



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH of Blanco

Where God is Seen

[1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:19]

Love is Felt

[John 13:34-35]

Lives are Changed

[Rom. 12:1-2]

Celebration of Life For Doug Bledsoe March 7, 2026



DOUGLAS LEE BLEDSOE
September 3, 1960 – February 23, 2026

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." — 2 Timothy 4:7

Douglas Lee "Doug" Bledsoe, 65, was born on September 3, 1960, in Abilene, Texas, to Charles Lee Bledsoe and Martha Lee Oakes Bledsoe. He passed away on February 23rd, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Doug graduated from Wylie High School in Abilene, TX in 1979. In the early 1980s, he moved to Blanco, where he managed apartments alongside his mother. Hard work was central to his life, always ready to tackle any project- whether carpentry or building homes in the Blanco community. Doug served as a member of the Blanco Volunteer Fire Department before completing the Police Academy and becoming an officer for the City of Blanco. He later served with the Blanco County Sheriff's Office and worked at Cox Paving as their Safety Officer. Ultimately, Doug felt most called to serve through the Blanco County Sheriff's Office. He proudly served the City of Blanco Police Department and the Blanco County Sheriff's office for 33 years and one month.

Doug was a loving Son, Brother, Husband, Father, and Gramps. His family was his greatest pride and the joy that inspired his lifelong service. Doug was a devoted husband to Lydia, his beloved wife of 38 years. Their

marriage was a testament to family, faithfulness, loyalty, partnership, and enduring love, always side by side.

Doug and Lydia were members of Trinity Lutheran Church, where they served devotedly and formed lifelong friendships. Faith and community were central to their lives. Doug also worked alongside the Blanco Methodist Church Toys for Tots program. For many years, he helped gather donations, shop for, and wrap toys to be given to the children of Blanco. He also ran security for Vacation Bible School at Trinity Lutheran Church of Blanco. Doug's deep enthusiasm for life and service reflected the values of hard work, honesty, and kindness that defined him.

Doug spent summers fishing and water skiing at his Nenaw's cabin on Lake Brownwood, a tradition he continued with his own family. He had a great sense of humor, and his warmhearted presence was memorable to many. You might have known Doug by one of many names, such as *Sarg*, *Richard*, *Dougie Fresh*, *Leroy*, *Grumpy Gramps*, *Douglito*, *Dooglas*, or *Chicken Legs*. Each name carries a story, and a reminder of the joy he brought to others. Doug will be remembered for his unwavering service to the community, and the deep love he had for his family.

Though Doug's watch has ended, the legacy will live on in the hearts of his wife, children, and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Lydia Cox Bledsoe, his children, Amy Renee', Curtis Rust (Ashley), Kymberly Bledsoe Garza (Seth), and his grandchildren, Sevren (Jonnalynn), Coryne, Kacen, Everly, Caden, Adalynn, Stone, Slaten, and his Goddaughter Chace.

Doug is also survived by his twin brother, Charlie Bledsoe; his sisters, Joyce Eastman and Janet Bledsoe; his stepmother, Eidie Bledsoe, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father, Charles Lee Bledsoe, and his mother, Martha Lee Oakes.

A Celebration of Life will be held at First Baptist Church of Blanco on March 7th, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at the Cox Cemetery. The family invites all who attend to join them for lunch following the interment at Trinity Lutheran Church, Blanco, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church Youth Program, Blanco, Texas.

We all carry different ideas about love, but true love begins with God. In Jesus, we see love made visible, and we learn how to love one another. As we remember Doug's life and legacy, we turn our hearts to the Lord in prayer:

God,

*I'm weary. Not giving up hope, just tired.
Breathe fresh hope into me. Rebuild what feels
worn down.*

Help me to see progress even if it's small.

Encourage my heart today.

Amen

*"To my husband, we've lived through
moves and milestones, uncertainty
and growth, ups and downs we never
saw coming. Through every transition,
you've been my steady. Not because
life was simple, but because we stayed.
We've learned how to bend without
breaking. How to flow instead of
fighting the current. How to rebuild
when something ends. It's you I want
to stand by in every version of this
life, in every season, no matter the
storm. I love you, always."*

Service

In the Name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord and Savior. We gather in honor of our brother, Doug Bledsoe, to celebrate his life, to understand his life in the light of the grace and mercy of God, and to find comfort in the love of God found in His promises, in the work of the Holy Spirit, and in the people of God.

Recorded Music "In Everything Give Thanks"
Covin Brothers

In everything give him thanks, give him thanks.
In everything give him thanks.
In the good times praise his name, in the bad times
do the same.
In everything, give the king of kings all the thanks!
1 Thessalonians 5:18

The Procession of Salvation

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. (*Ephesians 2:1 -3*)

C: Lord, have mercy.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! (*Romans 5:8-10*)

C: We glorify you.

So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So

in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (*Galatians 3:24-26*)

C: We praise you.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. (*Romans 6:4-5*)

C: We worship you.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. (*2 Corinthians 4:16-18*)

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,
Heavenly Father, we thank you that you gave us Doug to know and to love during our journey through life. Draw us into the comfort and consolation of your love. Fill us with faith in your power and grace so that we will have perfect confidence in your victory over death through Jesus Christ our Lord. In His Name we pray.

C: Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Chief Deputy Rob Woodring

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not

have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

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⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Recorded Music "Pink Skies" by Zach Bryan

The Life Story Reading Ashley Rust

Eulogy (*Time of Sharing*)
Beginning with Sheriff Don Jackson

Meditation Pastor David Mayer

Apostle's Creed
I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried .
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Prayers

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us all with the gift of this earthly life and has given to our brother his span of years and gifts of character. God our Father, we thank you now for all his life, for every memory of love and joy, for every good deed done by his and every sorrow shared with us. We thank you for his life and we thank you for the rest in Christ he now enjoys, we thank you for giving him to us and for the glory we shall share together. Hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Dismissal

Lord, now let your servants depart in peace, according to your word. For our eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people: A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

C: Amen.

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you, and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Recorded Music "One Last Goodbye"

by Jelly Roll & Dolly Parton



Interment will continue at the Cox Family Cemetery on Cox Road, Blanco. All family and friends who choose not to attend the burial are encouraged to gather at the Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, where a luncheon will be held with the family.

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