



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of my brother Douglas Maxwell Novis. Dougie passed on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the age of 63 after a courageous battle with cancer. Dougie was surrounded by loving family and his dear friend Shelley. Dougie faced each day with resilience, fortitude and a quiet strength that inspired all who loved him. Dougie was a man of dignity, and integrity, a listener, and storyteller. A true friend to all he knew. There is nothing Doug wouldn't do to help a friend in need.

Dougie draws some comfort knowing he is reunited with his father, Gilbert Novis also a lifelong member of the film community who passed October 24, 2001. Dougie is survived by his beloved mom Bernice Novis, sister Linda Novis (brother-in-law Steve Lester) nephews Matthew Novis & Cristian Lester and nieces Paige Lester and Lauren Lester (Jason Adeoye). Doug also had many cherished cousins and Aunt's & Uncles

Doug began his career at 12 years old working part-time at William F. White in the summers and working alongside my dad at Boardwalk Films. Doug joined the IATSE Union in 1988 and was very proud to be a member. Doug eventually joined William F. White and worked there full time until 1990 when he started his career in the rigging field with Steve Spurrel and Tom Starnes. Doug embarked out on his own shortly thereafter working for various gaffers such as Mike Galbraith, David Allen and Terry Banting. On Doug's last few productions, he was working under Tom Starnes as a full-time rigger.

Doug's time in the industry has many facets, all of which he succeeded at a very high level, impressing many people and gaining many good friends and loyal colleagues. I am sure Doug will be missed by everyone in the industry that knew and loved him.

Dougie, your song has ended, but your melody lingers on., Doug's spirit remains woven into the fabric of his family and remembered by the lives of the countless people he considered friends.

Dougie, your life was a blessing for so many and your memory a treasure forever. We will hold you in our hearts until we can hold you in heaven. We miss your voice, your laugh, your advice. The comfort of knowing you were always there.

We will be having a Celebration of Life for Doug on Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 – 5:00 at the Royal Canadian Legion – 35 Front Street North, Port Credit, Ontario L5H 2E1

As Doug would always say, "Gitty up and let's have some fun"!