



## Douglas Adolph Engler

February 5, 1940 - March 13, 2021

Douglas Adolph Engler of LeRoy passed away March 13, 2021 at his home. He was 81.

Doug was born February 5, 1940 in Rochester, Michigan to Adolph W. and Milly M. (Johnson) Engler and they preceded him in death.

He graduated from Rochester High School in 1958 and later earned his Bachelor's Degree from Oakland University. Doug then joined the United States Air Force, serving honorably for close to four years. Once he returned home Doug continued on to Wayne State University where he earned his Master's Degree. Doug was a high school guidance counselor at Our Lady of Mercy High School in Farmington Hills for many years until retiring in 2008. While there he also coached the ski club at our Lady of Mercy for many years.

Doug enjoyed reading, biking and going for walks. He was a sports fan and especially enjoyed watching baseball and basketball. Doug traveled the United States with friends from high school and also enjoyed international travel. He was a master at the grill and could be found serving up delicious burgers at any family and friends gathering.

He is survived by his sons: Aaron Engler (Melissa Donnelly) of Metamora, Michigan and Grant (Christie) Engler of Rochester, Michigan; granddaughter:

Kaitlyn Engler (Chris Kabrick) of Columbiaville, Michigan; sisters: Loretta (Winford) Lovelace, Mitzi Ruswick, Iva (Lonnie) Leftwich all of Tustin; many nieces and nephews and his former wife, Lorna Coe of Traverse City.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Kurt Engler.

There will be a memorial gathering from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Cadillac Grill at the Eldorado in Cadillac. His final resting place will be Burdell Township Cemetery in Tustin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pine River Historical Museum. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Mr. Engler's passing. He was my homeroom advisor at Mercy for all four years, and he was typically the first person that greeted me in the morning. He made me feel so welcome at Mercy and was always incredibly kind and helpful. He was also a wonderful guidance counselor. My sincerest condolences.*

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**Melissa Beras** - March 28, 2021 at 07:13 PM

MR

“ Doug's Smile

*Your smile is sweet.  
Not something I would say to you  
In person, unless maybe, to pretend  
I was joking ..*

*Don't want to embarrass you,  
Do I?  
Plus you're my brother and being so nice  
May be unseemly.  
And would break  
The unwritten law of pretending  
To be blasphemous about  
Your presence in my life.*

*So, I continue the restraint  
I would feel were you here  
(Well, I know you are here, but you  
Know what I mean...)*

*Not wanting to reveal what is in my broken heart, by  
Saying stuff like:*

*I will miss your smile like I would  
Miss the sunrise.*

*And that life without you will  
Never be as good.*

*Mitzi Ruswick  
March 20, 2021*

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**Mitzi Ruswick** - March 25, 2021 at 12:30 PM

PA

“ *I was so sad to hear of Mr. Engler's passing. He was my guidance counselor and advisor (homeroom) and he was always so kind and helped me avoid some tardies whenever he could! He was truly a gentle soul with such a kind spirit. I will be praying for his soul. May God bless him and his family.*

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**Patrice (Konja) Abona** - March 22, 2021 at 10:41 AM

DH

“ *We were so Sad to hear of Doug's passing. He was definitely " One of the Good Guys- with his great smile, gentle and caring ways. He was always interested in how everyone else was doing. Rest in Peace, Doug. You will truly be missed by so many. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with Mitzi and Iva and All of the Family. Doris and Arlan Hughes*

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**Doris (Peltier) and Arlan Hughes** - March 19, 2021 at 12:48 PM

CC

“ *My deepest condolences to your family in this time of loss. I was a student at Mercy and Mr. Engler was my advisor (home room), guidance counselor, basket ball team scorekeeper and our Marlin super fan. He was a real friend and one of the kindest men I have ever known. Godspeed to you Mr. Engler and my love and prayers to your family.*

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**Colleen Clinton** - March 18, 2021 at 02:42 PM

LB

“ I am greatly saddened to learn of Doug's loss. He was a wonderful colleague. For many years we chatted on a daily basis and we were connected to sports at Mercy High School. He had a terrific sense of humor and was simply a great guy with a soft heart. He was devoted to his students and they loved him. I was so glad that he was guidance counselor for my own daughter. I will always think of him fondly. My love and prayers for his family.

Larry Baker - March 18, 2021 at 10:03 AM

KK

“ He was one of the kindest at Mercy High School. Love talking to him! He will truly be missed!

Kumba Kamanda - March 17, 2021 at 05:17 PM

BH

“ Mr. Engler was an amazing person. He was always so kind and easy going. He was definitely a bright light at Mercy High School! We appreciated his presence very much! Rest In Peace & Love Mr. Engler.

