



Douglas C. Williams

October 21, 2015

Doug Williams' was born to Charles and Helen Williams, March 13, 1947, Eldora, Iowa. He graduated from New Providence high school in 1965, Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa in 1969 with a major in physical education and a minor in sociology and drivers education. In 1973, Doug received his master's in education, guidance and counseling degree, and in 1975, education specialist degree in administration from Iowa State University. He began his career at Orient-Macksberg community school as physical education/driver education teacher and coach, 1969-71; then from 1971-74 became guidance counselor/coach at Stuart Menlo.

In 1974-75, he moved to Exira community school as high school principal and athletic director. In 1975, he became junior/senior high school principal at Gilbert community school, then superintendent in 1980. Doug was a shared superintendent between Gilbert and United community school from 1988-92. June 2004, Doug retired from the Gilbert superintendent's position after 29 years of dedicated service to the district. In August 2004, he became Vice-President for Business Services at the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) retiring in July of 2012.

While at both Gilbert and DMACC, Doug provided leadership during times of record enrollment and facility enhancement. He was also involved in many committees with the Area XI Administrator Association. His leadership at DMACC included serving on the Iowa Community College Business Officers Association. During his career, Doug served on many local, state, and

regional boards. Those where he presided as president of the board included: Ames Story County Cyclone Club; Iowa High School Athletic Association Board of Control; United Way; Mid-Iowa Computer Center; and Lions Club. In addition, Doug was very proud of his involvement with Leadership Iowa, School Administrators of Iowa Mentoring program, many Iowa State University committees, and serving as a volunteer youth basketball/baseball coach. Doug met his wife Pam while attending ISU. They married in 1975 and had one son, Christopher, currently residing in San Jose, California. He is also survived by sisters Vicki (Gene) Oxley, Marshalltown; Jane (Steve) Terrill, Ames; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Doug enjoyed working out, boating, swimming, riding bike, tennis, pickle ball, and spending time with family and friends in Clear Lake, Iowa and Peoria, Arizona.

In agreement with his wishes, Doug has donated his body to Mayo Clinic for science research.

A reception to celebrate Doug's life will be held Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, from 1:00 - 3:00 at the DMAACC Career Academy, Hunziker Center, 1420 S. Bell Ave, Ames, Iowa. Pam and Chris look forward to paying tribute to Doug with those who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers and if you choose, memorials can be sent to the Gilbert Education Foundation or Des Moines Area Community College (DMAACC) scholarship fund.

Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City, IA 50401, 641-423-8676
Condolences may be shared with the family at www.Fullertonfh.com, or
Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **15**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

DMACC Career Academy
1420 S. Bell Ave
Ames, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Douglas C. Williams*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Pam and Chris,*

We are so sorry for your loss and pray that you find comfort in knowing that Doug is now at peace with his Savior.

He was such a great friend, fantastic leader, and an inspiration to all of us.

Thru our good times with our kids being friends, all the youth sports events, building your new home, and just having you as wonderful neighbors we will hold on dearly to wonderful memories of Doug.

We regret that we will not end up being to make it to the celebration this Sunday but want you to know that we do very much celebrate all the good things in life that Doug has been so very much a part of. May God continue to richly bless both of you!

Rich and Marla Lepper - Austin, Ryan, and Chelsie

Rich Lepper - November 13, 2015 at 02:50 PM

SL

“ It is with great sadness as we heard of the home going of Doug. We recall several memories of his time with us in Gilbert and Ames, on the school board, school happenings and worshipping with you at church.

Stan has nothing but respectful memories of working with Doug, in his very professional manner while on the school board.

We will be unable to attend his Ames reception but wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and Chris. Doug put on a very good fight against this dreadful disease and you are to be commended for the way you stood by him. He will be missed. We pray God's comforting hand be with you in your grief.

If we can be of help to you in any way, please feel free to call on us.

*Sincerely,
Stan and Lucille Lahm*

Stan and Lucille Lahm - November 13, 2015 at 11:06 AM

BD

“ Pam & Family -
Our sincerest sympathies on the passing of Doug. Bev & I considered it a privilege to enjoy his friendship, to work with Doug on the IHSAA Board of Control, and to observe his special leadership skills. His life was one of service with dignity impacting all who knew him.

