



Douglas Edward Tabony

August 13, 1951 - June 30, 2021

Douglas Edward Tabony was born in Houston on 8/13/1951 and passed away peacefully at his home in Austin on 6/30/2021. As a young man, Doug played violin and traveled the world, first with the Houston All City Orchestra and then with the Rice University Chamber Orchestra. In 1972, he married Laura Jo Goldsmith and transferred to the University of Texas, where he earned an MA in music theory and a Master's Degree in music performance studying with Leonard Posner.

Doug played in, and eventually also served as personnel manager of, the Austin Symphony Orchestra and the Austin Lyric Opera. He played in many regional Texas orchestras; did freelance work with quartets and a pianist, as a soloist, as backup strings, and as a music contractor. He had numerous students through the years and several day jobs including typing, woodworking, and bow rehairing.

Doug also learned to play other styles of music and participated in the Austin music scene in a progressive country band, Paradise Special; a string band with original songs written by John Clay, The Lost Austin Band; a swing jazz band, Jazz Me Blues; and a quartet with arrangements by Will Taylor, Joy String.

Doug loved to travel. He made many trips with his family and with his

extended family. Laura's parents, Lucy and Lane, provided the opportunity for international travel to England, the Continent, Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Mexico, and New Zealand as well as many vacations in the US. Lane usually traveled with a guitar and Doug with a violin and they shared their talent internationally at open mikes and in pubs.

Doug loved bicycling as much as playing music. He rode often with the Austin Cycling Association, did a little racing with Violet Crown, and continued to participate in group rides with his racing buddies. In 2000, he had a bicycle accident and suffered paralysis as a partial quadriplegic.

Doug loved nature. In 1997, he moved to Castlewood Forest neighborhood which has many old oak trees providing shade and wildlife habitat. Soon after his bicycle accident, he began an approximately 15-year tenure as the COVNA newsletter editor; started a neighborhood web page and a neighborhood email group. He created neighborhood guides for birds and butterflies he had seen.

Doug collected classical music performances from the 30's and 40's and older jazz, many of which he published on his YouTube channel, 2ndviolinist, which also includes his master's violin recital and performances of friends including and 2 of the bands he played in, the Lost Austin Band and Jazz Me Blues. He spent many happy hours observing birds and other wildlife in his backyard sanctuary.

Doug, loving husband and father, is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Henry Tabony and Ola Lee Stulting Tabony. He is survived by his wife Laura Jo Goldsmith Tabony; his sons Charles Joseph Tabony and wife Crystal and Alan O'Neil Tabony; and his brothers Robert Henry Tabony and wife Jackie, Joseph Lawrence Tabony and wife Ann; and Charles Francis Tabony and wife Peggy.

In lieu of flowers, we would appreciate memorial donations to the Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, or other organizations that support wildlife, habitat, or combat global warming.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, July 3, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Austin Natural Funerals.

Doug will be laid to rest on Sunday, July 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park
115 Northside Lane
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Tribute Wall



“ *Austin Natural Funerals created a Douglas Tabony Graveside Service in memory of Douglas Edward Tabony*



Austin Natural Funerals - July 09, 2021 at 03:16 PM



“ *Douglas Edward Tabony*

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Memory Album <https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipMD8VFajslMOKovoMVKiQ9wHHmmxKT85r-75FZwkBH2PIhHpCUZLTiwS8tCkV1Xjg?key=ZWhCVWN5WHNOaHRZTmMyM2otUmRKZ2RzcVNxMWpn>*

Laura Tabony - May 15, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ *Doug and I were good friends for thirty years, from the time we were stand partners in the ASO, through his years of dealing with disability. He always maintained an ironic sense of humor and an active mind, in spite of his physical restrictions. Thanks for the warm memories, Doug!*

Linda Day Newland - July 17, 2021 at 08:53 AM

CT

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Charles Tabony - July 06, 2021 at 07:10 PM

JV

“ Jennifer Vinyard lit a candle in memory of Douglas Edward Tabony



Jennifer Vinyard - July 06, 2021 at 10:44 AM

LT

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Laura Jo Tabony - July 06, 2021 at 12:37 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Austin Natural Funerals - July 05, 2021 at 04:06 PM

MF

“ I have many wonderful memories of playing music with Doug that go back to our college days. He was clever and fun. He will be greatly missed.

Mike Fizzell - July 04, 2021 at 02:58 PM

SE

“ Steve Edwards lit a candle in memory of Douglas Edward Tabony



Steve Edwards - July 04, 2021 at 09:04 AM

SE

Rest well, my friend.

Steve Edwards - July 04, 2021 at 09:04 AM

GS

There are so many memories of playing music with Doug. He was always a lot of fun. One memory that comes to mind, is playing in a string quartet for the movie "Another Pair of Aces". You can see us toward the end of the movie for just a couple of seconds. We were so young. He will be missed.

Georgeann Shockley - July 07, 2021 at 11:42 AM

BO

Laura do you move from your address?

Beverley Oaks - August 27, 2022 at 05:26 PM

BG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Becky Goldsmith - July 03, 2021 at 03:33 PM

BG

“ *Doug loved his family, his backyard bird sanctuary, and music! After he was injured and could no longer play, he spent countless hours sharing his love of music through his YouTube channel, 2ndviolin, which eventually got over 3 million hits. We will miss you, Doug!*

Becky Goldsmith - July 03, 2021 at 03:01 PM

NP

“ *Laura-I am so sorry to hear the news of Doug Passing. I still play the jazz CD's Doug made and think of him as I listen to the music he selected. Neil*

Neil Pascoe - July 03, 2021 at 02:20 PM

JR

Doug and Jo were community members at St. David's hospital therapy pool when we met around 2012/2013. All three of us got to know one another while Jo and Doug worked on his water exercises. We had common ground having grown up in the Harris and Brazoria county areas. They hailed from the city and I was a country girl from the oil patch rural town of West Columbia.... Despite the fact I was about 15 years older we found interesting topics to discuss during the brief hour pool visits.... Doug talked about going to Milby, Rice, and UT...and the Tabony's family love for music and how he met Jo and both of them described their love story.... Doug gave me his business card that I still keep in my bedside table.... Honestly I can say I have never in my entire 83 years known a couple more devoted and kind to one another.... Jo and Doug really were the truest of sweethearts and I felt very fortunate to have had the opportunity of meeting such an extraordinary couple.... Remembering Doug and all members of the Tabony family.....Peace and Comfort to everyone.....Jean Renfro Romero

jean renfro romero - July 21, 2021 at 12:29 PM