



Stephanie Jo Dougan

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S tephanie Dougan Obituary

Stephanie Jo Dougan, 49, was called to her eternal home Wednesday, October 29, 2025 in Westlake after a private battle with her health. She was born November 17, 1975 in Charleston, South Carolina and raised in Lorain, Ohio.

A proud graduate of Admiral King High School's Class of 1993, Stephanie began her journey as a young mother in Lorain with dreams bigger than her hometown. In 2003, she packed up herself and her kids-and moved to Orlando, Florida, where she built a life grounded in love, purpose, and laughter. She found her calling in healthcare, advocating fiercely for the elderly and ensuring they received the care and dignity they deserved.

Stephanie had a rare gift- she never met a stranger. Whether you were a lifelong friend, a coworker, or a random person walking a dog (which she absolutely had to stop and pet), she made you feel seen, valued, and usually doubled over in laughter within minutes. Her humor was her love language. With the comedic timing of a pro, she could turn any story- no matter how mundane- into something unforgettable. You never just heard her stories; you felt them, wiping away tears of laughter and holding onto your sides.

She was spontaneous to her core and lived life with unmatched joy- whether it was a last-minute trip, a pinky promise she meant, a fierce game of dodge ball, or one of her legendary game nights. Her home was always filled with love, laughter, movie marathons, and the kind of wisdom that only came from living boldly and loving deeply.

Stephanie's passing leaves a space that words can't quite fill. Her spirit, however, refuses to be dimmed. It lives on in her children and grandchildren, in her family and friends, and in every person who was lucky enough to be part of her beautiful, chaotic, hilarious orbit.

We invite you to remember Stephanie not for how her journey ended, but for how vibrantly she lived- for the laughter she sparked, the love she gave, and the moments she made unforgettable.



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Stephanie is survived and deeply missed by her mother, Marlys Dougan; her beloved children and pride, Khalid and Khaliyah; her sisters and best friends, Brandy, Kristy, and Caitlin; and her nephew and nieces, Jaiquion, Breonna, and Brooke. She will forever be cherished by her grandchildren, Zayden Alexander Carter, Asaad Abdul Ali and Akai Khalid Ali and her goddaughter, Olivia.

Friends will be received Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 4:00 pm until the time of a 6:00 pm service at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria with Reverend Kathryn Ketchum officiating.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you honor Stephanie's memory by creating a spontaneous moment with someone you love- a moment filled with laughter, kindness, and joy. That's how she would want to be remembered.

To send flowers
to the family or plant a tree
in memory of Stephanie Jo Dougan, please visit our floral store.

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AD

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Stephanie Jo Dougan posted:

A Memorial Tree was planted for Stephanie Jo Dougan We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ the staff at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service Join in honoring their life - plant a memorial tree

April 22 at 8:55 AM

JK

Jay, Erin And Kids posted:

Designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephanie Jo Dougan by Jay, Erin and Kids. Send Flowers Our deepest condolences to all that held Stephanie to their hearts. Jay, Erin and Kids

April 22 at 8:55 AM

TG

True Group posted:

White designer's choice bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephanie Jo Dougan by True Group. Send Flowers We love you and are praying for you. True Group

April 22 at 8:55 AM

ST

Shani Taylor posted:

I lost a very dear friend whom I've known for 18 years. Our friendship was filled with countless memories, laughter, and support through every season of life. It's hard to put into words how deeply this loss is felt in my heart. She was more than a friend she was like family to me. I will always cherish the bond we shared and the many moments that will forever remain in my heart. Though her physical presence is gone, her spirit and the impact she made will never fade.

October 30 at 11:12 AM

BH

Barbara Hostetler posted:

I will always remember Stephanie as one of my dear cousins . So many wonderful memories of her as kids . Spending every summer vacation in Lorain with the Dougans was the best of times growing up and I'm so thankful for that . I wouldn't trade that for the world . Stephanie was always so fun and sweet and we adored her , just like we adored her parents and sisters .. it was the best of times to be with them . I will think of Stephanie often and always with love ♥ Rest Easy little Cousin , I love you . Always & Forever

October 30 at 10:15 AM



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Joanna posted:

It was such a blessing to care of such a beautiful angel

October 30 at 9:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stephanie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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