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Farewell, dear friend...

The rendering industry is mourning the loss of a great leader, colleague, and friend. With his family by his side, Doug Anderson passed away on September 25, 2007, one month after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He was 60 years old.

A fourth-generation renderer, Doug devoted 45 years to the industry, beginning as a teenager working in his father's Indianhead Rendering plant in Wisconsin. During his career, he held leadership positions with several companies, including Milwaukee Tallow, Stord-Bartz (which later became Atlas-Stord and is now Haarslev), Darling International, American Proteins, and most recently with Smithfield Foods and Smithfield Bioenergy. Doug was very committed to the industry's associations, serving as National Renderers Association (NRA) chairman in 2004 and 2005 and president of the World Renderers Organization from 2005 until July 2007. He was also passionately involved with many NRA committees and a big supporter of Render magazine.

Besides his dedication to the industry, Doug is also remembered for his warm smile, his playful laughter, and his sincere thoughtfulness for others. Whether it was carrying a damaged suitcase for a harried editor, or sharing a book he found empowering, he was a true gentleman. He is truly loved and will be sorely missed by all who knew him, especially his loving wife of 36 years, Susan, daughter Helene, sons Lincoln and Alex, his mother, Viola, and other numerous family and friends.

Rest in peace, dear friend. You will forever remain in our hearts.

The Anderson family requests those wishing to can make a donation in memory of Douglas P. Anderson to the Duke University Medical Center, Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center, Dr. Johanna Bendell/Pancreatic Cancer Research, P.O. Box 3505, Durham, NC 27710, www.cancer.duke.edu/modules/cancer/index.php?id=9.