Doug’s academic, sporting and leadership skills earned him the honour of representing his school as Captain in 1956. His wife Kay and their three children, Robert, Jacqueline and David, also attended Coffs Harbour High School.

A quiet achiever, Doug’s life was full and varied. After working in Sydney he returned to Coffs Harbour to marry and begin his 30 year retail career in footwear and menswear. Doug was a highly respected and successful businessman who also diversified into horse breeding at his thoroughbred stud. Doug’s passion for commercial property development resulted in many local ventures, his focus always being a contribution to the better future of Coffs Harbour.

An outstanding sportsman, Doug was enthusiastically involved in many local sporting clubs. He was a very generous supporter of local schools and charities. His loving family, including his eight special grandchildren, will continue Doug’s legacy.