



Lee M. Engman

January 3, 1939 - September 2, 2025

Lee M. Engman, 86, passed away on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 in Libertyville, IL. He was born January 3, 1939 in Virginia, MN and had lived in many destinations around the world, living in Mundelein, IL for the past 50 years. Lee was a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN and Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA where he received his master's degree. He was a United States Navy veteran, retiring after 20 years as Lieutenant Commander. Lee was a member of American Legion Auxiliary Post #867, was an employee of Baxter International for 22 years and a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Mundelein. In his youth, he coached minor league hockey in Maine and became an NHL scout. He always told the best stories. He enjoyed fishing & hunting, keeping up on current news, traveling the world, visiting places with old and new friends and was a devoted Minnesota Vikings fan.

Surviving are his 3 children, Kimberly (Eric) Lundquist, Lee Erik Engman & Charlie Engman; 4 grandchildren, Sofia, Anna, Natalie & Danielle; brother, Dr. Martin (Devorah) Engman and by sisters-in-law, Jeanne (Anthony LePore) Cusick & Sharon Fanelli.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne Engman in 2014; an infant sister, Juliann; sister-in-law, Mary (Clem) Arricale and by brother-in-law, Joe Fanelli, Jr.

A visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 11, 2025 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. Funeral

services will be at 9:00 a.m. Friday, September 12, 2025 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 10 Lake Street in Mundelein. Interment will follow at Fort Sheridan National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Mundelein American Legion Post 867, 145 N. Seymour Ave. Mundelein, IL 60060; Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County, www.vaclc.org or Lurie Children's Hospital, <https://my.luriechildrens.org>. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **11.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

SEP **12.** 9:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
10 Lake Street
Mundelein, IL 60060

Tribute Wall

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“ Lee was a dear friend and lifelong traveler. I traveled with him and Joanne to Europe many times and enjoyed wonderful memories. He will certainly be missed, and forever cherished in our hearts.

Nick Schevera

Nick - September 11, 2025 at 10:23 AM

KE

“ Kevin & Virginia Engman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lee M. Engman.

Kevin & Virginia Engman - September 10, 2025 at 07:27 PM

KE

“ Kevin & Virginia Engman purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lee M. Engman.



Kevin & Virginia Engman - September 10, 2025 at 07:27 PM

JB

“ Jim, Barb, Whitey, Wally and Bopper purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Lee M. Engman.



Jim, Barb, Whitey, Wally and Bopper - September 09, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lee M. Engman.

September 09, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lee M. Engman.



September 09, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lee M. Engman.

September 09, 2025 at 03:35 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Lee M. Engman.



September 09, 2025 at 03:35 AM

“ Although Lee was in his 80's, the call from Martin was unexpected and very trying for me. Being the cousin of Lee's on the 'younger side' (I guess I'm the third youngest) honestly growing up there was not much between us. I very well remember Lee spending time as family at Lake 14 in the summers and of course Christmas eve spent at "P.S.'s house but for me it was called 'Ann's house as P.S., sadly had passed by the time I came along. Those memories are cherished by me. Never have I seen, let alone heard of a family gathering as we shared. The challenge was who was Santa Clause, the parents always outsmarted us just as we thought we knew, it was not that person. Even Auntie Kay was Santa to throw us all off even more. The real Lapland boots, the reindeer bells, songs at the piano all night, the food, the glug, and of course dancing in a circle with Santa singling Julen Bocker Coma Err (or however it's spelled) and then oompa oompa oompapa.

I started this saying Lee and I were years apart, with only Christmas and Lake 14 connecting us but then somehow, his doing not mine, later in life, quite honestly, weekly, Lee would call the office. Many times he'd start of "oh how I love hearing those words....Good afternoon Engman Agency". The office is still open he'd say. He loved Virginia, we'd talk about stores past and present. We'd talk about cousins, Horace Mann School, his kids and grandkids and mine. Lee played hockey and my grandchildren do now also and he took a genuine interest in their advancement and their playing. Lee was a well educated man who served his country but he certainly was the most humble and thoughtful person I knew. With all he experienced in life, family, past, present, and the future of his family was the center. He never missed an opportunity to say something very respectful and kind about my father and I truly appreciated that. He found ways to always talk about something about our uncles and aunts, he was also one of the first to contact me when one passed and his thoughts were always the same...family.

He faced adversity with strength and faith. I've learned from him. I don't know why we became so close later in life, but I'm blessed we

have. I already miss his weekly calls hearing someone on the line tell me how good it is to hear those words....Good afternoon.....

