



Earl R. "Bud" Engel

September 29, 1933 - November 18, 2020

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Bud, age 87, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family November 18, 2020.

He was born September 29, 1933 in Washington, PA, son of the late Earl and Peg Engel.

He is survived by his loving and faithful wife of almost 63 years, Barbara. He was the proud father of Sandi, Scott (Julie), Brian (Paula) and Craig. He was the loving grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He will be greeted at Heaven's Gate by his beloved granddaughter, Jenna. He is also survived by his loving sister Shirley Schuetz and many nieces and nephews.

Bud was raised on the family farm in Pennsylvania before moving to Detroit in the 1940's. He graduated from Southeastern High School and earned a full-ride academic scholarship to the University of Michigan at age 16. He graduated from U of M in 1955 with a degree in civil engineering followed by a stint in the Army where he met Barbara, they were married in Waynesboro, VA in 1957.

Bud was a very simple man who dedicated his life to his faith, his family, his friends, U of M football and the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League.

He was an active member (and often President) at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church for 60 years. He worked incredibly hard as a general contractor and any spare time he had was spent with his family. His only vacations were spent following the Michigan football team all over the country. Nothing gave him more joy than watching his children and grandchildren play sports with Barb at his side, they were in the stands for hundreds of games across Michigan and beyond. Being the equal opportunity "Pop Pop" that he was, he watched many a dance recital as well.

Bud also spent over 25 years as a coach in the Woods-Shores Little League with his

greatest moment coming in 1979 when he helped coach the first team from Grosse Pointe Woods (and son Craig) to go to the Little League Series in Williamsport, PA. He considered his players "his kids" and many of their parents became lifelong friends. Bud was at his best coaching little league baseball.

Bud will be remembered for his "everything is great" positive attitude and his ability to make you laugh while telling the same corny stories and jokes for 50 years! He will be missed by adoring family, friends, and hundreds of former little leaguers.

A private service for the immediate family will be held Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. in Sterling Heights with burial following at Attica Township.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in remembrance of Bud Engel to Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League at 714 Woods Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 48236

Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Earl R. "Bud" Engel*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - November 20, 2020 at 01:42 PM

JO

“ *Extending sincere condolences to you Brian along with your family. May you each of you find comfort knowing that his soul now rests in perfect peace and in the expressions of support from those most dear to you. Respectfully, Joseph & Araceli Ortiz*

Joseph Ortiz - December 01, 2020 at 10:18 AM

CK

“ *After we heard the sad news of Bud's passing, we called our boys. Matthew remembers Bud "teaching me how to throw my knuckle curve ball". Bud was such a nice neighbor and friend, we send all the Engel family our heart felt condolences.*

Chris and Betsy Karle - November 22, 2020 at 04:53 PM

SD

“ *Barb and Family I'm so sorry for your loss what a wonderful man Bud was* ❤️

The Dedeyne Family

Sherri Dedeyne - November 22, 2020 at 10:14 AM

JB

“ Mr. Engel, or Bud as I was eventually able to call later in my life, was a second father to me and the rest of the Bautista clan. He was an incredible coach for my brother and me in Little League, and became one of my biggest cheerleaders the rest of my life. I will always cherish his encouragement, wisdom, and optimism regarding all things related to the University of Michigan! I can say for all of us Bautistas, we were truly blessed to have Bud in our lives. May he RIP- thoughts and prayers to all of the Engel family.

John Bautista

John Bautista - November 21, 2020 at 10:58 AM

AM

“ I am so sorry for your loss Brian. May his soul Rest In Eternal Peace!

Ashok P. Sarnaik, MD - November 21, 2020 at 10:03 AM

JT

“ Bud was always so much fun! Loved seeing him at the the sporting events, choir concerts, and dance recitals. He and Barb never missed one!!
I can still hear his voice asking to see his doctor at Northpointe!
He was such a great dad and grandfather. Such an example of a loving family!
We will miss you!!
Kinky and Dave

jennifer train - November 21, 2020 at 09:53 AM

EF

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For anyone who wants to virtually attend the service ❤️

Engel Family - November 20, 2020 at 08:33 PM

DR

“ My condolences to the entire Engel family. Bud was one of a kind. I never had the privilege of playing on a Bud Engel coached team. I did have the honor of playing against Bud and Craig in many basketball games at the Neighborhood Club Parcels vs. Brownell. Baseball, Braves vs. Pirates, and Fluid Systems vs. Pioneer. Craig and I never played on the same team until we were Freshmen at GPN. One constant was Mr. Engel.

In 1980, 7th grade, my father passed away on Christmas Eve. Brownell Middle School was scheduled to play a Holiday basketball tournament at St. Clare. Coach Devine left it up to me whether or not Brownell played. We played. At the first tournament game, Mr. Engel showed up to watch. Mind you, Parcels was not in this tournament. After the game, Bud, found me, asked me how I was doing, told me I had a good game (I did not). He told me that he was proud that I showed up to play and that I could come to him for what ever I needed. Bud came to the rest of the tournament games to show his support.

