



## Douglas James Southwick

January 28, 1958 - November 13, 2017

Douglas James Southwick Founder and CEO of Southwick Technologies in Clear Lake, Iowa fought a long and courageous battle with brain cancer. He entered into heaven on November 13, 2017.

Doug's mother, Phyllis, invites you to a Celebration of Life that will be held Friday, November 17, 2017 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake with a Memorial Service at 7:00 p.m. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Doug's wife, Dawn, and children, Harrison, Hillary and Halston, have arranged a viewing at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel and funeral service at Zion Lutheran Church in Clear Lake. Information and details can be found on his tribute at <http://www.colonialchapels.com/obituaries/Douglas-Southwick-2/>. Funeral services will also be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 21, 2017, at Zion Lutheran Church, 112 N. 4th St., Clear Lake. Following the service, Doug's body will be cremated and an inurnment will be at a later date. Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Monday, November 20, 2017, at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. 4th St., Clear Lake. The Hogan-Bremer-Moore Colonial Chapels are in charge of the arrangements.

Doug was born January 28, 1958 in Storm Lake Iowa to proud parents William and Phyllis Southwick. Doug was baptized March 31, 1958 at St. John's

Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Doug was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church May 21, 1972.

During his illness Doug found great comfort in his faith nourished by his upbringing at St. John's Lutheran Church in Storm Lake which he considered the foundation of his faith.

Doug graduated from Storm Lake Senior High in 1976. Doug went on to graduate with a degree in Economics in 1984 from the University of Iowa. Doug was a proud Iowa Hawkeye fan and attended many games with family and friends.

Doug was an entrepreneur committed to the "customer first" philosophy. In Doug's 32 years of experience with NCR, Alexander Technologies and Kingland Systems this experience served as the foundation to his successful creation of Southwick Technologies in which Doug was the founder and CEO.

Doug was truly a family man and loved his children and took great pride in spending as much time as he could with them. Doug was blessed with three children: Hillary, Harrison and Halston.

Doug will be greatly missed by those who were blessed to have known and loved him.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **17**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel & Crematory  
101 N 4th St  
Clear Lake, IA 50428-1841  
(641) 357-2193

## Celebration of Life

NOV **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas James Southwick*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 16, 2017 at 03:39 PM

BP

*beautiful, made me cry again*

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**Brian Price** - November 20, 2017 at 03:46 PM

CW

“ *I met Doug about 7 years ago through a business relationship and almost immediately I considered him a friend. His enthusiasm and his love for life were evident from the moment he shook hands with you.*

*I just learned of Doug's passing and it is with a heavy heart that I write this note. Doug was truly one of the really good people in this world and he will be truly missed.*

*To his family and friends..... my deepest sympathy in this most difficult time.*

*Chris Wappler*

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**Chris Wappler** - January 10, 2018 at 08:32 PM

BS

“ *It was an honor to get the opportunity to know Doug. We did some business dealings and made a personal connection, which as I see by others comments would be normal for Doug. :)* ”

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**Bill Schwein** - December 20, 2017 at 01:43 PM

LS

“ *Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Douglas James Southwick* ”



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**Lynn Snyder** - November 21, 2017 at 12:31 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Douglas James Southwick.* ”



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November 20, 2017 at 10:28 AM

GH

“ *GL Batteries Co., Ltd. - David Shu/ Joyce Huang purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Douglas James Southwick.* ”



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**GL Batteries Co., Ltd. - David Shu/ Joyce Huang** - November 19, 2017 at 10:43 PM



“ *Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Douglas James Southwick.*



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November 17, 2017 at 12:38 AM



“ *Doug and I grew up together. So many great memories of hanging out at his house on Early St., playing football, cruising the loop listening to ZZ top, delivering beer to Uncle Ernie, double dating, summers on the lake, the list goes on and on. After I moved to Boulder, Doug lived in Ft. Collins for a while and we shared time skiing, hiking, rafting, and having the occasional beer. (See attached photo.)*

*In recent years, I saw him less often, but when I did he was always upbeat, easy to laugh and smile; always genuinely interested in the latest with my family. A memory I'll always cherish is "the gang" riding the first leg of Ragbrai 2016 together and finishing at Rick Faine's house in Storm Lake. It was like old times. We've all lost a special man, a consummate gentleman, a class act, a great father and a loyal, dear friend. Take it easy now my old pal.*



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**Mark Gaffney** - November 16, 2017 at 05:27 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - November 16, 2017 at 11:07 AM

RM

“ Condolences to the family of Doug from Rick and Debby Miler



Rick Miller - November 15, 2017 at 08:24 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Douglas James Southwick.



November 15, 2017 at 05:17 PM

DA

“ Deb Anderson-Starr lit a candle in memory of Douglas James Southwick



Deb Anderson-Starr - November 15, 2017 at 04:28 PM

SL

“ I remember Doug as full of life and laughter; he was truly a great guy to be around and always had a friendly smile. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Southwick family during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Doug; until we meet again.

