

Douglas 'Doc' Ellis, 50

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Douglas Scott Ellis passed away on June 6, 2015, of natural causes in Missoula.

Doug was born Aug. 7, 1964, in Havre, to Yvonne and James Ellis. He was the last of five children born to the Ellis household. Yvonne, employed at Flathead High School for 27 years, was fondly remembered by high school students as “Ma Ellis.” All five of her children went to high school every day with their mom and even with her last child, Doug, she never missed an activity or event, she was Doug’s biggest cheerleader. The beautiful Flathead Valley is where Doug called home and his family wishes him peace after extended health issues.

Doug graduated from Flathead High School in 1982 and his 6’4” frame was a major contributor to the Flathead Braves winning the State Basketball Championship. Doug was awarded the MVP award and for anyone who can recall, every game of that state tournament was a nail biter. The state playoffs were televised from Billings and every household in the Flathead was tuned in.

Doug was nicknamed “Doc” Ellis throughout his baseball career, again, as a major contributor to winning seasons for the Kalispell Lakers baseball team, as a pitcher. He was picked up by the Pittsburgh Pirates farm team with a 92 mile an hour fast ball and continued with baseball in Miami, Florida, into his twenties. His family and friends were very proud of the achievements he attained at such a young age.

Doug married a local Columbia Falls girl, Beverly Chapman, in 1989 and they moved to the Seattle area. They were blessed with two beautiful children, Alek and Timothy. Doug was very proud of his children. Alek has her father’s big heart and Tim has inherited athletic abilities and he is very successful on his high school lacrosse and football teams.

Doug is preceded in death by his parents, Yvonne and James Ellis.

He is survived by his children, Alek Ellis, of Vancouver, Washington, and Timothy Ellis of Irvine, California; four siblings, Kenny Ellis and Pam, of Kalispell, Sharon Ellis, of Palm Desert, California,



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Terri Klindt, and Warren, of Gillette, Wyoming, and Bob Ellis of Kalispell; nephews, Joel Ellis, Jeff Klindt, Ryan Daley and Chris Daley; nieces, Monica Sidener, Megan Ellis, Heather Burford, Morgan Daley and Angie Brown; and eight grandnephews and six grandnieces.

A memorial for Doug Ellis will take place with his children at a later date.

Sympathy and condolences can be sent to Alek Ellis at 3510 Kauffman Ave #F, Vancouver, WA, 98660. If you have a great story to share about Doug, write it down and send it to his children.