



## Robert William Engel

February 28, 1939 - June 18, 2014

Age 75 of Pinckney, MI, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at his home. Originally from Chicago, Illinois, Bob was born February 28, 1939. He graduated from Calumet High School in 1957, while working as a mechanic and earning certification in TV electronics repair. Bob ultimately choose his career path as an electrician and was accepted into the Chicago Electrical Workers Union, IBEW 134, in 1957, working on high rises such as the Sears Tower and experiencing encounters with the Chicago Mob. Bob moved to Saline, Michigan, in 1967. He became a master electrician and founded Tri-County Electric, an Electrical Construction Company, in 1971, currently in operation and responsible for the electrical work in over a thousand buildings in the area. Always looking for that next project, Bob restored boats, built and renovated homes and commercial properties, owning two complexes in Saline, Bennett and Crown Centers. He and wife Joan (Hayes) of 36 years, were partners in business, spiritual life, adventures like learning to fly and weekends at their lake house with their combined nine children and families. Their quiet moments were spent feeding the swans, going on boat rides and vacationing at their Florida home. Passionate, generous, skilled, and personable, Bob sat on numerous Trade and Community Executive Boards, donated to Church, the City of Saline and School activities, sponsored the Way of the Cross Mission and adopt a child programs and could carry a conversation on with anybody. He is well respected by his peers, loved deeply by friends and family and will be greatly

missed by his devoted wife Joan, his four children; Karen (Glen) Gumtow, Chris Engel (Willie), Kathy (Roger) Gray and Bill (Dana) Engel, five step-children; Debbie Bonavia (John) , Wendy (Bill) Scales, Lynette (Gene) Medrea, Beth Ann (Lyle) Rentschler and Dan (Laura) Roughton, nineteen grandchildren; Andy, Jessica (Jon), Alex (Angela), Lyndsey (Nick), Jeff, Marie, Justin, Lorna, Clara, Josh, Anthony (Missy), Joe, Taylor, Tessa, Angie, Eric, Abby, Isaac and Danny, eight great-grandchildren Michael, Olivia, Dylan, Kiyah, Ari, Kailey, Kristina and Danny. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Jane (Dudman) Engel, who was remarried to Jim Handy. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church in Saline with Rev. Fr. Francis Mossholder, celebrant and Rev. Fr. William F. Wegher, concelebrant. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. Visitation will be on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, Saline and on Wednesday, June 25, 2014 at St. Andrew The Apostle Catholic Church in Saline from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the Mass. Contributions may be made in Bob's honor to the Ann Arbor Red Cross or Hospice of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ann Arbor and envelopes will be available at the church and funeral home. To sign Bob's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

JUN **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Mass of the Christian Burial

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

## Graveside Service

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JUN **25**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Oakwood Cemetery  
227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert William Engel*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *We wish to express our condolences to Joan and the family.He is at peace now and is no longer in pain God bless you all!  
Aunt Chris & Uncle Dean Schmucker*

**Chris Schmucker** - June 25, 2014 at 10:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert William Engel.*



June 23, 2014 at 03:40 PM



“ *Rose Impression Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Robert William Engel.*



June 23, 2014 at 10:46 AM

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“ *Lyn & Laura Kinsey purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of Robert William Engel.*



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**Lyn & Laura Kinsey** - June 23, 2014 at 09:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert William Engel.*



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June 21, 2014 at 02:23 PM



“ *Living Life Memorial Framed Art was purchased for the family of Robert William Engel.*



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June 21, 2014 at 08:53 AM

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“ I will always remember the first time I meet Bob. It was in the autumn of 1968. We had just returned to Michigan and waiting for the people who were renting our home in Dexter to move. My husband, Toby, invited him to our apartment in AA for pie and coffee. It was suppose to be an apple pie. Being still rather a young bride, my baking skills were "strange." My apple pie was seasoned with the proper cherry pie fillings. He very politely tried to smile as he attempted to enjoy that strange mixture. The coffee was good however.

*From that first meeting, I always thought of him as a gentleman. You will be missed. God bless and keep you.*

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**Barb Tobias** - June 21, 2014 at 08:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert William Engel.



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June 20, 2014 at 10:56 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Robert William Engel.



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June 20, 2014 at 09:16 AM