



William Joseph Engler

December 13, 1964 - April 5, 2026

William (Bill) Joseph Engler, 61, of Cadillac, Michigan, passed away on April 5, 2026, at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Bill was born on December 13, 1964, in Cadillac, Michigan, to William and Judy Engler. He was raised by his loving mother, Lepha Engler.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army in air defense and was deployed during Operation Desert Storm.

Bill had a deep love for the outdoors and spent as much time as possible hunting, fishing, kayaking, camping, and walking in the woods. He had a great appreciation for nature and enjoyed it in all its forms. He also loved music, particularly blues, country, and more recently country rap. An avid sports fan, he especially enjoyed watching hockey especially the Detroit Red Wings, UFC, and golf.

Known for his big heart, Bill loved deeply and completely. Those he cared about often knew it through his playful, relentless teasing.

On October 7, 2006 he married Angela Turner. He is survived by his wife, Angela; their children, Anthony (Shelby) Jones, Shawn Janick, David and Maria Engler; his bonus children, Conner, Owen, Piper, Andrea, and Ryan

Bartholomew; his sisters, Deb (Hugh) Miller and Angie (Paul) Mocerri; his brother, Dan (Kelly) Engler; his sister-in-law, Pennie Cates; his niece, Sami (James) Ung; and his nephews, Josh (Brittany) Miller, Vincen Mentel, and Dustin Engler.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Judy Engler, his mother Lepha Engler, and his niece Amanda Engler.

No services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to organizations supporting nature conservation or environmental causes. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

AT

“ Hello Engler Family, I was not able to make services today so I am happy to be able to send at least a message of condolences and prayers for Bill and all of you. I worked briefly with Bill at St. Bede years and years ago, and also knew him briefly via St. Stephen in more recent years. I had been aware of his very recent illness and his passing. I kept him in my prayers. I will continue to keep him and all you his loved ones before the Lord's goodness and mercy. AL Theis, Tinley Park 708 308 2924

Al Theis - April 10 at 04:39 PM

MP

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm praying that you find God's peace and comfort in the coming days.



Margo Pierce - April 08 at 08:54 PM

LK

“ My deepest condolences to Billy's family. When I received the news Monday, my heart shattered. And every one of the pieces of it had a childhood memory reflecting in it. Billy driving with Philip hanging out of the hood. Billy and Paul and Roger riding bicycle down the middle of the street to see who could go farther riding a wheelie. All of us piling into Brian's mom's car to go road skiing down a country road. Billy, Philip and I riding motorcycles to McBain to stare at Phil's childhood home. Hanging in the basement with Terry and Phillip playing D&D. Billy chasing Jeff down and holding him while I tickled him until he begged for mercy. Me sitting on Billy's front porch smoking a cigarette that I bummed. Billy taking me to the bus stop when I married Philip and moved to Puerto Rico. Billy coming to Traverse City to see us when he first got out of the Army. Meeting at Burger King for coffee for 15 minutes of catching up. All of us playing baseball on Christmas because we didn't have any snow. Thousands of little memories all flood in. Roger, Dawn, Lisa, Larry, EJ, Brenda, Terry, Brian, Paul, Philip, Phillip, Sissy, Amy, Billy, Danny, Paul, Shelly, Jeff....we were the original *Stranger Things* and *That 70s show* rolled into *The Court Kids*. We didn't have material things, but we had each other. My only regret is that his *Court Kids* family never had a chance to get together with his forever family. We always talked of reunion but schedules never matched. Always put off until "next time". I pray that his family finds comfort in sharing Billy's stories and know how much he was loved and will be missed.
Love Laura

Laura (LaFuze) Klingelsmith - April 08 at 07:02 AM

KV

“ Kyla Viurquiz lit a candle in memory of William Joseph Engler



Kyla Viurquiz - April 07 at 09:16 AM