



## Doug Volding

November 16, 1940 - November 21, 2013

Willard Douglass Volding, known as Doug, was born in Houston, Texas, November 16, 1940. He was adopted at an early age and reared by his maternal grandparents, Walter and Exie Volding, in Wharton, Texas. He enjoyed a wonderful childhood splitting time between his home in Wharton and the family ranch in Goliad. His fondest childhood memories involved spending time with extended family at the ranch, especially hunting deer and birds with his favorite cousins.

His love for the outdoors and for hunting and fishing continued throughout his life. After graduating from Wharton High School he obtained his degree in Music from Sam Houston State University. He later received his Master's Degree in Education from Houston Baptist University. Music was a constant in Doug's life. In the 1960s, Doug performed with the Houston Symphony and numerous jazz bands around the state. He was always involved in music in his churches and worked as a band director in many area school districts including Spring Branch and Cy-Fair.

In the late 1970s and 1980s, he sold oil field equipment in the booming Texas oil business. His courageous walk through a dozen years with Alzheimer's disease will forever serve as an inspiration to all who loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Exie Volding.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 24 years, Nancy Caldwell Volding and his devoted daughter, Katie Volding of Richmond; and two sons, Willard Douglass Volding, Jr. and Dr. Devin Chance Volding also of Houston.

Doug passed peacefully from this life into the arms of his savior on Thursday, November 21, 2013, healed and made perfect in mind and body. Friends and family were extremely blessed by his infectious laughter and abundantly positive outlook on life.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 on Sunday, December 8th, 2013 at St. John's United Methodist Church in Richmond, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to St. John's United Methodist Church in Richmond, Texas or to the Alzheimer's Association [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org).

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ I have never googled a person from my past until today. I googled Mr. Volding and discovered he had passed. I was a clarinet player in his symphonic band at Northbrook HS in 1976 and he will forever be one of the most significant influences in my life. His creativity was second to none. I think of him every time I hear Tocatta and Fugue in D minor. He did things with a high school band that should not have been possible but he was driven by his vision and nothing got in his way. I will forever be indebted to Mr. Volding to help shape my future. I miss him.

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**Daryl Riley** - September 06, 2025 at 06:43 PM

GB

“ Doug Volding was my Band Director at Spring Oaks Jr. High. He was an amazing inspiration. Afterwards when I was in Symphonic Band at Spring Woods High School, I came back to learn Trumpet from Mr. Volding. He's been on my mind of late. That's how I came to this page. Few people in my life meant as much to me as He did. I cherish those memories. Although brief, they were the best. Condolences to the family. Thank you for sharing Mr. Volding with the rest of us.

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**Gill Boyd** - August 04, 2025 at 09:26 PM

TM

“ Doug Volding was my private lesson Trumpet teacher beginning in 1968. I remained a student of his and he helped me make All State Shmphiny Orchestra in 1973. He taught me many things in life, self discipline being one of the more important. I now am a retired anesthesiologist and am living in North Carolina. Doug was always a father figure to me. I am still playing the trumpet for fun and think of him often.

*Ted B Manny MD*

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**Ted B Manny MD** - November 03, 2017 at 05:33 PM

LW

“ Dear Family, For some reason I was thinking about my old band director in High School, Mr. Volding. I have never googled anyone in my whole life but I was curious about him and thought I would try it. I am so sorry for your loss !! I have fond memories of Mr. Volding !!! He was an outstanding band director and was able to think of things for our marching band to do on the field that had never been done before !!! He was tough and scared us sometimes but we knew he was smart and talented !!!!! My days in the band at Northbrook High School were glorious and Mr. Volding was a big part of that. !!!!! God Bless your family always !!!!! Linda

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**Linda Williams** - May 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I just found out that Douglass had past away. The last time I saw him, he was at the annual Fannin picnic, held each year on the closest Sunday to April 21. I will keep his family in my prayers. Love Linney Beck King Fannin/Mckinney

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**Linney Jo Beck King** - August 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I made one hell of a first impression on Doug Volding back in the 8th grade 1972-73 while at Spring Oaks Jr. High School when before class I was taking a good hard look at him Mr. Volding was 32 years of age at the time when I said out of the clear blue to Mr. Volding, Do you know you look like Carroll O'Connor? Mr Volding didn't look amused, but he answered my question with a question, "Who is Carroll O'Connor? And I replied, Archie Bunker.

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**Kevin Shaub** - September 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I have been thinking of my high school years, and my band memories in particular. Mr. Volding was a big part of making those years at Northbrook 73-75 so enjoyable. There are no words to describe the impact he had on the lives of so many people.

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**Bob Boone** - July 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Doug and I were roommates at Schreiner Institute in Kerrville one year, but I only had contact with him a couple of times later - yet we were still friends. A great guy! I hope he had a good life in Houston., and I wish his survivors well.

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**Jerry Tobin** - April 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Mr. Volding was my band director 74-78 at Northbrook HS. What a funny man with a love for music. I have thought of him often through Sam Houston State band and now that my son is finishing HS in band. I will always remember his infectious rolling laughter. Rest in Peace, Mr. Volding.

