



## Douglas Milton Crutchfield

August 10, 1931 - March 17, 2020

Douglas Milton Crutchfield, 88, of Summerville, husband of the late Marion Towny Crutchfield, passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Village of Summerville.

Due to the Coronavirus with its mandatory social distancing, there will be a private graveside service for the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The American Red Cross at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or American Diabetes Association at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

Doug was born on August 10, 1931 in New York City, NY, son of the late Frank and Ethel Crutchfield. He graduated from Madison High School (NJ). He received his Bachelors of Science in Forest Management from North Carolina State University. Then his Masters in Forest Management from Yale University. He served in the US Army from 1953-1955. Doug was a member for over 75 years with The Boy Scouts of America. He was an Eagle Scout and Scout Master. He worked with troops 165 in Manto, NC and troop 300 in Georgetown, SC. He attended National and International Jamborees. He received the Silver Beaver Award. Doug was a Revolutionary War reenactor with the 2nd SC Regiment. He was a docent and guide at Middleton Place Gardens. Doug retired from Westvaco.

Survivors include: three children: Sue Bourne (Mickey) of Alexandria, VA, Amy Alford (David) of Florence, SC, and Bruce Crutchfield (Carol) of Bluffton, SC; three grandchildren: Townsend Taylor (Michael), Aaron Crutchfield (Kristy), and Lucas Crutchfield (Silja); and five great grandchildren: Noah, Mackenzie, Emilee, Preston, and Jake. In addition to his wife and parents he was predeceased by two brothers: Phillip Jerome Crutchfield and Alfred L. Crutchfield

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.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas Milton Crutchfield*

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September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Doug hired me in 1981 to work with him as a technician at Westvaco's Forest Science Laboratory in Summerville. He was a kind and caring mentor and, after a year of my employment, facilitated my promotion to research scientist with the genetics group. Doug's action led to my long and fulfilling career in the field of forest genetics, first at Westvaco, then with the U.S. Forest Service. Thank you, Doug, for seeing my potential and supporting me. You made a BIG difference in my life! Rest in peace my friend.*

*Tom Blush  
Forest Geneticist - retired  
Pollock Pines, California*

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**Tom Blush** - March 21, 2020 at 05:35 PM

PL

“ I was hired by Douglas M. Crutchfield in March of 1977 and continued to work for him almost my entire time at Westvaco Forest Research. I have very fond memories working for him as he made all his employees feel like family. He took on the role as of our father and guided all of us through our careers their working for him. I have many fond memories working for him and all the fellow Forest Research Foresters and all of our forest research goals and how much the department grew through the years. I had great pride in our research goals and reporting on our development. Also I helped him in his other outside projects like his love of his reenactment of the famous Swamp Fox during the Revolutionary War. Hence he was given lots of red fox ornaments. He was a very special man!

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**Patricia LaBranche** - March 21, 2020 at 03:08 PM

PB

“ Many years ago Doug and Towny Crutchfield were gracious friends to our family when we moved to Summerville. I have not forgotten their kindness. I remember the three children, and would like to express our sympathy to the family.  
Polly Bing (sons Brian and Mark Bing)

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**Polly Bing** - March 20, 2020 at 02:02 PM

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“ Doug had a long and distinguished career in our Westvaco forestry organization during his years in North Carolina, at the Westvaco Experimental Forest near Georgetown and then his years in Summerville. He was highly regarded by his fellow foresters and scientific colleagues within and beyond the company. His concept of the archetype seedling was a breakthrough in our pine reforestation activities across several states. His "extra curricula" activities reflected his commitment to others. It was a pleasure to know Doug through several decades and all of us in the legacy Westvaco Forest Resources group are deeply saddened by his passing even as we celebrate his legacy with us.

Scott Wallinger

Former Westvaco Timberlands Division Manager and SVP Forestry, International

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Scott Wallinger - March 19, 2020 at 05:19 PM

JR

“ Doug was the District Commissioner for the Swamp Fox Boy Scout District when I served the area as District Executive. He was a mentor and confidant whose counsel was highly valued by me. He was a consummate professional whose contributions were instrumental in helping grow the district both numerically and in quality. He was as fine a man as I have ever known. The children can be proud of his legacy.

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John Rainey - March 19, 2020 at 04:26 PM

HK

“ To Doug's family members:  
I had the pleasure and blessing of working with Doug at Westvaco Corporation for many years. Doug was a true gentleman, professional, and mentor. He was very highly regarded within the Westvaco forestry family and far beyond. We will certainly miss him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Gene and Karen Kodama

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**Henry Kodama** - March 18, 2020 at 02:56 PM

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“ Sue, I was so sorry to read of your father's death. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sally Porter Zeigler

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**Sally Zeigler** - March 18, 2020 at 02:20 PM