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**Steve Lindgren** - November 15, 2017 at 12:46 PM

BP

“ Doug was my best friend. We grew up together with our backyards right next to each other. We played football (tackle the guy with the ball) in our backyards. We played hockey (hit each other with the sticks). We rode our mini-bikes together out at little lake. We rode our snowmobiles and played chicken to see who would chicken out first, always me. Had our first kegger together at 16 out at Curt Carlson's place. We sailed together on his sailfish at odd times of the day. We played tennis at the Kinnick courts at 2am in the morning. Basketball in Iowa City after Deadwood closed down. Did some double dating over the years. So many other things. And a lot that I shouldn't put down in print.

Doug was my best man at my first marriage. And fairly recently he rode parts of RAGBRAI with me, Mark Gaffney and Jim Felton.

Saw Doug this summer, I knew there was trouble. But i knew that Doug was a fighter and that he would battle. Cancer sucks.

Doug was always there for me and all his friends. He will be sorely missed and I will cherish all out times together and all the great memories.

Love you Doug

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**Brian Price** - November 15, 2017 at 12:14 PM

KQ

“ Kimberly Quirin lit a candle in memory of Douglas James Southwick



Kimberly Quirin - November 15, 2017 at 10:59 AM

KQ

*I have so many great memories of Doug!! What a great guy!! He will be sorely missed by so many!! My thoughts and prayers go out to all of his friends and family.*

Kimberly Quirin - November 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM



*Sending prayers and hugs to his family. Doug lived in our neighbor when we where kids. He will be missed.*

Leigh Harrington-Schriber - November 15, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ Doug and I were born on the same day in the same hospital so it was pretty much a destiny that we would be dear friends through our entire lives. No one is really ready to say good bye to anyone who has meant so much to them for so long. His smile and laugh will stay with us until we meet again. Those who were touched by his life know just how much he enjoyed living and I am sure our Good Lord will now enjoy his presence in heaven. Rest in peace my friend and I'll see Ya when I see Ya my brother. !



Rick Faine - November 15, 2017 at 10:48 AM

BP

*great photo, i was still a little sick from the "food poisoning"*

**Brian Price** - November 15, 2017 at 01:23 PM

JD

“ *John And Connie (Swenson) Demers lit a candle in memory of Douglas James Southwick*



**John and Connie (Swenson) Demers** - November 15, 2017 at 10:31 AM

JD

*Our sympathy goes out to the family. Doug was a great guy! We grew up in the same neighborhood.*

**John and Connie (Swenson) Demers** - November 15, 2017 at 10:32 AM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF DOUG SOUTHWICK. OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO HIS CHILDREN, AND TO HIS MOTHER, PHYLLIS. MAY DOUG RIP.*



*LARY& PATTY GUNVILLE  
STORM LAKE, IOWA*

**PATTY GUNVILLE** - November 15, 2017 at 10:24 AM

MO

“ *Marjean & Jeff O'Bannon lit a candle in memory of Douglas James Southwick*



**Marjean & Jeff O'Bannon** - November 15, 2017 at 05:41 AM

JM

“ Jenny & Allen, Eleni, Elise, Erica, and ML purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – White for the family of Douglas James Southwick.



Jenny & Allen, Eleni, Elise, Erica, and ML - November 14, 2017 at 09:43 PM

DJ

“ Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Douglas James Southwick



Deb and Kevin Jesse - November 14, 2017 at 09:34 PM

CC

“ Always a character in school. He was a cool kid. May his family find comfort in thier time of grief.



Christi Tillman Chiarletto - November 14, 2017 at 07:22 PM

RH

“ Ronda Utter Hogan lit a candle in memory of Douglas James Southwick



Ronda Utter Hogan - November 14, 2017 at 06:15 PM

RH

*I'm so sorry for your loss. I've known Doug since grade school. A great guy!*

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**Ronda Utter Hogan** - November 14, 2017 at 06:16 PM

JF

*Doug and I had many an adventure together...great zeal and attitude, loved to laugh...I was there when he got his first little sailboat for Storm Lake, and it sparked his life long love of sailing. We roomed together in college, biked RAGBRAI, played basketball, bragged about our kids, talked about our folks...we were of the same time and place. I know how much he loved life, his work, his family, his employees...may God hold you close Doug.*

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**Jim Felton** - November 15, 2017 at 10:55 AM

TY

“*Doug and I spent a lot of time hawking batteries in Wisconsin - quite successfully. We go way back at NCR even before the battery days and I was shocked to hear about his passing. Although I haven't seen him for years, it seems like yesterday we were walking into Kohl's together. I am so sorry for your loss. Doug was one hell of a great guy. Tom Youngell*

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**Tom Youngell** - November 14, 2017 at 05:24 PM