

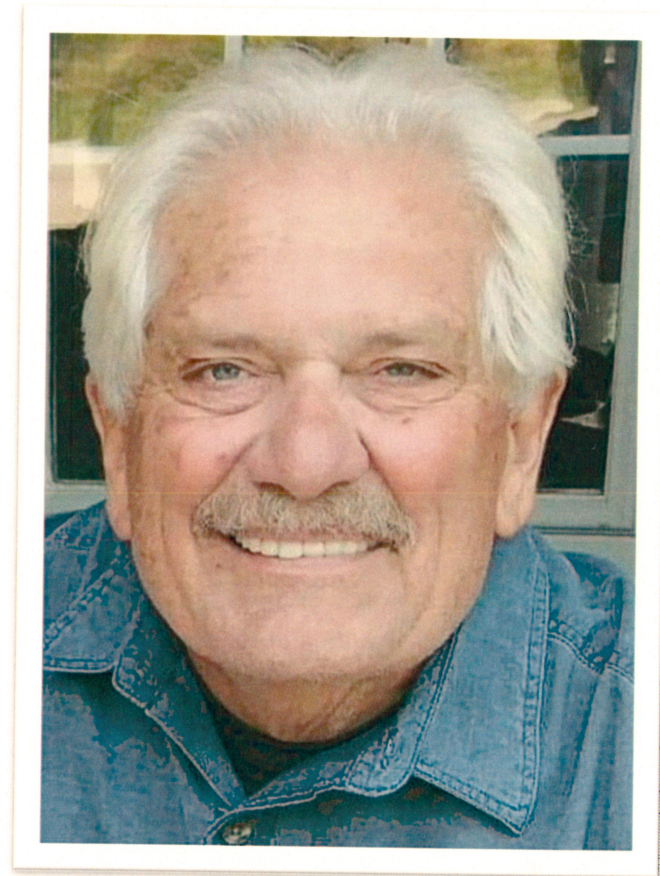
If Tomorrow Starts Without Me

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see.
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today.
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, and
each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, that an
angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand
And said my place was ready, in heaven far above, and that
I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye,
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, it seemed almost
impossible, that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad, I thought of all
that we had shared, and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while, I'd say good-bye
and kiss you and maybe see you smile.
But then I fully realized, that this could never be, for emptiness
and memories, would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you."
Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last, and since each day
is the same way, there's no longing for the past.
You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true. Though there were
times you did some things, you knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven, and now at last you're free. So won't you come
and take my hand, and share my life with me
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

Author Unknown



*In Loving Memory
Doug Huitink*



*February 15, 1950
November 10, 2020*

Henry Douglas Huitink, better know as Doug or “Whip”, was born on February 15, 1950, in Orange City, Iowa, the son of Willard and Bert (Den Ouden) Huitink. He attended elementary school in Sioux Center, Iowa, though the family relocated to Ireton, Iowa when Doug was young. Doug graduated from West Sioux Community School District in 1968 where earned all-state football honors his senior year and is a charter member of the West Sioux High School Athletic Hall of Fame. In addition to his athletic ability Doug had a beautiful singing voice and held lead roles in the schools’ musical productions of “Oklahoma”, Henry Higgins in “My Fair Lady” and Captain Andy in “Show Boat”. He was an often requested wedding singer.

After graduating from West Sioux High School, Doug attended Morningside College graduating in 1972. Doug played football for Morningside in the North Central Conference where he boasted about being the smallest starting offensive tackle in the conference, and he was known for his “small but mighty” toughness. Doug was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, and maintained a very close circle of Morningside alums as friends throughout his life. Doug was the consummate Morningside fan, regularly attending Mustang (formerly Chief’s) sporting events, including the 2018 NAIA Football Championship.

After college Doug taught history and coached football and wrestling at East High School in Sioux City, IA. He also coached football at Morningside College before joining Wilson Trailer Company in 1977. Doug had a long and distinguished career at Wilson Trailer Company retiring in 2017. During that time, Doug was promoted to Western Regional Sales Manager, MuvAll Sales Manager, and Flatbed Product Manager. Doug continued to consult for Wilson Trailer after he retired. Doug was deeply respected and loved by his Wilson Trailer colleagues and customers.

Doug was an avid fisherman, pheasant and duck hunter, and Harley-Davidson motorcycle rider. He was a self-described “Walleye King” and tales of his fishing prowess during family vacations to Leech Lake in Minnesota, and his stories of Chief Ottopobe are often repeated at family gatherings. Doug was a dog lover and traveled with his beloved canine companions often. He also went on frequent motorcycle trips with his gang of Harley-riding friends, “el Grupo”. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Braves fan, and made those allegiances very apparent to all who knew him.

Most of all, Doug was the consummate family man. He was a beloved father to Kara; grandpa to Cameron and Andre Coquillon; son to Willard and Bert; brother to Kim and Terry Huitink; father-in-law to Reggie Coquillon; stepfather to Ben Jacobs, Tosha Jacobs, Graham Garnos and Garrett Garnos; husband to Teresa Beckman; and, uncle, brother-in-law, and loving relative to so many more. Doug spent much of life attending family sporting events and other activities. He portrayed Santa Claus at family Christmas gatherings. Most recently he enjoyed multiple trips to Arizona enjoying time with his daughter Kara, her husband Reggie and his two grandsons. He passed away unexpectedly at Mercy Medical in Sioux City on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. He sustained a traumatic brain injury after a fall.

Doug is survived by his daughter, Kara (Reggie) Huitink Coquillon; grandchildren, Cameron and Andre Coquillon; sister, Kim Huitink (Dave) Hegeud; step children, Garret Garnos, Graham Garnos, Ben Jacobs and Tosha Jacobs; nephews, Michael (Sandy) Huitink, Jonathan (Melissa) Huitink, Daniel (Jenna) Huitink, Zachary (Chelsea) Huitink, Drew Sikkink and Jay (Brittany) Sikkink. Also, great nephews and nieces and many cousins from the Huitink and Den Ouden families.

Doug was preceded in death by his father, Willard; mother, Bert; father-in-law William Kutler; brother, Terry; sister-in-law, Kathleen (Gaul) Huitink; and brother-in-law, Daniel Butler. “Whip” now joins those who preceded him in heaven, and he will be sorely missed by the family and friends who are now mourning his passing.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Sunday, October 24, 2021

Ireton Community Center

Ireton, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Gerald Norman

Ireton First Reformed Church

SOLOIST

Connie Koopmans

“Amazing Grace”

INURNMENT

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

*Please join Doug’s family for lunch and fellowship
at the Community Center following the committal service.*