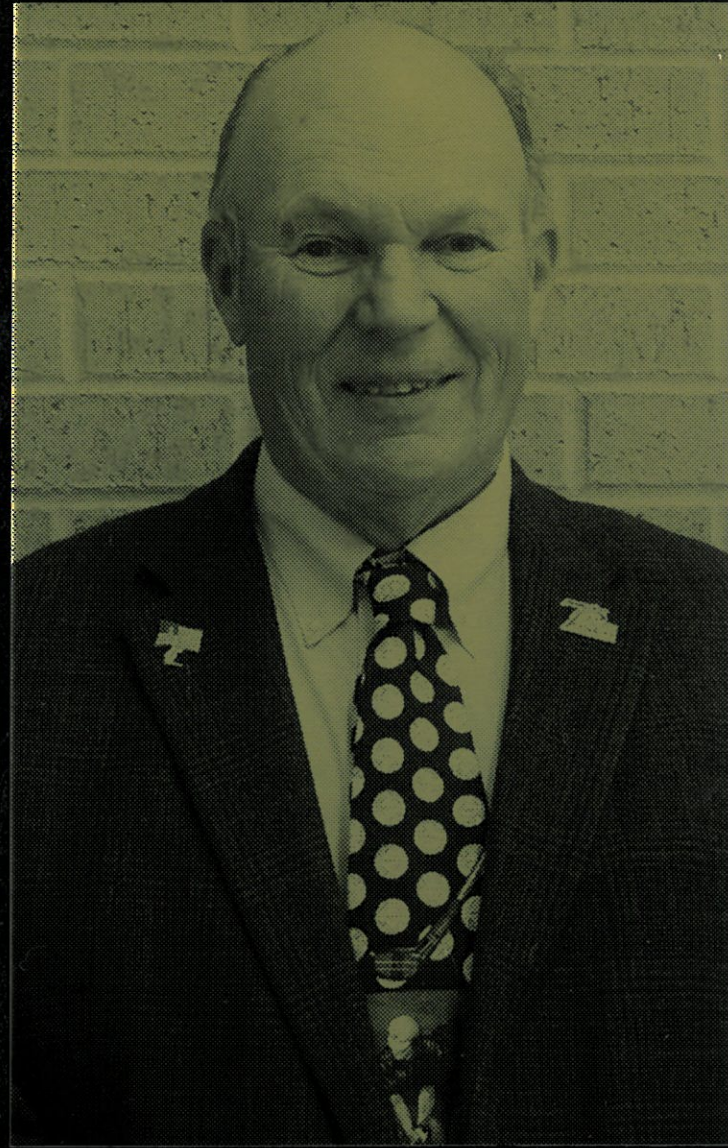


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DOUGLAS ALLEN

Douglas Allen was born in Green Bay. At the age of 2 he moved to Little Suamico, when his parents bought the Allen family farm from his grandparents. When he turned six he started school at Little Suamico Elementary, graduating from 8th grade in 1961.

At Oconto Falls High School Doug was involved in the National Honor Society and served as FFA Secretary. He has many fond memories of friends and events from Oconto Falls High School, even 50 years after his graduation in 1965.

After high school Doug attended the University of Wisconsin Green Bay at the Dockner Avenue campus. After two years of college, he realized that farming was in his blood. Not wanting to have a career behind a desk, he formed a partnership with his parents and began his lifelong connection with agriculture.

Doug met the love of his life, Susan Steier, at a dance. Two years later they were married in October of 1969. Their family grew with the birth of twins in July of 1970. Five more children followed over the next 15 years. When Doug's parents retired in 1979, Doug and Sue bought the farm and became the fourth generation of the family to own the Allen Homestead.

Despite being a busy farmer and family man, Doug found time to pursue his interest in public service. Starting with the Little Suamico Volunteer Fire Department, Doug began a lifetime devotion to community activities. While his children were in school Doug served 12 years on the Oconto Falls School Board. He and Sue also helped organize a 4-H club in Little Suamico that continues today.

A strong advocate for local dairy farmers, Doug was a board member of the Oconto County Farm Service Agency for 18 years. As his community began to change with farmland being sold for development, Doug worked with other concerned citizens to establish the Little Suamico Zoning commission to help guide the community into a better future. Doug served on the Little Suamico Town board for 8 years and a member of the Oconto Electric Cooperative board for more than 31 years.

In 2013, at the age of 66, Doug moved into semi retirement. He sold the dairy operation but continues to crop farm and raise young stock. He stays busy with his Oliver tractor collection, being active role in his community, and spending quality time with his 7 children and 12 grandchildren.