



John Philip Douglass

June 7, 1946 - June 8, 2019

John Philip Douglass, 73, of North Oaks, Minnesota, passed away from sarcoma on June 8, 2019.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Ruth Douglass; brothers, Robert and Daniel; and infant son, Phillip.

John was born in Chicago on June 7, 1946. He graduated from North Park Academy in 1964, where he was a three season athlete and all-state football player. He received his BA from DePauw University in 1968 and went on to earn his JD from Northwestern University, and MBA from the Carlson School at the University of Minnesota.

John married Emily Rice on November 29, 1969. They enjoyed nearly 50 years of a faithful and happy marriage. As a young man, John worked for his father's business, Warner Candy, in Chicago. After receiving his law degree he worked for Green Giant in Le Sueur, Minnesota, and from there moved on to Ecolab in Saint Paul. He retired from Ecolab as Vice President of Finance in 1998. Throughout his life John was an active volunteer with many charities and served on boards at Minnehaha Academy, North Park University and the Covenant Church. He loved relaxing at the cabin in Boulder Junction, Wisconsin, walking the beach in Harbert, Michigan and travelling to new places, especially National Parks. John also spent countless hours on the golf course.

John is survived by his wife, Emily; daughters, Hilary (Nathan) Sonstegard, Heidi (Jey) Carlson, Heather Douglass and Holly VanderHyde; grandchildren,

Phillip, Madilynn, Caroline, Emma, Bjorn, Elise, Alexander and Ingrid; siblings, Susan (Martin) Sandstrom, Wylie (Ardyth) and David (Susan); nieces and nephews.

Visitation 4-8 PM Sunday, June 16 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME, 515 Hwy. 96 W., Shoreview.

Memorial service 11AM Monday, June 17 (visitation begins at 10AM) at SALEM COVENANT CHURCH, 2655 5th St. NW, New Brighton. Memorial donations may be given to Minnehaha Academy, Salem Covenant Church or Rein in Sarcoma.

John's family wishes to thank the sarcoma team at the Mayo Clinic, the staff and doctors at St. John's Hospital, Shoreview Allina Clinic, HealthEast Hospice and countless loving and supportive friends and family.

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of John Philip Douglass



December 14, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ John and I were roommates at the Phi Delt house at DePauw and were good friends. Truly enjoyed being with him and Emily last year at our 50th reunion. John was bright, athletic, a very understated leader and an excellent human being. I was so fortunate to know him. His smile is inscribed in my memory. Jay Marshall

Jay Marshall - November 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM



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GertudeDelaney - June 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ May you continually be comforted by thoughts of happier times of precious memories. May God "surround and comfort" you at this sad time. Psalm 71:21.

Lowanda - June 18, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PT

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Patty and Joel Thompson - June 16, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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MW

“ Emily, I'm so sorry to hear of John's passing. He was a wonderful friend during our high school years at North Park Academy. I especially remember his kindness, integrity, humility and sense of humor. I'm sure he continued to show those qualities throughout his life and will be greatly missed by the many people whose lives he touched. My deepest condolences and prayers for you and all your family.



Marion Wennerholm - June 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *John made a huge difference in my life and many others. Going to school with John was awesome because he never flaunted that he was good. I did get a pro contract, as I thought a John would before me. He was instrumental in some way, I know that. God's speed John!* ”



Paul & Lucy Witt - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *John was an outstanding man and Christian who touched many people. This world was a better place because of him. Our love and sympathy to Emily and the family. The following from a card I recently received pretty much says it all to me: No time on earth is long enough to share with those we love or to prepare our hearts for good-bye.* ”



Nicholas P Alban - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *Emily and Family: We are saddened to hear John has passed away. May your precious memories bring comfort and peace at this difficult time.* ”



Lloyd and Shirley Welsh - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Our condolences for your loss. I, Paul, having met John at North Park was quite a great experience. He shepherded me on campus with classroom material to sports (which he was pretty awesome) and girls. I will miss his smile, his tedious questions about life and most of all his kindness. God's speed.

Paul & Lucy Witt - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Love to all the family of John, our beloved cousin. We all aspire to be the fine, upstanding person that he always was. We know his example will be followed by succeeding generations. He will be missed.....The Artnsbargers

Betty Arnsbarger - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of your father, Holly. I never had the privilege of meeting him, but from what I know he was a wonderful man. I know he will be deeply missed and I am praying for you and your whole family during this difficult time. Love, Colleen



Colleen Buran - June 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I am so sad to hear of John's passing.

Jim Lindberg - June 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM