Roland "Douglas" Hovenden, age 80, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at his home on Fort Myers Beach, Fla.

Doug was born August 31, 1938, in Shenandoah, Iowa, to the late Roland Cavour and Berniece Margaret (VanWyngarden) Hovenden. He attended Shenandoah schools, Southwest Missouri State and Iowa State University where he graduated January 1962. He began his teaching career in Graettinger, Iowa, as a Vocational Agricultural Instructor, continuing his teaching in Grinnell, Iowa, 1964-1966. He joined DeKalb Genetics as a District Manager in 1966, moving to Monticello, Iowa, St. Cloud, Minn., Rochester, Ind., Grinnell, Iowa, and finally to Bloomington, Ill., 1981-1999 as a Regional Manager.

Doug is survived by his wife of 56 years, Kathie Lou (Rodgers) Hovenden of Knoxville, Iowa, and their three children, Kayla Karee (Douglas) Hill of Skaneateles, N.Y., Todd Douglas (Claudia) Hovenden, Bloomington, Ill., and Jodi Jane (Steven) Sackel of Williamsville, N.Y.; his grandchildren, Drake Hill; Katherine Hill, Connor Hill, Taylor Hill, Max Hovenden, Gabriella Hovenden, Cole Sackel, Cooper Sackel and Olive Sackel; two brothers Willam Edwin Hovenden and Robert Alan Hovenden; and one sister Donna Karee Henshaw. His family and friends will miss Doug who was so full of love and compassion. Helping others and being a good husband, father, grandfather and friend were definitely at the top of his list...he was loved by many.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 24, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bloomington, Ill. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice, Attn: Donations, 9470 Healthpark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908. For further information, please visit www.fortmyersmemorial.com.