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**Joel Stephenson** - March 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ He was my favorite all time teacher and my good friend. He taught me to play flute and piccolo for 6 years beginning when I was in 6th grade at Spring Oaks Jr. High. My favorite quote from him was "If you are going to make a mistake, make it a good one." Truly, he touched many lives with his passion for music and desire to teach. All I know and feel about music was inspired by him. Thank you, Mr. Volding!!! God bless you!!! :

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**Ann Warren** - February 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ He was one of my favorite teachers. I was in his Spring Oaks Jr. High band when we went to San Antonio in 1973. Lots of good memories.

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**Belinda Bennett Lovett** - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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**Belinda Bennett Lovett** - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I was one of many students from Northbrook HS 1974-1976. Mr. Volding provided me with many good memories and the best band years that I have ever had. I remember him talking fondly about his two sons during those years. My thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with his family.

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**Mike Wessels** - January 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Doug Volding was simply one of the best teachers I've ever had. I had the honor of being conducted by him at Northbrook High School in the late 1970's. He had a gentle way of commanding respect and perfect trust from others high school students if you can imagine that! while expecting and demanding the highest level of excellence out of each and everyone he touched. He was a great man and truly beloved. My deepest condolences on your loss.

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**Susan Jurica** - December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Great friend and musician - great stories can be told and I plan to write a few down.  
Condolences to the family, Nancy, Katie, Doug Jr and Devin.  
Walt Boenig

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**Walt Boenig** - December 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I will remember that wonderful laugh, positive outlook on life, and the affectionate gift of a nickname "Bing Bong". Too many wonderful memories to list. Grateful for one of the best mentors that anyone could have. I wish the family peace and strength at this difficult time.

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**Elaine Bing Collins** - December 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Doug Volding was my band director at Northbrook High School in the 70's. I have very fond memories of him as we tested him at every angle during marching season. I sorry for your family's loss; but know that those of us in his former bands, sitting the third section of any instrument category still have a soft spot for Mr. Volding.

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**Melissa Vaughn Sisson** - December 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I remember Mr Volding from Northbrook hs. While I never was in band those I knew who were always said good things about him.  
RIP

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**Buster Stahl** - December 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Mr Volding was an amazing musician and teacher. I was in the marching band at Northbrook High School in the 70's and we were awesome, because of him! Prayers for the family during this time of great loss. And know that he was loved and touched so many students and musicians lives! RIP Mr Volding!

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**Susan Stringer Alzner** - December 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I'm thinking of your family during this difficult time.  
Lorey Sumers

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**Lorey Sumers** - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ You are in our thoughts. Please accept our sympathy for your loss.

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**Jones, Ralph and Merle** - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ He was my 7th and 8th grade band director at Thornton junior High. Great teacher and even better person. Sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

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**Jeremy Guidry** - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Mr. Volding was also my band director at Thornton Jr. High almost 20 years ago. He always treated each of his students so kindly and we all remember him very fondly even after all these years. He made a huge positive impact on all of our lives. I am so sorry for your loss.*

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**Carynn Hawley** - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Mr Volding was my band director again Thornton Jr High in '93-'95. I will never forget his love for teaching students and his love of coffee! What an amazing man and teacher he was. May his family be blessed knowing that their loved one changed my life. May he rest in peace. Never a party...just many small celebrations!*

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**Brandon Blair** - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *I knew Doug in the '60's. We went to SHSTC together and he was good friends with my ex husband. Doug was a fantastic person. Lots of fun and lots of laughs. When our kids were very small, we played cards and shared New Years Eve's several years in a row. He was married to a girl named Bess Angel and had Douglass and Devin. He was so proud of those little boys and was a super patient father. I am so sorry for your loss, but so happy you had such a wonderful example of what a man is supposed to be, in your lives. He was class!*

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**Billye Tucker Daigle** - December 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Nancy and Katie,

*You are in our thoughts and prayers. My memories of Doug are so positive that I can only think about how great things are for him in heaven. We are blessed to have all of you in our lives!*

Love,

*Jennifer and Bailey*

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**J. Watson** - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I will always remember Doug's smile and his love for Nancy. Heaven has a great Man making beautiful music with our Lord.*

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**Kathleen Stadler** - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Doug's wonderful obituary is a testamanet to a man whose race was run very well as a loving husband and father. Then at the appointed time, the Master called him home and said "well done good and faithful servant!" Mt 25:21. We love you Gaye and Katie, and we'll see you again Doug!*

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**Jim Caldwell Family** - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *Doug, AKA Mr Volding, had a big impact on me at a time that I really needed it. He will always have a special place in my memories. He is now with two of his earliest students, Ronnie Moore and David Dewitt who also passed away in the last year. I hope they are having a good time playing some symphonic brass.*

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**George Placke** - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *My deepest sympathy is with you Nancy. I am honored to have known Doug. His infectious smile and positive outlook described him perfectly. May the angels of God welcome him and console you.*

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**Pam Michulka** - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Katie, we know this has been a hard year for you and your family losing your mother and now Doug. They will always be in your heart.*

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**Mike and Joy Caldwell** - November 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM