



# Douglas James Danckaert

April 4, 1974 - December 21, 2024

Douglas James Danckaert, age 50, of Zeeland, Michigan passed on to eternal glory on December 21, 2024.

Born April 4, 1974, to William Danckaert and Kathryn Danckaert; Doug grew up in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. He attended Catholic school until graduation after which he attended Central Michigan University graduating in 1996 with a degree in Computer Integrated Manufacturing. Doug began his career at Gentex Corporation in May of 1996 where he remained until his death. His final role was Facilities Project Manager, a position he thrived in. Doug's influence on processes, the buildings and the people at Gentex was deep.

In 1997, Doug married Lynel Lambert. Together they raised two children, Dustin and Catelyn, and as a family enjoyed traveling adventures, family dinners, and innumerable laughs. They enjoyed watching the Red Wings together and rang in 2024 by attending a Griffins hockey game. Family was Doug's top priority. Known for his one-liners, Doug entertained himself and all who surrounded him with his sneaky wit. He was especially thoughtful and constantly put others before himself. His legacy of kindness, thoughtfulness, love, and compassion lives on through everyone he impacted.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Lynel Danckaert; son, Dustin Danckaert; daughter, Catelyn Danckaert; sister, Jennifer (Tim Easterling)

Danckaert; brother-in-law, Gary and Lesa Lambert; sister-in-law, Lisa and Tom Fluder; brother-in-law, Chris Lambert and Cate Jorgens; mother, Kathy Danckaert; father, Bill and Theresa Danckaert; father and mother in-law, Jim and Sally Lambert; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation with the family is 4:00-7:00 pm on Friday, December 27, 2024, at Faith Reformed Church, 220 West Central Ave., Zeeland, MI 49464.

Celebration of Life service to be at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 28, 2024, also at Faith Reformed Church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The American Cancer Society Melanoma Foundation at <https://melanomafoundation.org/donate> or be mail to 8929 University Center Lane, Suite 202, San Diego, CA, 92122 or other related foundations.

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# Tribute Wall

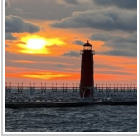


“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Douglas James Danckaert* ”



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**Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes** - December 26, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of Doug. Knowing him for close to eight years allowed me to appreciate the thoughtful and engaging person he was.

*I always enjoyed our discussions, whether they were about the technicalities of Gentex operations or the craftsmanship involved in the sailboats I build. As an engineer, Doug's perspective was one I highly respected, and his genuine interest in the details of my work was something I truly valued.*

*Through my connection with his sister, I was fortunate to share personal moments with Doug, particularly during memorable times at Canada Creek Ranch. Hiking together or simply relaxing while watching movies provided wonderful opportunities to get to know him better. A specific, vivid memory is of Doug driving us—Jen, Kathy, Catelyn, Dustin, Lynell, and myself—through the backcountry in his SUV. The shared experience of searching for, spotting, and quietly admiring the bull elk together stands out as a testament to those enjoyable times.*

*Losing Doug is a profound loss. He was someone whose insights I valued and whose company I genuinely enjoyed. My deepest sympathies are with your family as you navigate this sorrowful time.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

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**Michael Couillard** - April 15, 2025 at 10:27 PM

KD

“ It was one of the highlights of our annual trips to Michigan, to be able to visit with Doug and the family. A very sweet man who made us laugh with his quiet humor. He is already missed. Rest well sweet Doug.

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**Katy Danckaert** - January 07, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.

December 27, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.



December 27, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.



December 26, 2024 at 10:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.

December 26, 2024 at 10:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.

December 26, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.



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December 26, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.

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December 26, 2024 at 02:32 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.



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December 26, 2024 at 02:32 PM

DV

“ I was so grieved to hear that Doug had passed. I remember seeing him dropping off flowers for Lynel at the library or pizza for Dustin and hearing about family vacations, all showing how close you are as a family. Just working with Dustin for so long and meeting Catelyn are testimonies to Doug's faithful fathering in raising his children into two responsible, pleasant, respectful and loving adults.

Being so close a family makes this so much harder to bear because of the big hole his passing leaves, and yet the paradox is that at the same time it is easier because you are able to support and share the loss with each other.

What a blessing to know he is with the Lord and one day you will see him again, healthy and whole. My prayers are with you as you walk the journey of grief before you, asking God to strengthen you and give you peace.

With caring thoughts, Debbie Vojak

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**Debra Vojak** - December 26, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.

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December 26, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.



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December 26, 2024 at 12:57 PM

HF

“ *Howey Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.*



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**Howey Family** - December 26, 2024 at 12:27 PM

AM

“ *Aurea Danckaert and Chauncey McHargue purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.*



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**Aurea Danckaert and Chauncey McHargue** - December 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM

AM

“ *Aurea Danckaert and Chauncey McHargue planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.*

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**Aurea Danckaert and Chauncey McHargue** - December 26, 2024 at 10:07 AM

AC

“ *All of us at Bouma Corp. purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.*



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**All of us at Bouma Corp.** - December 25, 2024 at 04:19 PM

LS

“ *Loving prayers, Jennifer Moore & Shaun purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.*



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**Loving prayers, Jennifer Moore & Shaun** - December 24, 2024  
at 01:41 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.*



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December 24, 2024 at 07:40 AM

MH

“ *Carl and I feel so bad in the loss of your Husband Doug. Know you are in our pray.  
God Bless You and family.*

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**Mr and Mrs Carl Hikade** - December 23, 2024 at 04:19 PM

GL

“ *Gary Leasa Lambert purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.*



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**Gary Leasa Lambert** - December 23, 2024 at 03:25 PM

GL

“ Gary Leasa Lambert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.

Gary Leasa Lambert - December 23, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.

December 23, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.



December 23, 2024 at 02:47 PM

DA

“ Dad purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.



Dad - December 23, 2024 at 02:45 PM

HD

“ H.L. Bolkema Decorating planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.

H.L. Bolkema Decorating - December 23, 2024 at 10:49 AM

HD

“ H.L. Bolkema Decorating purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.



H.L. Bolkema Decorating - December 23, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.

December 23, 2024 at 08:25 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.



December 23, 2024 at 08:25 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.



December 22, 2024 at 11:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Douglas James Danckaert.

December 22, 2024 at 11:27 PM

MV

“ *Mike, Melissa & Nolan Veldheer purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Douglas James Danckaert.*



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**Mike, Melissa & Nolan Veldheer** - December 22, 2024 at 11:01 PM