



Ernest Engelken

February 16, 1940 - December 12, 2009

Ernest Henry, son of Ella Helen (Kletke) and Ludwig (Louis) Engelken, was born on February 16, 1940 at the Alva General Hospital. He passed away at his home on the 11th day of December at the age of 69 years, 9 months and 26 days.

He attended the Zion Lutheran Grade School and the Lambert School where he graduated with the class of 1958. He attended Northwestern State College for two years where he studied architectural drawing. He served in the Oklahoma 45th National Guard Division for six years and took his basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Fort Gordon, Georgia.

On January 25th, 1970 he was married to Marcy McNett in Cherokee. To their marriage a daughter, Leisa Renae, was born.

Following their marriage he farmed the family farm and did custom harvesting for 27 years. For a while he also worked for Baker Mfg. of Alva.

He loved to fly and received his pilot's license from the late Leo Strickland.

Mr. Engelken was baptized and confirmed by Reverend Otto Hoyer of the Alva Zion Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Northwest Pilots Association, and the Alva Elks Lodge.

One of Ernest's greatest loves was model trains. Visitors to their home were awed by his model train set-up and the great attention to detail paid to the scenery and track layout. He also loved wood working and drawing house plans, designing several homes and buildings in the Alva area.

Mr. Engelken was preceded in death by his parents Louis and Ella and his

parents-in-law, Chester (Chet) and Betty McNett.

Ernest is survived by his wife Marcy of the home; a daughter and her husband, Leisa Renae and Scott TeLinde of Alva; three grandchildren, Destiny Marie, Jasmine Beth and Chance Alexander; three brothers and their wives, Ralph and Pat of Wichita, Kansas, Robert and Ruth of Chico, California and Walter and Jane of Houston, Texas. He is also survived by a number of cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

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Previous Events

Family Visitation

DEC **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wharton's Funeral Chapel
1302 Oklahoma Blvd.
Alva, OK 73717
(580) 327-1234
whartonchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.whartonfuneralchapel.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **15.** 2:00 PM (CT)

Alva Zion Lutheran Church
3rd & Maple
Alva, Ok

Tribute Wall

WM

“ *Marcy... just to let you know that we are thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Love, The Maceys, Parker, Colorado*

Wendi Macey - December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *We have thought about your family many times. Ernie fought a long and hard battle and he had his family with him at all times. God bless all of you.*

Jerry and Marilyn Lahr - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Have thought about you and your family so much. May you know we are thinking about you.*

BILL/LINDA BEELER - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *You all are in our thoughts and prayers...heaven added alot of angels this last week!! I pray that God gives you the strength during this tough time...but know he is not suffering anymore and being onery in Heaven!! :)*

Cindy Graham and family - December 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Dear Marcy, Leisa & family. The funeral services were so very special. Ernie was much loved by so many people & we will certianly miss him. Know that we all have been blessed to know him. May peace be with you.*

Nancy & Bob Case - December 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ We thought the world of Ernie. He had a big battle on his hands but he was always cheerful when we encountered him. He's found peace now may God give you peace.

Trooper Jimmy & Julie Helm - December 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ Marcy, Leisa and family, we send our deepest sympathy and love to all of you. Ernie loved all of you so much and would be so proud of his beautiful Memorial video. The pictures of your family from many years ago to the present are precious. I very well remember when Leisa was a darling little girl growing up and what nice parents she had. May your beautiful memories help give you comfort and peace. May God bless all of you.

Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - December 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ marcy,
i am so sorry to hear of ernie's passing.he has fought a long and hard battle with cancer.he is no longer in pain.
i have such fond memories of both of you growing up a block apart.i am sure between hollis,the nusser boys and myself we caused more than a few grey hairs on his head.
he will be missed by everyone who knew him.
may god comfort you.

raymond knabe - December 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Ernie was such a sweet, gentle man, I remember some good, fun times with him. He is no longer in ANY pain, and will live with his Father forever.....he will watch over his loved ones, and forever be an Angel to his grandbabies!!

Jennifer Johnson - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Beki and Dal Houston - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ I only met him a few times but each time I was always greeted with a warm smile and kind words. Marcy and Leisa, my prayers are with you.

Codi West - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ It's obvious from the beautiful video and from knowing you Leisa, that your Daddy loved you well. What a blessing to have wonderful parents. I hope you experience God's comfort during this difficult time.

Charity Allee - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Marcie, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ernie is no longer suffering, but at peace.

Ernie and Genevieve Farris - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Marcy & family....We are so sorry to hear of your loss, but know this will be Ernie's "best Christmas, ever"...celebrating without pain and suffering. We pray each of you may find comfort in the love and prayers of family and friends.

Dale & Vaughna Schmidt - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Marcy and Leisa, We are thinking of you and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers ~*

Lisa Baker - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Halah Simon*

Halah Simon - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Ernie is finally whole again. Take comfort in knowing that he is no longer in pain. He can rejoice with your parents, his parents & the All Mighty God. He was such a brave person & never complained. If you need anything please know you can call on us. Sincerely*

Trooper Jimmy & Julie Helm - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Marcy, my prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Shelley Reed - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Marcy, Leisa and family,
It is so hard to believe that Ernie is gone. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time.*

Diane (Lancaster) McAlpin - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Marcy and family,

I know your hearts are broken and your bodies are tired, and your spirits wounded at this time in your lives.

Please know that God is still on the throne and loves each of you very much.

We know that heaven is a wonderful place where our bodies are made beautiful and whole once more. What a celebration Ernie is having at this time.

I will not be able to attend the service as I have a PBC meeting concerning the hospital bonds passed in Barber County. I have visiting the Coldwater Hospital tomorrow to get info about potential hospital projects for Barber County.

I will come to see you as soon as I can. I love you and God loves you, too.

*Love to all,
Carol Wolgamott*

CAROL WOLGAMOTT - December 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you!*

Jennifer Summers - December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Thinking of you during this difficult time. Love and prayers to you.
Jay and Terri*

Jay and Terri Leeper - December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Marcy, I am sorry to learn of your loss. Ernie will be missed.
God bless you!*

Darlene - December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

GARY & LINDA PETERMAN - December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *You have our sincere sympathy. Ernie fought a long hard battle.*

Norm and Twyla Lancaster - December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ *My prayers are with you all. Turn to the Lord for comfort and
strength.*

Nicole Towns - December 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Marcy & Leasa and all family, so sorry about Ernie, and do know he
is in a bettr place. He has fought this so many years, now at peace
and no hurting. Praying for your strength through these hard time.
HUGS*

janette & mallory - December 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Im so sorry to hear about Ernest..he fought a long an brave
battle..my prayers are with his family*

charlotte edwards - December 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM