



## Rev. Doug M. Messer

December 31, 1942 - October 7, 2025

Rev. Doug Messer, age 82, of Newport, TN, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 7, 2025. Doug ran Doug Messer septic tank service for many years until his retirement, he was a family man and loved them all dearly, but most of all Doug was known for his love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whom he had preached about for over 50 years. He was the pastor of many churches over the years in Cocke, Sevier, and Jefferson counties.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Diane Messer; son, Joseph Messer; parents John and Rachael Bea Messer; brothers Frank and Ronnie Messer; sisters, Hester Turner and Christine Ball; and grandson, John Messer.

He is survived by his sons, Doug (Teresa) Messer Jr., David Messer, Tom (Amy) Messer, and Nooge (Samantha) Messer; brother, Carson (Ruby) Messer; sister, Lola Hembree; also many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren; along with a host of friends whom he loved dearly.

The family will Receive Friends 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Thursday, October 9, 2025 at Manes Funeral Home. The Funeral Service will follow at 7 p.m. in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Leon Large and Rev. Glenn Ball officiating. Burial will be 11 a.m. Friday, October 10, 2025, in the Messer Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Tom Messer, Doug Messer Jr., Nooge Messer, Johnny Messer, Matthew Woody, and Roger Gilbert.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at [www.manesfuneralho](http://www.manesfuneralho)

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Arrangements with Manes Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Messer Family Cemetery

Newport, TN

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

OCT 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Inc.  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821  
(423) 623-6952  
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<https://www.manesfuneralhome.com/index.cfm>

## Funeral service

OCT 9. 7:00 PM (ET)

Manes Funeral Home Chapel  
363 East Main Street  
Newport, TN 37821

## Burial

OCT 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Messer Family Cemetery  
Newport, TN



# Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rev. Doug M. Messer*

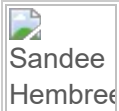


**Manes Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 08, 2025 at 02:17 PM

AP

*This was so beautiful! RIP "Fred" love you give momma Diane a big hug from me! 💕💕💕*

**Angel Pruitt** - October 09, 2025 at 02:06 AM



Sandee Hembree

*I love all these old pictures. I love all of you*

**Sandee Hembree** - October 09, 2025 at 06:50 AM

SE

*Wonderful memories for the family of a very dear man. RIP Pastor Doug. Prayers for peace and comfort for his family! Shirley Ellison*

**Shirley Ellison** - October 09, 2025 at 11:23 AM

SH

*He was a blessing a man of the highest character. There's no doubt he is rejoicing in heaven. Prayers of strength and comfort for the family.*

**Stella Hurley** - October 09, 2025 at 02:52 PM

TJ

*Wonderful memories Pastor Doug was incredible man. Prayers for your family.*

**Tammie Jenkins** - October 09, 2025 at 03:24 PM

BH

*May the wonderful memories of your dad help ease your suffering. It's so hard to say goodbye to someone so loved but I hope you can find the strength to get through these difficult times. Our most heartfelt condolences.*

*Roger and Brandy Henderson 🙏*

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**Brandy Hrnderon** - October 09, 2025 at 09:24 PM



Michael Shults

*Wow that was beautiful. Lots of great memories, with family. T-Berry and Doug were buddies, two good dudes!*

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**Michael Shults** - October 11, 2025 at 02:02 AM

JH

*“ Doug was one of the most admirable person you could meet. He was always full of the Holy Spirit. He had a love not only for family and friends, but also for his neighbors and those he helped along his journey. He will be missed by many.*

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**Janice Hicks** - February 01 at 04:30 PM

SR

*“ Praying for the Family and Friends may God give you all Comfort and Peace in the days ahead ! JC Denton and Family*

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**Sabrina Ramsey** - October 25, 2025 at 10:15 AM

SB

*“ Prayers for the family Doug was a fine man who will be missed by all and his kids are left with a great legacy of their dad with love*

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**Sharon Brady** - October 12, 2025 at 11:20 AM

KG

“ So sorry for your loss! Praying you will feel God's peace and comfort during this time of sorrow. Love and prayers, Kay and Jeff

Kay and Jeff Gates - October 12, 2025 at 05:57 AM

RR

“ So very saddened to hear about precious Doug. What a wonderful man he was. May God give your precious family comfort during this very difficult time Tom. Lots of continued prayers for all of you 🙏❤️

Rhonda Rice - October 10, 2025 at 09:41 AM

  
Michael  
Shults

“ May God bless you Tom and all the Messers and comfort in this sad cycle of life. Doug is a fine man. The reason i say 'is' in present tense, is because he is alive forever and face to face with the one and only God!

Shannon Shults

Michael Shults - October 10, 2025 at 01:02 AM

VS

“ David, Doug, Tom and family, I am so sorry to hear of Preacher’s passing. I know your hearts are heavy but think of what a reunion your dad has had, he has finally reached Heaven’s shore. He ran his race, he kept the faith and finished his course. I recall messages he preached, one he titled “you are a V.I.P. To God and another he preached that he would like to have a Jonathan in his life but more importantly that he would like to be a Jonathan in reference to what a friend Jonathan was to King David. I remember the power went out and he preached in the dark and after he wrecked his motorcycle, he sat in front of the remembrance table and preached with a cast on. I hope God comforts your hearts with many precious memories of your dad and with knowing that you can see him again someday. I’m praying for you all. John14:1-3. Stacy and Vicki Swatzell

Vicki Swatzell - October 09, 2025 at 10:25 PM

DG

“ Doug was a precious friend and will definitely be missed. He was a great man!

Donnie Galyon - October 09, 2025 at 05:56 PM

TT

“ I enjoyed talking with Preacher Doug as he walked the property beside me. Great man of God. Praying for you all. Tim Tallman and family

Timothy Tallman - October 09, 2025 at 05:16 PM

MB

“ Doug was a wonderful man he named me his "left handed friend" and always made me smile . Heaven just got a little sweeter and i cant wait to see him again someday. Mandy

mandy ball - October 09, 2025 at 03:59 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this difficult time.

*Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer*



Jimmy and Charlotte Blazer - October 09, 2025 at 02:37 PM

HM

“ Sorry for your loss. *Hilda Jean Miller*

Hilda Jean Miller - October 09, 2025 at 11:37 AM

RR

“ Sorry for your loss. *Rosemary Raines*

Rosemary Raines - October 09, 2025 at 11:37 AM

LM

“ So sorry for your loss. *Doug was a blessing to me and my family. As a small child he baptized me and also my now husband. Later in years he married us. He was a great man and will be missed. Jeff and Lisa Miller*

Lisa Miller - October 09, 2025 at 11:36 AM

BL

“ Doug was my preacher growing up. I was saved and baptized through and by him. Such a good godly man. He will be missed by many. Praying for his family 🙏🙏

Barbara Large - October 09, 2025 at 11:25 AM

MT

“ So sorry for your loss prayers for the family!



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**Marilyn Thomas** - October 09, 2025 at 07:39 AM

NS

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for all the family, may God comfort you all during this time. Bobby and Nancy Swanger

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**Nancy Swanger** - October 09, 2025 at 05:14 AM

AP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Angel Pruitt** - October 08, 2025 at 10:15 PM

LH

“ Prayers!



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**Louise & Jimmy Hux** - October 08, 2025 at 06:11 PM

PJ

“ Brother Messer was a delight to hear preach. I was often amazed at his ability to connect scriptures and bring the gospel to light. He preached for us a lot in Sevier County. We will miss him dearly but he has now gained what he preached so much about. I'm sure he heard "Well done my Son." To all the family I offer sincere condolences and prayers for God to give you peace.

Pastor Sam Justus - October 08, 2025 at 04:48 PM

YF

“ Your Ripley's Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rev. Doug M. Messer.



Your Ripley's Family - October 08, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - October 08, 2025 at 02:08 PM

TD

“ So sad to hear of the of this sweet friend and dear man of God's passing but rejoicing in the fact he is now with our Saviour.....Doug's own words...he has reached the mark he for so long preached of....praise God for His faithfulness.

*Love and prayers, Jim and Tammy Douglas*



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**Tammy Douglas** - October 08, 2025 at 11:22 AM

JF

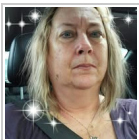
“ We are so sorry for your loss. Doug was a true man of god. We loved him. God bless David, Doug Jr. and Tom he is now rejoicing with his lord and his savior and his son Joe brothers Frank and Ronnie his sisters Hester and Tina. And his wife Diane looking forward to seeing him again one day. God bless the family may god wrap his loving arms around you all.



*Jerry Debbie and Jessica Hall*

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**Jerry Hall and Family** - October 08, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS HE WILL BE MISSED



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**Karen L Black** - October 08, 2025 at 11:00 AM

BR

“ Doug was one of the finest men I have ever known. A true Christian Preacher that preached the truth no matter what. The world needs more preachers like he has been. He is going to be hard to get over our loss, it sure helps knowing that our loss was his gain. I will miss you here on earth brother, but I will see you again in Glory. Prayers for all family and friends.



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**Ben Redding** - October 08, 2025 at 10:41 AM

GW

“ My sincere condolences. 🙏🙏🙏



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**Glenda Willis** - October 08, 2025 at 10:36 AM

DG

“ Sending my deepest condolences to the family and friends 🙏🙏🙏❤️



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**Debra A Gann** - October 08, 2025 at 09:38 AM

DW

“ My father, Donald Hance, loved Doug dearly. I was very sorry to hear of his passing. I know, however, the Lord said those words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." He was a blessing.

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**DONNA WRIGHT** - October 08, 2025 at 09:12 AM

JM

“*Doug was a wonderful man, in so many ways! He was the best grandfather I could've ever asked for my kids, and he took so much pride in his grandbabies,too. The man never rested a day in his life, that is have seen. It's time to rest now Papaw Doug! We will always love you and think of you most fondly! There was no more generous person. If the world would take a page from Doug's book, it would be a much better place to live in!*

*Love Always,*  
*Jessica , Leah, Ally, & Will*



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**Jessica Messer** - October 08, 2025 at 09:12 AM

BE

“*I had the privilege of preaching for Doug a few times at Victory Baptist Church in Newport. He was a good man who loved the Lord. May God bring peace and comfort in your time of need.*

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**Benjamin Evans** - October 08, 2025 at 08:41 AM

DF

“*Doug and my dad grew up together and the stories he would tell of them back then were hilarious. He was such an amazing Christian man and a good friend to our family . Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all*

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**Debbie Ford** - October 08, 2025 at 08:10 AM

JP

“*Doug Messer was a great man of God. He lived what he preached. Have heard many a wonderful sermons by Doug; he always brought them to a point that made you think, reflect, meditate; and most of all, 'have a little talk with Jesus'*

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**Johnnie Phillips** - October 07, 2025 at 11:36 PM

SC

“ Sad to hear this Doug was a good man.. He preached a revival years ago at Williamsburg Baptist Church in pigeon Forge and I got saved and lam now preaching.. he had me over at his church to preach years ago.. i thought the world of him.. prayers for the family

Shane Cogdill - October 07, 2025 at 09:00 PM

RS

“ well done Preacher R, I, P. Rev Adam and Peggy Sanders

Rev Adam Sanders - October 07, 2025 at 08:39 PM

AF

“ Psalm 116:15

Ann Frazier - October 07, 2025 at 07:47 PM

JO

“ judine Oakley lit a candle in memory of Doug Messer



judine Oakley - October 07, 2025 at 07:03 PM

JO

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. Doug and Diane were friends of my parents for years. Doug officiated mom and dads funerals. He was such a good man and will be missed. Sending Love and prayers from myself and my sister Kim Smith Worex. May God comfort you but we know that Doug is with Jesus.

judine Oakley - October 07, 2025 at 07:02 PM

VN

“ So sorry sending love and hugs and prayers 🙏 for the family and friends

Vick Naillon - October 07, 2025 at 06:10 PM

PC

“ I loved Doug so much and had such fun with him at the bank. He did my mom's funeral and I really appreciate how he handled it. He was such an inspiration to us all for his love of Jesus Christ. We will miss him. Prayers for family

Phyllis and Leonard Combs - October 07, 2025 at 05:37 PM

JS

“ Sorry for your loss. Doug was a perfect example of a Godly man - preaching God's word and leading others to Christ. Always so loving and kind. Prayers for each of you in the days ahead. He will be truly missed.



Janet Strange - October 07, 2025 at 03:52 PM

LB

“ Tom and all of the family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Doug will be missed by many. My thoughts & prayers are with you all. May God wrap his arm around you all and offer you comfort in the days ahead.

Louise Brown - October 07, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Dougs passing. He was a great man. love and prayers for you all.* ”



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**Pat Evans Larry Stephenson** - October 07, 2025 at 01:56 PM

GA

*Prayers for all  
Doug will be missed for sure but he's bn on his road for many years  
and finally made it home  
I've known him for 50 years  
Rest easy brother*

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**Gail Ailey** - October 07, 2025 at 03:11 PM

BC

“ *Brenda cook lit a candle in memory of Doug Messer* ”



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**Brenda cook** - October 07, 2025 at 01:43 PM