



## Douglas Gerard Tigges

February 6, 1969 - December 23, 2024

Douglas Tigges, age 55, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, passed away on Monday, December 23, 2024, at his home in Minneapolis. Funeral services will be at 1 pm on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, with family receiving friends one hour prior to the service. Officiating will be Fr. Merlin Schrad. Burial will be at a later date in St. Francis Cemetery at Maple River.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Doug's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Douglas Gerard Tigges, son of Leon and Ruth (Nieland) Tigges, was born February 6, 1969, in Carroll, Iowa. He grew up on a farm west of Maple River. Doug attended grade school at Mt. Carmel and graduated from Kuemper High School. He furthered his education with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Iowa and an A.O.S. in Culinary Studies from The Culinary Institute of America.

Doug then went on to a notable career as an executive chef and chef trainer, working mostly in Minnesota, but was privileged to share his skills throughout the United States, the UAE and Panama.

Doug enjoyed commuting on his motorcycle, hiking the lakes around Minneapolis and caring for his two cats.

Doug is survived by his mother Ruth Tigges of Carroll; two brothers Michael Tigges of Carroll and Russell (Abbie) Tigges of Lagrangeville, New York; a brother-in-law Joe Bornong of Minneapolis; and by his nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Leon Tigges and a sister Julie Tigges Bornong.

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ I worked with Doug at the Brown Bottle in Iowa City. We were both cooks. It's amazing that he decided to be a chef. He was a good friend. I lived across the alley from him in Iowa City. He knocked at my door one Saturday morning and said Justin, I'm moving and every one of my friends who said they would help have now said they cant for lame reasons. He and I moved his apartment out and in the middle of it Good Fellas came on the tv. He said have you seen this? I said no, we had to watch the whole thing before we finished moving Doug. Great friend.

---

justin chastain - July 23, 2025 at 09:09 PM

MB

“ To the Tigges Family,  
I remember having a meal that Doug made many years ago (maybe 30?), because it was the fanciest meal I ever had up to that time: Seared halibut with quinoa and star anise. And then over many subsequent years, Doug, his sister Julie and my brother Joe (Doug's brother-in-law) cooked Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, which I was very lucky to attend. His food always seemed magical to me. The last Christmas I saw Doug, in December 2023, he seemed so lost. Over the years he had always been so kind to me, and I really wish I could have helped in some way. His passing makes me very sad, and I will miss Doug.

I'm so sorry for your loss.

Mary Bornong

---

Mary Bornong - January 15, 2025 at 04:28 PM

JB

“ We had several family holiday meals with Doug as the chief chef. His meals were amazing but he was also warm and friendly and clearly enjoyed preparing a feast for his family. We are so sorry to learn he has passed away. Love and prayers 🙏❤️ in your loss.  
Bernie and Joanne Bornong

---

**Joanne Bornong** - January 08, 2025 at 08:30 PM