We are saddened by his loss. May God's arms of love support you and the entire family during these challenging days.

Bev & Les Douma

Bev & Les Douma - November 02, 2015 at 11:28 AM

TW

“ Pam and Christopher, we were deeply saddened to hear of Doug's passing. He was a wonderful person. We fondly remember our times together in Squaw Valley. You have our deepest sympathy.
Tony and Linda Weber

Tony and Linda Weber - October 31, 2015 at 05:57 PM

DA

“ I am shocked and very sad to learn of Doug's passing. Doug and I were in the Leadership Iowa class of 2003-2004 and had many wonderful discussions on a variety of topics. Our friendship continued as we served on the Leadership Iowa Board of Directors together. Doug touched hundreds of lives throughout his career and will be greatly missed!

Dan Anderson

Dan Anderson - October 31, 2015 at 07:27 AM

DF

“ Pam & Chris: Seems like just last week we were playing "late night basketball" at the "SLAB" in New Providence... or playing baseball with the Rash boys & Ron Reese in the summer, after we had picked up pocket money by mowing lawns. Shortly we had graduation behind us and all 22 of us went our separate ways to find our way into adulthood professions. Doug was always the natural athlete and leader, both in the community and his profession... He will not be forgotten.....but will be missed greatly. I have often found comfort in a quote from the book Tuesdays with Maury: "Death ends a life, but it never ends a relationship."

Dennis Fuller
NP class of ^%

Dennis Fuller - October 27, 2015 at 04:41 PM

DF

Thats NP Class of 65

Dennis Fuller - October 27, 2015 at 04:43 PM

JK

“*"Doug is a shining star from his hometown, New Providence. Doug's family lived down the street from us. In small towns you knew everyone. Even though younger than my siblings, we all knew the Williams family. Doug was outstanding in whatever he did. His friendly smile, gregarious personality, and strong work ethic took him far. He left a legacy in whatever he accomplished and will be missed by many. My sympathies go out to his family for their loss.*

Judy Chance Kilzer

Judy Kilzer - October 26, 2015 at 09:02 PM

CM

“*I'm so sorry to hear of Doug's passing. So many of us are very grateful for all of Doug's work at DMACC. I'm glad to have worked with him as he was a real class act. Certainly, the legacy of his family and his work proceed him.*

Condolences to all of his family and friends.

*Carrie Morris
DMACC Faculty*

Carrie Morris - October 26, 2015 at 11:26 AM

KL

“ Pam and Chris,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Doug was one of a kind, and loved and respected by students, teachers and colleagues everywhere he worked- and beyond. We lost one of our brightest stars in education, and we miss him every day at DMACC. We know that Doug's kindness and sense of humor live on through you and all those that he touched.

Kim and Steve Linduska

Kim Linduska - October 26, 2015 at 10:04 AM

BF

“ Doug was a wonderful person in every sense of the word. We were proud to work with him at DMACC and will miss him in Clear Lake. We'll always see his smile at Starboard Market, at City Park gatherings and in our hearts. Praying for your family's peace and comfort through your countless memories of Doug.

Bob and Nancy Frisk

Bob & Nancy Frisk - October 26, 2015 at 08:24 AM

CW

“ Pam & Christopher,
I am so sorry for your lost. Even though I was very young, I have very fond memories of you as neighbors in Squaw Valley. I know Doug holds a very special place in your heart and will always be near. He will live on in your memories always. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cassy Weber

CASSY WEBER - October 25, 2015 at 07:42 PM

CJ

“ Pam and Chris,
So sorry to see this news. I don't think I ever met Doug, but Pam I remember hearing of so many fun things you did as a family; I hope all those memories comfort you. He accomplished so much and leaves a great legacy, Peace and hugs to you - Cindi Jorstad

Cindi Jorstad - October 25, 2015 at 04:14 PM

JR

“ Dear Pam and Chris,
Our thoughts and prayers are with both of you at this very hard and sad time. Our deepest sympathy is with you.
Lynn and Jean Rahfeldt

Jean Rahfeldt - October 24, 2015 at 09:30 PM

VS

“ Doug was a wonderful role model and professional sounding board for many school administrators. I treasured his friendship. Veronica Stalker

veronica stalker - October 24, 2015 at 03:58 PM

MM

“ Dearest Pam, even though we have only known you and Doug for several years since moving to Peoria, we feel as if we have lost a very dear friend. We will cherish all the various fun things we did together and the many laughs we shared. You are in our prayers as you mourn the loss of such a wonderful person. Hugs from you southern friends Hugh and Meg.

