



Douglas Goode III

April 10, 1956 - June 11, 2025

Douglas Goode III, aged 69, passed away on June 11th, 2025, in Tallahassee, Florida. Family and friends are invited to a celebration of life luncheon on Sunday, June 29th, 2025, at noon at the Montgomery Zoo Mann Museum (325 Vandiver Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36110).

Doug was born in Montgomery, Alabama, on April 10th, 1956, to Douglas Goode Jr and Mary Augusta Goode (née Wood). Growing up on his family's Goodewood Farm, Doug's early experiences raising a variety of animals, including exotic and rare birds and ornamental koi, instilled a passion for wildlife and conservation that stayed with him throughout his life.

He graduated from Trinity Presbyterian High School in 1974 and attended the University of South Alabama before moving to England to study at the Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust and Zoological Gardens. There, he was responsible for the animal husbandry of the largest collection of wildfowl in the world and conducted field studies on European migration routes of waterfowl.

In 1977, Doug returned to the Montgomery area, where he continued to raise several exotic bird species, including South American waterfowl, macaws, and cockatoos at Goode Bluff Aviary, a business he owned and operated until 1997. Doug joined the Montgomery Zoo in 1994 as a zookeeper. Except for a brief period in 1997 when he served as Assistant Zoo Director at Zoo World in

Panama City Beach, Florida, he dedicated the rest of his career to the Montgomery Zoo. He became the Deputy Zoo Director in 1998. In 2001, he was promoted to Zoo Director, a position he held until his retirement in 2018. He loved the zoo and spearheaded many new additions during his more than 20 years of service.

Outside of work, Doug enjoyed many things and made everything more enjoyable with his mischievous personality and quick-witted sense of humor. He loved cooking for loved ones, gardening, fishing, college football, being outdoors, and live music. More than anything, he loved spending time with his daughters and supporting them in all their endeavors.

His family will deeply miss his lively spirit, curiosity, ingenuity, seemingly endless knowledge of the natural world, and the care he showed to his friends and family.

He is survived by his siblings, Dr. Katherine "Kitty" Horkey-Burns, Bruce Boling, and Lacy Wood "Woody" Goode; his daughters, Dr. Lacy Kathryn Goode (Daniel LaRose), Mary Lawson Goode, and their mother, Lisa Wilhelm Goode; his granddaughter, Laurel Jane LaRose-Goode; and his nephews Lance Boling (Sutton Boling) and Cameron Boling (Katie Boling).

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express their condolences are encouraged to donate to the Montgomery Zoo or to New Journeys Residential Home in Tallahassee, Florida, which provided him with excellent, compassionate care in the final months of his life.

<https://www.montgomeryzoo.com/plan-your-visit/about-us/make-a-donation/donate>

<https://gofund.me/add9c92e>

Niki Carney of Bevis Funeral Home (www.bevisfh.com or 850-385-2193) is assisting the family with their arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Yes, I'm going to share some memories of him, and his family. I was 16 years old, and my High School discovered I was working for 45 dollars a week at a very large gas station being a janitor. I had a vehicle, and life was ok. But school was shocked, no it was much better for to work for this caring family. I wasn't allowed to change clothes from school to work for them.

So if anyone in the family wants to question my story. Straight down that private driveway their the house was on the right, Remember the Red House (full of small birds) took me 30 minutes to feed. To the left was the Japanize fish pond with a pavilion. At the very back was a giant bird area with a giant net. One special bird I had to make sure I didn't disturb. They had two Lamas. The Lamas where my friends, they hated Doug's dad.

After digging ditches, and cutting trees down with hand tools. I was fired by his mother (being sooo respectful of the stuff that went down) because they had an English couple coming to work for free to learn the business. So I picked up my own family lawn mower, stuck in my trunk, and left. Worked over a year for them, as a slave. Last time I saw this guy was at a McDonalds, and said my peace. Now I'm 61, and wish I never saw this. I have nothing against him or his family. I have a very successful life, maybe because I never want to be a slave again. You should be careful how you attract, and abuse cheap labor.

Any negative opinions, I'll so gladly take on and share so much more. So don't.

I have drove past that place. It's gone, the families gone. It's like all things, I'll be dead too.

Oh, him, just remember as a yuppie college prep that had it all. Not a bad guy, just a punk.

The farm slave - October 03, 2025 at 09:59 PM

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“ Doug #2 is his nickname we called him at New Journeys Residential Home Care. He loved activities and when it's time to eat.. Doug will be missed walking around the facility with his board in his hand writing what he wants to eat or do and sitting in the recliner with his legs in crossed in front of the tv.. From me(Teresa) and the staff at New Journeys RHC Doug will forever be in our hearts



teresa Whitehead-Carter - June 18, 2025 at 09:24 PM

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We missed Doug when he left St. Augustine Plantation Assisted Living. Prayers and blessings for his family. 🙏
Ken and June Stivers

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