



Bill D. Engel

February 11, 1944 - June 30, 2025

Bill D. Engel, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, 81 of Cozad, NE formerly of Rushville, NE passed away peacefully, Monday, June 30, 2025 at Country House Assisted Living in Kearney, NE. Services will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church in Cozad, Monday, July 7th; Rosary at 10:15 am CST, mass at 11:00 am CST with a luncheon to follow. Graveside service will be held at Hemingford Cemetery July 8th at 11:30 am MST.

Bill was born February 11, 1944, in Alliance, Nebraska to Paul and Marcene (Wanek) Engel. He was raised in Hemingford, NE and received his education from Hemingford High School. Bill later earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in counseling from Chadron State College. On December 1, 1962, Bill was united in marriage to Sharon Christensen, his high school sweetheart. The couple made their home in Rushville, NE where they raised their three children.

Bill dedicated many years of his life to shaping young minds as an educator and counselor for Rushville Public Schools. He not only had a passion for teaching students about math and physics, but also about life. He left a lasting impact on countless students. Following his career in education, he transitioned into the financial world as a respected financial advisor for Security First Investment Center. Throughout his career, Bill was a talented carpenter, known for his craftsmanship and ability to bring structures to life.

His hands not only built several homes with/for his family and friends but also made memories to last beyond his lifetime. Bill was a driven man. His legacy of hard work and dedication was instilled in his children and anyone who had the opportunity to work alongside him.

Bill was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Rushville, NE. He was a longtime member of the Rushville Fire Department, where he served as Fire Chief for many years. Bill enjoyed being outdoors, pheasant hunting, and sharing 4-wheeler rides with all of his grandchildren. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sharon Engel of Cozad; children, Brent (Libby) Engel of Hillsborough, NC, Deb (Ken) Castinado of Overland Park, KS, and Brian (Marsha) Engel of Cozad; grandchildren, Matthew (Allie) Castinado, Kelsey (Spencer) Templin, Seth (Maggie) Castinado, Jaden Castinado, Erin Engel, Caleb Engel, Ben Engel, Natalie Engel, Jacob Engel and Nathan Engel; brother, Dave (Kim) Engel of Scottsbluff, NE; sister-in-law, Donna Engel of Hemingford, NE; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Bruce Engel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family for later designation care of Security First Bank, 202 West 8th Street, Cozad, NE 69130.

Cemetery Details

Hemingford Cemetery

Hemingford, NE

Previous Events

Rosary

JUL 7. 10:15 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
613 W 13th St
Cozad, NE 69130
(308) 784-4161

Funeral Mass

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ the King Catholic Church
Cozad, NE

Graveside Service

JUL 8. 11:30 AM (MT)

Hemingford Cemetery
Hemingford, NE

Tribute Wall

KZ

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Engel's passing when I was back for the reunion. He left me with many fond memories of math class-making it understandable and fun. I know he made a positive impact on so many lives. He will be greatly missed.

Sending prayers for comfort to family and the others whose lives he touched,

Kathy (Orr) Zlomke, RHS class of 73

Kathy Zlomke - July 11, 2025 at 01:41 PM

TH

“ Bill was one of my favorite teachers at Rushville High School and became a good friend over the years. Praying for peace and comfort for you all.

Tony Hindman - July 08, 2025 at 11:26 AM

LM

“ My sincere condolences to his family. Debbie, we were friends when we were really little girls. I have always remembered you and want to say how sorry I am about your father's passing. I lost my father last October. We are never really prepared when it comes. I'll be praying for you and your family. Sincerely, Lisa Forsythe Martin

Lisa Martin - July 07, 2025 at 06:38 PM



“ Mr. Engel was always willing to listen and his door was seldom closed. My sympathy and prayers for Sharon and family. --Pastor Susan Wilson Sukraw, RHS class of 1986

Joe-Susan Sukraw - July 07, 2025 at 09:34 AM

CS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Engel family! Brian and Colette Snyder

Colette Snyder - July 06, 2025 at 09:31 AM

TD

“ Bill was one of my favorite teachers, so kind and patient and always willing to listen and help. He told me I should become a high school teacher and I said, no way! I guess he knew more than I did as that's exactly what I became.

Tina Dohrman - July 02, 2025 at 07:15 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Bill D. Engel.



July 02, 2025 at 10:29 AM

BA

“ My sympathy goes out to you Sharon and all of your family. Keep all those good memories close to comfort you.

Bonnie (Shimek) Appleyard - July 02, 2025 at 01:23 AM

JJ

“ Our families were knitted together as best friends through our work and our children. We pray that God will bless his soul. Praise God for the gift of his life. He will be missed by so many family and friends. Love you all, Don and Jo Ann Jones

Jo Ann Jones - July 01, 2025 at 10:27 PM

LC

“ *Love Doug and Candie purchased the Serene Re
treat for the family of Bill D. Engel.*



Love Doug and Candie - July 01, 2025 at 09:15 PM