



Richard E. Engel

September 12, 1942 - March 24, 2023

Richard Engel, age 80, of Mt Laurel, formerly of Cinnaminson. Rich grew up in Philadelphia. He attended Dobbins Technical HS and Temple University. Rich was an avid music lover and singer, first singing in the Philadelphia boys choir, and later in a Doo-Wop group. He is survived by Carol, his loving wife of 60 years. Beloved daughters Julie Olesky (George) and Laurie Engel. Proud grandfather of Liz, Alina and Andrew Olesky, and Tia McWilliams (John). Elated Great Grand father of Kellin McWilliams. Predeceased by his son Steven and grandsons Jeffrey and Jason Engel. Also survived by his sister, Judy Hart. Rich battled MS for over 40 years and was admired for his unstoppable determination and positive attitude.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Friday, May 5th from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at St. John Neumann Church 560 Walton Avenue Mt. Laurel, NJ His Memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society www.nationalmssociety.org

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAY 5. 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. John Neumann
560 Walton Avenue
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Memorial Mass

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John Neumann Church
560 Walton Avenue
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
(856) 235-1330
<http://sjnmtl.org>

Tribute Wall



“ Givnish Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard E. Engel



Givnish Funeral Home - April 26, 2023 at 09:20 AM

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“ Rich, I will miss hearing you call out "hey, HOH", like no one else. I will miss dinners where you had wine, coke and coffee in front of you before dinner started; I will miss how, after hearing just a few bars of a song, you never missed the name of that song, who sang it and usually the year it was on the charts!! You were the best brother in law!!! You were a soldier who pushed thru with your life no matter and showed the world a strong, resilient person. You stayed calm and carried on. You showed patience in so many ways. There's a whole bunch more I'll miss. When you passed, I saw you walking into Heaven with Jesus' arm over your shoulder telling you how much he loved you. "and he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I'm his own".....

Helen

Helen Owsiany Hagopian - May 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM

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*HELEN,
THAT WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL EULOGY. I COULD NOT HAVE SAID IT ANY BETTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR WORDS, BUT ESPECIALLY FOR YOUR MEMORIES OF THIS WONDERFUL BROTHER-IN-LAW.*

JACKIE AXILBUND - May 17, 2023 at 05:21 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard E. Engel.



May 02, 2023 at 10:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard E. Engel.



May 02, 2023 at 08:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard E. Engel.



May 02, 2023 at 03:57 PM



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May 01, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ Pop pop was a man with so many great qualities. Most obviously, he was an MS warrior who enjoyed life to the fullest despite his disease. Whether it was eating 4 ears of corn on the cob in a single sitting, emphatically talking about whatever show he was watching at the time (ahem... madame secretary), or feeding Gemma under the table, he always looked truly happy and like he truly enjoyed the little things. I will always remember him trying to relate to us by asking us who the “popular group” was these days, though he almost never knew them. He always took an interest in his grandchildren’s lives and made us feel like he was genuinely interested in how we were doing. Even when pop pop started becoming forgetful, he tried to keep up with our current jobs/relationships/hobbies. As his granddaughter, I always knew I was loved and supported by this man no matter what. Pop pop was a wonderful human being that we all learned so many things from. He taught us to really enjoy life, to be resilient and to appreciate what you have instead of dwelling on what you don’t. I have so many fond memories of my grandfather and will pass them on to my daughter.

Tia McWilliams - May 01, 2023 at 03:51 PM

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“ When I started meeting my soon-to-be husband's extended family, I loved that my he still called Richard "Unkie Rich." The staying power of that nickname over many years immediately told me that Unkie Rich was a special person - and indeed he was always so kind and welcoming to me. I will always appreciate that!

Becky Axilbund - April 03, 2023 at 05:06 PM

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“ RICH WAS THE LITTLE BOTHER I NEVER HAD. WE MET WHEN HE WAS 16 AND WE GOT ALONG FAMOUSLY. MY HEART ACHES FOR THE LOSS OF SUCH A SPECIAL HUMAN BEING. HOPEFULLY, HE IS IN A BETTER PLACE. HUGS AND KISSES 'TIL WE MEET AGAIN.
JACKIE

JACKIE AXILBUND-SISTER-IN-LAW - April 03, 2023 at 04:59 PM

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“ Rich was one of the most caring and loving person I ever met. He lived his life, with his disease, most courageously and inspired me more than once to be a better person. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Susan

Susan Laws-Mobilio - April 03, 2023 at 08:45 AM

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“ My dad was always willing to help. He was a great listener. He loved his family and took great care of everyone. He never complained. We will all miss him very much.

Julie - April 02, 2023 at 05:01 PM