

Doug Nunes, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and public servant, passed away suddenly on March 9, 2026, in Westminster, Colorado. He was 80 years old.

Born in Santa Rosa, California, Doug graduated from Santa Rosa High School in 1963 and enrolled in Santa Rosa Junior College, before enlisting in the United States Army, serving in Army Intelligence from 1966 to 1969. He was severely wounded in combat in Vietnam in 1967 and received a Purple Heart. Taking advantage of the GI Bill, Doug earned a BA in criminal justice from San Jose State. His war experience never left him — in his later years he delivered more than 50 presentations on the war to veterans groups and high school history classes through the Vietnam Veterans of America, determined that its lessons not be lost.

After his military service, Doug built a distinguished career in law enforcement and federal service: Deputy Sheriff in Sonoma County (1973–1976), Sonoma County District Attorney Investigator (1976–1980), and United States Postal Inspector (1981–2000). He later served as Director of Mail Security at Netflix (2001–2008). A constant force of community service, Doug was the president or board member of numerous organizations, ranging from his HOA to the Elks to the National Association of Retired Postal Inspectors. Among all his activities, he was especially dedicated to his grandkids and an avid flyfisherman. He believed in the Constitution not as an abstraction but as a living obligation — something to be defended through action, integrity, and daily service. That conviction shaped everyone close to him.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lora Nunes — whose side he was rushing to reach in his final moments. Also surviving are his son Chris Nunes and wife Christina; daughter Ruth Naumann and husband Warren; grandchildren Ava, Soren, Dana, and Ryan; and siblings Don (Sebastopol), Robin (Glen Ellen), Randy (Santa Rosa), Patty (Tallahassee), and Michelle (Phoenix). He was preceded in death by his mother Peggy Nunes, his stepfather Bob Nunes, and his biological father Hal Miller, a WWII fighter pilot ace.

A memorial military service will be held at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver on June 5, 2026 at 11am.