I don't think I need to say anything more about the man, person and friend that Bud Engel was to me and everyone he touched.

Drew McSkimming

Drew - November 20, 2020 at 07:39 PM

TG

“ I had the privilege of meeting “Pop-Pop” when I stayed with the Engel family as an exchange student from Finland. One of the most memorable moments of my exchange year was when Pop-Pop took me to my first ever college football game and tailgate - at U of M, naturally. I hadn't seen anything like it before - as far as the size of the stadium, the atmosphere, or the love for sports Pop-Pop had. Besides sports, in his heart he had space for everybody and even I as an exchange student felt like one of the grandkids during my year with the Engel family (although he never quite pronounced my name right, and after a while I didn't bother to try to correct him anymore). Either way, I got to see and experience up close how much he cared for his family and it left a lasting impact on me. I'm writing this from Finland, thousands of miles from Michigan, 10 years after my exchange student year, which just goes to show how far Pop-Pop's endless stories and loving personality reached - they really had no limits.

-Taru Garthwaite

Taru Garthwaite - November 20, 2020 at 04:07 PM

JW

“ I first met bud and barb when they came to Virginia to see barbs sister Joan. From that day on any time Bud was in Virginia at joans I was there hanging out. Bud would always have a new joke or would want to go play darts or walk to the park to see if I could make this shot or catch this ball. Bud always would look at me and ask me if “that’s the best I got” before he would throw a bullseye or sink a shot. Bud loved to go to Wrights Dairy-Rite in Staunton and get the footling hotdog and an extra side of onion rings! Bud also loved giving me a hard time Bc in a Florida gators fan. Any time our teams played each other we always heckled each other. Michigan had the upper hand in wins now. I will miss you Bud, don’t give to many people in heaven a hard time! One day me, you and, Jenna will all play a game of darts again (I’ll win)!! Love ya Bud!

jeff wells - November 20, 2020 at 12:23 PM

DW

“ To Sandi, Scott, Brian, Craig, Shirley and all the family, please know how much I loved your dad . He was a wonderful man, a generous and wonderful cousin, and my memories of both your dad and mom are very special to me. I have often retold of your dad attending our wedding in Ohio, of two Ohio State Alumni, wearing his Maize and Blue M tie. It made me smile then and makes me smile today. What a great guy he was.

Love,
Dawn and Bill

Dawn M Wagstaff - November 20, 2020 at 11:46 AM

DF

“ *What a good guy. And life well lived*

I had the great fortune of having Mr Engel in my life, for most of my life

He was Coach. In the finest sense of the word. To me and many others. He coached me in basketball, baseball and football. From neighborhood club, little league, church league, Red Barons and up through high school, Mr Engel was always there. And of course, it was not just sports, but life lessons. He always had a smile and positive things to say and was a positive influence on those around him.

And as time went by, had the further great fortune that several of my kids played sports with Buds grand-kids and was always such a pleasure to have the Engels around! As I coached my kids, and others, usually had in the back of my mind, 'what would Bud do'

David Fry

Go Blue!

David Fry - November 20, 2020 at 11:09 AM

MC

“ *All the best to the Engel Family! 🙏 Bud was a great man! I will always cherish the humorous stories he would share at Grosse Pointe South basketball games.*

Marty Carmody - November 20, 2020 at 11:06 AM

SE

“ *75 files added to the tribute wall*



Sandi Engel - November 19, 2020 at 10:27 PM

BJ

“ If you are reading this you will agree that "The Engels" are one of those extra memorable families from our childhoods, and that Mr. Engel was one of the most involved and memorable men in our lives.. Mr. Engel was my first Neighborhood Club basketball coach and was a pillar of my Little League years at Ghesquiere Park. He also was also quick to put in a good word for me and stand up for me, even when I may not have deserved it. Mr. Engel was proud of his "iron arm," which threw so many batting practices and we were all proud of how he coached the Braves and led our National League All-Star team to Williamsport, Pennsylvania to the Little League World Series. Mr. Engel loved his Detroit Southeastern High School and the University of Michigan, but was most proud of his family. Mr. Engel is also memorable for working so hard as a builder. On more than one occasion he impressed, and shocked me, by accepting work deep in the city, where I would see him working in the neighborhoods near the schools where I taught and/or coached. Mrs. Engel and Mr. Engel worked together amazingly well and truly epitomized making the family the center of their lives and being involved in the community. Mr. Engel will forever stick in my mind and heart as one of the most memorable figures in my very happy childhood. Thank you for sharing your dad/husband with all of us. You all are covered in prayer and love. With love, Bill(y) Hoover, Jr..

Bill(y) Hoover, Jr. - November 19, 2020 at 09:01 PM

DM

“Mr. Engel” taught me a life lesson early on to make sure I always gave it my best effort. Not a coincidence that he taught this during my youth baseball years. Thanks Bud and Go Blue!!!

David Mestdagh - November 19, 2020 at 07:12 PM