



## James E. Engel

May 13, 1944 - February 5, 2024

James E. Engel

Age 79

Of South Haven

Passed away Monday, February 5, 2024 at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Jim was born May 13, 1944 in South Haven the son of Earl and Ann (Lindenbach) Engel and has lived in the South Haven area the majority of his life. He attended South Haven Schools and worked as a mechanic locally, then worked 30 years in Alaska on the Trans Alaska Pipeline as a crane operator. He retired from the Local 324 Operators Union and the 302 out of Seattle, Washington. He also farmed, livestock and hay. Surviving are his 3 sisters, Nancy Ashbrook of South Haven, Susan Teske of Lawrenceville, GA, Janet (Don) Winnell of Coloma; special nephew, Steven Ashbrook; 4 nieces and 2 more nephews. There will be a graveside service 11:00 AM Monday, February 12, 2024 at Monks Cemetery, Geneva Township. Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice or Al-Van Humane Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Monks Cemetery

21196 County Road 687  
Bangor, MI

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Monks Cemetery  
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Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ *RIP Jim. Truly one of a kind. Always enjoyed stopping and getting his take on the world.* ”

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**PAUL J BUNTING** - March 12, 2024 at 07:00 AM

KM

“ *RIP Jimmie. I frequently tell the story of him buying my dad's 63 Chevy Pickup with a 327 Corvette engine that my dad built to race. Jim raced my dad's truck 3 times with his Corvette and lost every time, that's why he bought the truck; he told my dad "if I can't beat, I will buy it"! Jim and my dad were the best of friends and I remember many long summer days at the barns hanging out with his dad Earl.* ”



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**Kyle McKamey** - February 15, 2024 at 08:36 AM

SU

“ *Our childhood memories are close to my heart as well as long phone calls about everythibg. I miss you so much!* ”

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**Susan** - February 11, 2024 at 02:51 PM

SU

“ *Susan lit a candle in memory of James E. Engel* ”



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**Susan** - February 11, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DT

“ I always thought of my Uncle Jimmy as a strong confidant man. His desire to be a bit of a loner was always a curious mystery to me. A result of his inner strength and confidence most likely. Surely I will treasure the life and role he had in our family.  
I'm Praying for all the family during this grieving time. 🙏 Love  
Dianna

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**Dianna Teske** - February 11, 2024 at 02:37 PM

DB

“ Condolences to the family. We've known Jim for years, loved hearing his stories, having the occasional beer together. Paul enjoyed talking politics and world events with him when getting hay, I enjoyed cooking and baking for him. We will really miss him, he was such a good person, had a big heart.

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**Diane Bender** - February 11, 2024 at 11:53 AM

CD

“ Jim was quite a character! He always referred to me as a "wild man", but somehow I think he may have been the original Wild Man from the stories he told me of his younger days. Although he could be rather ornery at times, he had a big heart, especially concerning his friends, animals, and nature! He spent many years working on the Alaskan pipeline in brutal conditions and he was quite a successful equipment operator in his own right, He also followed politics closely and he was a concerned American citizen and solid patriot. At the end of the day, Jim Engel was a good friend and neighbor and he was always willing to help out, never asking for anything in return. He will be missed! RIP

*Charlie Dotson*

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**Charles H. Dotson** - February 10, 2024 at 06:11 PM

LF

“ Jimmy was a friend, like forever. I will miss stopping by his house and farm sharing so many stories of our years in Geneva Township. May he rest in peace.

Larry Funk  
Arvada, Colorado &  
Northfield, Illinois

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**Larry Funk** - February 09, 2024 at 10:31 AM

DQ

“ The world was truly a better place with you in it my old friend!

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**Doug Quinn** - February 08, 2024 at 11:21 AM

LW

“ Lynda Sue Antonson Wolfe lit a candle in memory of James E. Engel



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**Lynda Sue Antonson Wolfe** - February 08, 2024 at 09:27 AM

PV

“ Pat And Rich Variell lit a candle in memory of James E. Engel



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**Pat and Rich Variell** - February 07, 2024 at 02:47 PM

PV

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the his family. Memories of him when I lived next door, and Rich has memories from his drag racing days and when he'd drive over to Pullman in his '55 Chevy and visited him recently abd gave him a picture of his car Bonanza, treasured Memories for sure. So sorry that I ( Pat Case) didn't get to visit with him.

Pat & Rich Variell - February 07, 2024 at 02:45 PM

DQ

“ Doug Quinn lit a candle in memory of James E. Engel



Doug Quinn - February 07, 2024 at 01:01 PM

BB

“ Brenda K Balfour lit a candle in memory of James E. Engel



Brenda K Balfour - February 07, 2024 at 09:07 AM

BB

“ Jimmie and I were what I would call good friends...known him all through school and after he moved back from Alaska... We took rides together in the last few years and just reminisced about the good old days. I will miss him and our times we had. He was a very private person and obviously did not share his illness with me. I could have done more for him had I known. I will miss him very much. Cancer is a nasty thing !!! He always told me I was the one that got away. Such a kidder he was ....said he was afraid of my brother so he never asked me out. You had to know my brother,.. little guy, but liked to fight I guess. Jimmie, I will miss you !

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**Brenda K Balfour** - February 07, 2024 at 09:06 AM