Bianca Hopes - March 17, 2021 at 04:26 PM

ND

“ Kaitlyn, we are so very sorry for your loss. We know it's a bittersweet loss. Bitter because you weren't ready to let go but sweet knowing he is with Jesus Christ in Heaven. You are a blessing to us and you and your family are in our prayers. We love

you. |ó\_T¥\_Tñ |ó\_T¥\_Tñ |☼|\_ Γäó\_TÁ |☼|\_ Γäó\_TÁ |☼|\_ Γäó\_TÁ

Nanny & Papa Davis - March 17, 2021 at 04:19 PM

RW

“ Though Mr. Engler was not my assigned counselor at Mercy he was the one I would go to when I needed to see a counselor. I was on the cheerleading team and he drove the bus for the basket ball games and he was also my drivers Ed teacher. I am now a school counselor and try to be as involved and active in my student's lives like he was in ours.

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**Renay Weiss-Stansell** - March 17, 2021 at 03:43 PM

JM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Engler's passing. He was my high school guidance counselor at Mercy High School. He was such a kind and gentle soul, that had a smile that reached his eyes. My grandmother always told me those who smile with their eyes are the good ones. He was truly one of the good ones. My memories of Mr. Engler include him driving the team bus for away basketball games. Those were always full of fun, joy, horn beeps, and taking speed bumps too quickly. Your family will be in my prayers.

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**Jamie McMann** - March 17, 2021 at 01:59 PM

KM

“ I send my sincere condolences and prayers to Mr. Engler's family. As my high school guidance counselor, I have particular gratitude for his kindness and support during those formative high school years. He had a warm and welcoming personality, was a patient and good listener, and was even better at providing gentle encouragement and direction. I am very thankful for his brief but not insignificant role in my life. May he rest in the arms of our loving Father.

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**Katie Matous Magnuson** - March 17, 2021 at 01:50 PM

VG

“ *My six sisters and I all attended Mercy High School and Mr. Engler was our counselor . He was so loved by his students and he gave us sound advice and great guidance.*

*May he rest in Peace. Thoughts and prayers to his family.*

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**Vanessa Denha Garmo (Denha Girls)** - March 17, 2021 at 01:35 PM

AA

“ *Mr. Engler was my counselor at Mercy High School. And he was an outstanding one at that. A caring, patient, gently soul. He was a great listener and advisor through some troubled times during my early high school years. I have often reflected back on how much he helped me. Thank you Mr. Engler.*

*May you be rewarded in Heaven with a very special pair of Angel Wings. Rest in peace.*

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**Anita Rushlow Amato** - March 17, 2021 at 01:18 PM

GW

“ *I was very sorry to learn of Doug's recent passing. We were Mercy High School colleagues for decades. I will always remember his easy going nature and how approachable he was to staff and students alike. I was able to easily talk to him about professional matters, as well as share conversations on our mutual love of the " up north."*

*I had a couple phone conversations with him after retirement about his experience of living up north, which he truly loved. I will miss Doug and his easy going nature. RIP, Doug.*

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**George Wright** - March 17, 2021 at 01:15 PM

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“ *Mr. Engler will be remembered fondly by all of his Mercy High School students and he will be greatly missed.  
Rest in Peace and Love, Mr. Engler  
Love,  
Janet*

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**Janet Flohr (Ozanich)** - March 17, 2021 at 12:49 PM

KG

“ *Mr. Engle was my high school guidance counselor at Mercy, as well as my drivers education instructor. He always made me feel extremely welcome and like no question I had was dumb or not worth his time. I remember him being extremely caring and encouraging when I was going through a rough patch in high school and while choosing colleges. He has a great sense of humor and I don't have one memory of him where I wasn't laughing. I remember drivers Ed when i was scared to death of the freeway, and he'd always say we'll try again next class- until it was the end of drivers Ed and there weren't classes left. He was kind and generous and respectful of a school full of young women. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing and send love to his family during this time of loss.*

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**Kelly Davis Geresy** - March 17, 2021 at 12:41 PM

NB

“ *Mr. Engler was my high school guidance counseling and Drivers Ed teacher. I remember his kindness and warm smile fondly. May he rest in peace with the Father. My sincerest condolences to all that loved him.*

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**Natasha Burns** - March 17, 2021 at 12:37 PM

CC

“ I was saddened to hear of Doug Engler's passing. He was my counselor at Mercy High school and he really instilled a confidence and a reminder to not take things so seriously. He also had the incredible knack of calming my Mother which took a certain talent. His smile in the hallway always made the day better. My sincere condolences to his family and will keep all of you in my prayers.

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**Connie Craig** - March 17, 2021 at 12:17 PM

FJ

“ Thoughts & prayers to the family.

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**Frank & Bobi Jablinskey** - March 16, 2021 at 06:09 PM

CM

“ Tribute to a wonderful man. We will miss your smile. We often saw the fun side of you. Thanks for the memories. Till we meet again.  
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**Cindy & Dean McCulloch** - March 16, 2021 at 01:45 PM

JJ

“ My heart is with you all. Sending love and wishing you comfort.  
~ Cousin Janet

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**Janet Johnson Indiviglio** - March 16, 2021 at 08:24 AM

DF

“ *Dear Cousins.....so sorry to hear of Doug's passing! My deepest sympathy! May God bless his family and everyone that loved him. You are in my thoughts and prayers!!*

*Hugs  
Denise Fry  
Texas*

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**Denise Fry** - March 16, 2021 at 05:01 AM