Meg Morgan - October 24, 2015 at 02:46 PM

RB

“ It was my pleasure to work with Doug during my time as an administrator in the Roland-Story Schools. We also worked together officiating both basketball and softball during that time. Doug was always someone that I looked forward to spending time with, whether it was professional time or simply friendship time.

Roger Bohning; Springfield, MO

roger bohning - October 24, 2015 at 09:49 AM

CH

“ Dear Pam and Chris our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

I was proud to serve with Doug on the IHSAA Board of Control, Doug was a leader and work hared to make the Association better.

We will miss his great smile and positive approach to life. He made a person feel special.

Most of all Doug was a great family man.

Sincerely, Chuck Van Hecke

Chuck Van Hecke - October 24, 2015 at 09:03 AM

AG

“ It doesn't seem possible that Doug is gone. He was so vibrant, athletic and energetic. We have wonderful memories of Doug and will miss our conversations about college basketball. Pam ~ our hearts ache for you and your son, Chris.

Anne & Fred Gedelman

Anne Gedelman - October 24, 2015 at 08:28 AM

JL

“ Dear Pam & Chris - Please accept my condolences on the loss of your husband and father. It's been many years since I was at Gilbert High School, but when I was teaching, I kept Doug in mind as my role model. He seemed to always know what was going on, had an open door policy, was easy to talk to, didn't treat us like children, and had a gentle sense of humor. When I went away to college, he took the time to write a personal letter to my new college advisor that was touching and funny at the same time and the new advisor got a big kick out of it. Not many principals, then or now, would take the time to do that.

Doug was a class act all around, and I am so very, very sorry for your loss.

Jill Lamp

Gilbert High School, Class of 1981

Jill Lamp - October 24, 2015 at 12:48 AM

MT

“ Pam,
I am saddened to hear of Doug's passing. He was a very conscientious, dedicated, and sincere public servant. Most of all, he was very approachable and kind. He has been missed since his retirement from DMACC.

In sympathy,

Madelyn Tursi

DMACC Board Member

Madelyn Tursi - October 23, 2015 at 06:54 PM

PH

“ Pam, you have our heartfelt sympathy. A mutual friend shared news about Doug recently. We remember fondly our times together in Las Vegas, Arizona and of course Iowa. Doug and Phil shared many life experiences in school administration, and volunteer organizations.
Phil & Jan Hintz

Phil & Jan Hintz - October 23, 2015 at 03:54 PM

RD

“ What an AMAZING guy!! We think of Doug every day as we look around DMACC at all the people and places he touched. He made all our lives better and will be missed.

Rob Denson - October 23, 2015 at 02:39 PM

RF

“ Pam, you and Chris are in our thoughts and prayers.



Rebecca Funke - October 23, 2015 at 11:55 AM

SS

“ We are so sorry to learn of Doug's passing. Our prayers go out to his family. I have known Doug since the 70's and when I became Superintendent of the New Providence School, where I had the great privilege of knowing his mother, Helen, which gave us something else to talk about besides education! I always enjoyed visiting with and working with Doug in the various capacities of our associations. Doug was well respected by his colleagues in Iowa during his many years of service, not only as an educational professional, but more so as a kind and thoughtful gentleman!

Steve & Connie Swanson
Lake Ozark, MO.

Steve & Connie Swanson - October 23, 2015 at 11:36 AM

AO

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to all of you in this difficult time!

Andie (Griffith) Olson and family



Andie Olson - October 23, 2015 at 10:44 AM

MC

“ Dear Pam and Chris - We were saddened to hear of Doug's passing. It has been a few years since our girls (Lisa and Chelle) went through the Gilbert school system but because of Doug's leadership it was the best years of their lives. We think of our "Gilbert" family often. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike and Diane Childs / Nevis, MN

Mike & Diane Childs - October 23, 2015 at 10:40 AM

LK

“ Jane and family - I'm deeply saddened by your loss. It's so hard to lose someone that is so special and has meant so much to many many people over the years. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

I truly admire him and your family for helping find a potential cure by his donation to Mayo Clinic. May his passing bring about a cure for others - and continue to keep his memory shining bright for all.