Thank you Lee for reaching out to me and giving me the gift of you, that gift I will hold on forever. Kevin Engman

Kevin Engman - September 08, 2025 at 06:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lee M. Engman.*



September 08, 2025 at 11:44 AM

“First and foremost, I am sorry for your loss. Lee was special to so many of us. The fact that Gustavus and the MN Vikings were dear to him is just a breath of fresh air. We here are Minnesota Proud! I have unfortunately only one memory of a gathering to get to know some of you and I believe it was at Uncle Paul’s funeral in Virginia, MN. A sad gathering but a wonderful chance to meet. In a certain way, I do know a bit about you from the many telephone conversations with Lee. For instance, I know he loved to be with the grandchildren after school and to be able to help them with schoolwork. He said he was so blessed with family who would give him the assistance he needed especially in these last years. He never failed to end a conversation without mention of his very love of family.

Every now and then Lee would just pick up the phone and give me a call. He always had lots of stories and you best be seated as he could fill an hour’s worth of conversation easily. Bless his heart, he took his health as a statement of “a part of growing old”. I now feel sad to learn about his kidney dialysis and recent bout with cancer. Lee always had good updates on happenings with all extended family members as he had circled around and spoken recently with many. Always it was the best catch-up ever!

The last time my sister, Suzy, and I were together we decided to give Lee a call. She wanted to remind him of an adventure they had when she was young. Lee had suggested he take her for ice cream. Of course, she was thrilled and felt grown up to be asked for an ice cream outing with this older cousin. They both enjoyed recalling this memory.

Christmas Eves in Virginia, MN at the PS home were magical. The welcomed glass of glogg (mulled wine aka “sacred family recipe”) as you came in the door from the cold, the songs around the piano with all our young voices, the Julen Bocker dance with Santa, evening church, and our last stop before the drive back to Duluth at Lee and Martin’s home for homemade goodies and coffee. Of my childhood memories these were the very best of times. Can you imagine my joy as a grown woman when Lee and brother Martin (on a trip through Minneapolis) brought us cousins each a prized jug of

the "family recipe"? Especially for me it was an unbelievable treat – and a tasty one indeed!

Lee was so loved!

Family, please know I am holding you close in thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow and wish you all an abundance of happy memories.

Cousin Marcia

Cousin Marcia Erickson - September 07, 2025 at 03:21 PM

MF

“ *Martin, Devie and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lee M. Engman.*

Martin, Devie and family - September 06, 2025 at 08:37 PM

MF

“ *Martin, Devie and family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Lee M. Engman.*



Martin, Devie and family - September 06, 2025 at 08:37 PM

WF

“ *With much love Jeanne Tony and families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lee M. Engman.*



With much love Jeanne Tony and families - September 06, 2025 at 07:43 AM

WF

“ With much love Jeanne Tony and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lee M. Engman.

With much love Jeanne Tony and families - September 06, 2025 at 07:43 AM

LB

“ Linda, Diane, Dean, Denise, and Bryan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lee M. Engman.



Linda, Diane, Dean, Denise, and Bryan - September 05, 2025 at 04:53 PM

LB

“ Linda, Diane, Dean, Denise, and Bryan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lee M. Engman.

Linda, Diane, Dean, Denise, and Bryan - September 05, 2025 at 04:53 PM

AG

“ I hadn't seen him in a bit, but thought of him often, especially walking past his home. Sometimes I'd change my path just to walk by to check if lights were on, if there was a car in the driveway or maybe I'd be lucky to catch him outside. I stopped ringing his doorbell after I realized that despite him enjoying the impromptu visit, it was also difficult at times to answer the door. So instead, I left it up to him, when he was up for it, he'd visit at our restaurant. After Joanie passed away, like many of us, especially widowed folks experiencing sorrow and loneliness, he craved company and conversation. Despite being surrounded by a loving family, we also need the comfort of our friends. He would stop by our restaurant and visit my husband and I. Obviously he'd eat, but more often to visit with us and have his favorite, homemade soup, meatballs and a glass of Chianti. He was a great conversationalist, with a plethora of stories, wonderful company and always positive. His favorite topics, his beloved Joanie, his grandchildren and his time in the military. You will be missed Lee, but now, finally reunited with your love. Rest in peace

Antonella Granito - September 05, 2025 at 10:27 AM

CH

It was a great pleasure's to know Lee, as a friend and neighbor. Since he was home bound I would stop by and visit, the stories would start. Libations would then follow. A pleasant time, always. He will be missed.

clint Hogstrom - September 05, 2025 at 04:28 PM

JM

Lee has been a cherished friend for 40 plus years. We will truly miss him and all the good times we had together.

Jim and Barb

Jim and Barbara Mulka - September 06, 2025 at 11:20 AM