



## William Charles Engle

April 1, 1938 - July 28, 2016

William 'Bill' Charles Engle, 78, of Traverse City, passed away at Arbor House after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Bill was born April 1, 1938 in Detroit, MI to Robert and June (Drew) Engle. He grew up in Livonia and graduated from Bentley High School. Bill worked at Burrow's in the electrical engineering department and the banking/accounting department.

Bill devoted countless hours to working with children, teaching music, and volunteering with the TC Music Boosters and the TC Library.

He is survived by his brother James Engle of Spain; niece Tracy Engle of New York; nephew Mark Engle of New York.

He was preceded in death by his father Robert Engle; mother June (Drew) Engle, and aunt Thelma Hoag.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 3 p.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, with visitation beginning at 2 p.m. Greg Harger will officiate the service.

Memorial donations in Bill's name can be made to Hospice House, 1105 Sixth Street, Traverse City, MI 49684 or Grand Traverse Dyslexia Association, 735 S Garfield Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49686.

# Comments

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“ As a committed volunteer at the Traverse Area District Library Bill spent many hours on various projects at both the Carnegie Library on Sixth Street, the Woodmere Avenue library and the East Bay Branch Library.

His cheerfulness and smile would always brighten up the day. He will be missed.

My condolences to the family.

Katheryn Carrier  
Reference Librarian @ TADL

**K Carrier** - August 30, 2016 at 01:43 PM

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“ Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of Bill. He was a real friend to me when as a young student nurse I came to Herman Kiefer Hospital as part of my nurses' education in 1962, Detroit was a great big city to this farm girl and this was my first experience to be away from my family for so long. Bill and the Tenniswoods filled my free days with good fellowship and company. I remember him as kind, full of humor, very talented and with a special and giving heart. Appreciated all the tributes written to him. Time, distance and experiences separated us, but I do not forget his faith and integrity and the special encouragement and help he was in our young years. Glad I met and knew him.

Verna (Bosse) VanMeter

**verna vanmeter** - August 03, 2016 at 07:29 PM

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“ Bill will always hold a special place in our family's hearts. We had a struggling third grade son that found it difficult to read. He was diagnosed with dyslexia. Through the Grand Traverse Dyslexia Association, Bill was enrolled to tutor our struggling son, three times a week though seventh grade. With Bills assistance, our son has gone on to a achieve many things we would not have without Bills kind assistance, including membership in the National Honor Society, graduation in the top 10 of his High School Class, 4 years on the Dean's list at Central Michigan and the University of Michigan and now as a graduate student on academic scholarship at the University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. Bill taught our, now successful son, to see the world differently than others. He is often amazed at the way things appear from his perspective, so naturally, very different. In our sons words "He got me to where I am I truly couldn't have done it without him, I think about him every day". Bill you are missed.

**Mark Evans** - August 02, 2016 at 11:13 AM

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“ Bill was the worker Lee and I professed through. Wonderful man. He will always be in our hearts. Lee and Nancy Armstrong

**lee armstrong** - August 01, 2016 at 11:14 AM

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“ Bill was a member of one of my first classes as a woodworking teacher at Bentley HS in 1951. He was part of the several male student Home Room groups that came to the Wood Shop for two one-hour classes per week. Needless to say, this schedule did not allow me to become well-acquainted with any of those young men. I did become aware of Bill and others who chose to pursue predominately academic courses. I remember his reputation as a musician and his strong interest in Math and Science. I am sorry for your loss.  
John Ort  
Traverse City

**John Ort** - August 01, 2016 at 10:39 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with Bill's family. May his memories warm your hearts.

He was an incredible person who gave tirelessly of his time to support our children in Traverse City Area Public Schools. He served at almost every music event, and I will forever cherish his commitment to our youth! He will be missed.

Jayne H. Mohr

Jayne Mohr - August 01, 2016 at 07:56 AM

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“ Our family had the wonderful privilege of knowing Bill for many years. He was always kind and generous to us. We all have good memories of Bill and will miss him but know he has gone on to a much better place and is at peace. His love for the Lord and people was a wonderful example to all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

From the Jimmy and Marjorie Easterling family.

Irene Easterling - July 31, 2016 at 04:55 PM

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“ Bill and I shared a love for children with dyslexia. I was the director of Grand Traverse Dyslecia Association, and I always marveled at Bill's amazing capacity for taking a child whose self-esteem was very low and turning that child into a person who stood tall and proud. Bill was a kind and wonderful man, and he made the world a better place! I am so glad I had the honor of knowing him!

Pat Dolanski - July 31, 2016 at 04:21 PM

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“ I had the privilege of being around bill for several years between 1977 in 1982 he was like a mentor to me I was just a young man 20 years old any talking a lot of good things especially his love for the Bible and his love for God I wish I could be there will be thinking of everyone in the family

Thomas Eicher - July 31, 2016 at 02:50 PM

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“ Bill left a leagacy of kindness and generosity. I feel lucky to have known him a short time and experience his cheerful disposition and love for giving back to our community. Rest in peace.

**Sally Roeser** - July 31, 2016 at 12:58 PM