerville, SC 29483

# Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Allen Hetzel*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *I just learned of Doug's passing and it truly saddens me. I lived next door to his mom Louise and dad Dave in Tucson and knew him as he was beginning his career. Years later came on a knock on our door in Summerville when he and Harriet offered to buy our home. I know they filled that home with Love and memories. Prayers for this family.*

**Karen Smith-Jackson and Mike Jackson** - January 06, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss, Harriet. I will always remember Doug and your beautiful family.  
Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers,  
Melissa Stanley McDonough*

**Melissa McDonough** - December 22, 2017 at 11:05 PM



“ *Harriet and family...our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We will always cherish our memories with our favorite neighbors from Doyle Ave. CAFB, SC Scott & Robyn Hubacher*

**Scott Hubacher** - December 09, 2017 at 08:05 AM

SP

“ Dear Harriet and Family,  
Doug was a dear friend since college and I will miss him like a brother. We shared a love for flying and our families. His sense of humor and quick smile made everyone want to be around him. His leadership in our SAE fraternity was an early sign of his future impact on others. Doug's courage during his illness was an inspiration. God must have great plans for him.

Love,  
Stuart Parker

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**Stuart Parker** - December 07, 2017 at 09:26 PM

JA

“ Doug was a great guy. Always upbeat and friendly. He loved his family, flying and golf. He excelled at all three. He will be missed. I will pray for the family that you will receive God's grace and healing.

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**John Atkinson** - December 07, 2017 at 04:14 PM

SG

“ We pray that your heart and soul will find peace and comfort during this difficult time.

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**Sara Gosnell** - December 07, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas Allen Hetzel.



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December 06, 2017 at 09:54 AM

DS

“ *Such a good man! My memories of Doug were always entwined with his family, as he was always doing improvement projects around the house in MD. His decency, authenticity, and kindness live on through his family.*  
*Rob and Patricia Schmaltz.*

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**Dr. Patricia Schmaltz** - December 06, 2017 at 09:34 AM



“ *My dad and I have great memories of Doug from junior golf. He was a genuinely kind and upbeat guy - always a pleasure to be around him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mallory, Harriet, and family.*  
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**Jennifer Pandolfi** - December 05, 2017 at 10:35 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Allen Hetzel.*



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December 05, 2017 at 08:42 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Douglas Allen Hetzel.*



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December 05, 2017 at 07:29 PM

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“ *From Cox Cafe purchased the Garden of Serenity Bouquet for the family of Douglas Allen Hetzel.*



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**From Cox Cafe** - December 05, 2017 at 04:22 PM