*love and hugs to you,
Laura*



Laura Knowles - October 23, 2015 at 09:34 AM

SR

“ Many prayers for the Williams family!

Stacey (McDowall) Ray - October 23, 2015 at 09:28 AM

SP

“ Sarah Page lit a candle in memory of Douglas C. Williams



Sarah Page - October 23, 2015 at 06:46 AM

SP

“ So sorry for your loss. I am a 1990 gilbert grad and Mr Williams had no reason to know me or my name, but he did. I always thought that was nice, he made me feel special!



Sarah Page - October 23, 2015 at 06:46 AM

SA

“ Thank you for all that you did for the Gilbert community, Mr. Williams. To say you will be missed is quite the understatement.




Sara Alspach - October 23, 2015 at 02:04 AM

CN

“ My girls started at Gilbert when there was only one section of K-3.. The classes were getting really large so I did some homework and brought in over 100 studies that showed that if you keep your classes small in K- 3 you will end up with better readers and math students and can then have larger classes from grades 4 and up. He listened and apparently read many of the articles because he took that information to the Gilbert Board and the next year they hired more teachers for K-3. I was so impressed with how he listened and did what he knew was important for our students. Our country could sure use someone like Doug in the White House!!

Chris Neary - October 22, 2015 at 10:06 PM

 Katy Skjoldal

“ Katy Skjoldal lit a candle in memory of Douglas C. Williams



Katy Skjoldal - October 22, 2015 at 09:51 PM

MP

“ Doug and I go back several year. We were in Grad school @ ISU. I visited him @ Stuart- Menlo when I first started @ DMACC. He was a Simpson grad and I did my first 2 yrs. there before transferring to ISU were I finished my BS and MS plus additional certifications. I worked with Doug and his fellow superintendents through Heartland during the implantation of the Vocational Standards Act. We also worked together @ DMACC when he came as our VP for Business operations.

We have fond memories of our shared love of the ISU Cyclones and sat near he and Pam @ many basketball games in Hilton Coliseum.

It's difficult to remember what a vibrant contributor he was in the field of education and all the time an effort he put into making every place he served a richer, more vibrant place for students and staff. His life was much too short on this earth, but he left it a Much better place.

Our hearts ache for Pam and Chris.

With love, caring and HUGS.

Mike and Betty Perry

Mike Perry - October 22, 2015 at 06:12 PM

SC

“ Dear Pam and Christopher,
We are heartsick of reading the news of Doug's passing. A truly remarkable, wonderful man. We will always think of him with his wonderful smile and encouraging words for everyone he was in contact with. Our prayers for you both as each day passes without your dear husband/father.
In sympathy, Sue & Bill Cronin

Sue Cronin - October 22, 2015 at 01:12 PM

JK

“ I'm very grateful for Mr. Williams and his leadership at Gilbert High School. He was a steady, quiet, but encouraging presence and casts a long shadow of influence over so many of our lives. My prayers are with his family and friends in their grief.

John Kitchen - October 22, 2015 at 11:42 AM

BL

“ Pam & Chris - My thoughts and prayers are with you always. Doug was such a fabulous person and friend. Always a gentleman. May your memories minister to your healing process as you recall how he lived his life.

Bud Legg - October 22, 2015 at 10:12 AM

DS

“ Mr Williams leaves an amazing legacy. He helped to shape the future through the students of Gilbert High School. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Deanna Barber Sargent - October 22, 2015 at 09:49 AM

WW

“ So sorry to hear about Doug. He had such a strong work ethic and was so focused on whatever he undertook. We had a lot of fun participating in athletics together and enjoyed competing at the Iowa Games against each other. He was a good man. I will miss him.

Wayne Wilson - October 22, 2015 at 09:41 AM

KO

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about Doug's passing. He was such a great person, and a kind man. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Kerin Overturf
GHS Class of 1974*

Kerin Overturf - October 22, 2015 at 08:15 AM