



Douglas C. Wangelin

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Douglas Charles Wangelin (also known as J.R.), age 45, of Waupaca, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on December 15, 2025, after his battle with brain cancer.

He was born on August 6, 1980, in Waupaca, Wisconsin, the son of Douglas A. Wangelin and Ada M. (Martochko) Wangelin. Doug grew up in Waupaca, where he participated in youth baseball and the Awana youth program. During high school, he worked at the Red Mill providing lawn care services for the owner. He graduated from Maranatha Home School in 2000. Shortly after high school, Doug met and married the love of his life, Regina K. (Hoss), on March 24, 2002, in Amherst, Wisconsin. The two made their home in Waupaca and raised their five beautiful children there.

In his early adult years, Doug worked at Anthony Farms and Trail-et, before making his career at Waupaca Foundry, where he spent 12 years, most recently working in the Maintenance Department.

Doug found great joy in the outdoors. He treasured his camping and fishing trips to Minocqua, where he created lasting memories with those he loved. He was passionate about deer hunting, snowmobiling, shooting guns, attending stock car races, watching movies, gardening, and cheering on his children at their sporting events. Above all, spending time with his family and friends brought Doug the greatest fulfillment and happiness.

Doug was also incredibly talented at fixing any type of motor or engine—he was always working on something. His joy and love touched everyone he met. With a gentle spirit and kind heart, he reflected God's love through every smile and act of compassion. He was a patriot, and his faith, family, and country were of the utmost importance to him.

He was a devoted Christian, husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He leaves behind his cherished wife of 23 years, Regina, and their five beloved children: Elijah (Rose) Wangelin of



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Appleton, WI, and Samuel, Kimberlie, Alexander, and Aaron Wangelin of Waupaca. He is also survived by his father, Douglas A. Wangelin of Waupaca; his older sister, Angelica (Rob) Johnson, and their children, Grace, August, and Ezra, of Waupaca; and his younger sister, Amy (Michael) Luellen, and their children, Eleanore, Ryan, and Cameron, also of Waupaca.

He is further survived by his Uncle Larry and Aunt Janet Martochko of Fremont, WI; Aunt Barbara (Wangelin) Pankratz of Glidden, WI; Uncle Donald and Aunt Diane Wangelin of Glidden, WI; and Uncle Gale Borchardt of Waupaca, WI. He also leaves behind his cousins, including Ann (Martochko) (Kurt) Pamprin of Manawa, WI; Mary (Martochko) Keehn of Fremont, WI; Michael Martochko of Port Charlotte, FL; Paul (Deb) Brazil of Winona, MN; Jeff (Sue) Pankratz of Glidden, WI; Tammy (Pankratz) (Jerome) Mortimer of Glidden, WI; Randy (Sarah) Pankratz of Mellen, WI; Gregg Wangelin of Glidden, WI; and Stacey (Wangelin) Shepski of Arbor Vitae, WI, along with many other cherished relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles J. and Ada C. (Powell) Martochko and Lawrence and Irene (Knoke) Wangelin; his mother, Ada M. (Martochko) Wangelin; his aunt, Bonnie L. (Wangelin) Borchardt; his uncles, Donald Pankratz and Bruce Wangelin; and his cousin, Michelle L. (Martochko) Brazil.

Doug faced his cancer with the same tenacity and grace that defined his life. He leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and courage that will continue to inspire all who knew him. He will be remembered for his gentle, loving spirit, and his deep love for God, family, and country.

A celebration of life service will be held at Victory Church of Waupaca on January 3, 2026. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with the memorial service to follow.

Thank you to everyone who has prayed, helped, and supported our family through this difficult journey. To God be the glory! Romans 8:28



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Memorial Visitation


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 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

 **Victory Church**
E3443 Apple Tree Lane, Waupaca WI 54981

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DO

Dusty, Maranda & Adey Oliver sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Wangelin family.

January 1 at 3:39 AM



UJ

Uncle Larry & Aunt Janet sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wangelin family.

December 31 at 5:26 AM



AC

Amy, Mike, Ellie, Ryan, And Cameron sent a Large Basket Garden to the Wangelin family.

December 30 at 2:17 PM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Wangelin family.

December 30 at 1:15 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wangelin family.

December 22 at 4:41 PM



NL

Nate And Jen Lenz planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Douglas.

December 22 at 4:41 PM





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Sharon Engle Danke posted:

I am so sorry for your families loss. Did was indeed, everything his obituary says. I don' didn't know him as well as Regina but what I did see of Doug was a Christian man who put God and family first. It was a pleasure working along side the family when they moved to where they live today. My sympathies go out to his family. I am praying for you all.

December 22 at 10:03 AM



Mary Hoss posted:

I don't have one particular memory I want to share about Doug. But he was my son-in-law and I loved him dearly. Through the years we grew very close and our relationship, I believe, was precious to both of us. Doug and I could literally talk about anything. He was a wonderful young man, loved his family as much as anybody I've ever known, and he faced these last 'very trying' eight years with a tremendous measure of grace and peace.... the Peace of God, which passes our understanding. Through the years, as I would help the family out with babysitting, with transportation to school and to doctors' appointments, etc., he was ALWAYS so polite and genuinely thankful for the help. He never failed to say thank you for anything that someone did for him. That's a very special attribute that not everyone cares about or practices. Doug also had a great sense of humor, and we shared many laughs along the way these last 24 years that he was in our lives. I will miss him so much now. But I'm very thankful that he is with Jesus and not here suffering in any measure at all. Hallelujah!! Truly, he is free! "Thank You, Lord Jesus."

December 22 at 6:54 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Douglas by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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