



Donald J. "Don" Engelman

November 14, 1944 - August 5, 2025

Donald J. "Don" Engelman, age 80, of Limestone passed away Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at his home. He was born November 14, 1944 in Kankakee, the son of Bud & Arlene (Reck) Engelman. Don married Lou Ann Schultz on May 29, 1965 in Herscher.

Don was a truck driver from the age of 16-73 years old. His passions included bowling, golfing, his family, and all their sports and music endeavors. Don was always there to fix things for his family. He built five houses for his family members. Some of his favorite memories include sports, family, and a couple of Elvis concerts.

Don was a past member of Calvary Bible Church for nearly 50 years. He recently attended the Manteno Church of the Nazarene. Don was a Christian who loved the Lord. His life advice is "To know the Lord".

Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Lou Ann Engelman of Limestone; one son, John (Janice) Engelman of Limestone; one daughter, Sherry Cordes of Manteno; three brothers, Mel Engelman, Dick Engelman, and Paul Engelman; six grandchildren, Alicia (Dan) Sobodas, Spike Engelman, Anthony Engelman, Luke Engelman, Hannah Cordes, and Erica Cordes; two great-grandchildren, Landon Sobodas and Nolan Sobodas. Don is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Tom Engelman and Bobby Engelman; and one sister, Carolyn Manny.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. until the time of the 5 p.m. funeral service on Friday, August 8, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Rev. Ken Bushey will officiate the service. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
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Funeral Service

AUG 8. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Don helped me out years ago when I left my jacket and keys on a dumpster in a local factory. Where I returned after a demo the jacket and dumpster were gone. The company told Don what had happened. He then went to the landfill. Found my jacket and brought it it and keys to my house. What a great guy!

Bruce Greenlee - August 10, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ A cute story from the time I met Don in the mid-60's, I was in the back seat of his car/believe it was a newer model chevy w/4 speed/ and he reached in the glove box and pulled out an engagement ring for his g/f saying it cost \$250 and someone else in the car said, "Man, you could have gotten Mags for that" (meaning Mag wheels that were popular in those days because I think he was kind of a car guy), and we all laughed. Don't think I ever ran into him again, but he seemed like a real good guy and I have always kept that story in the back of my head for some reason.

Jerry the Mailman

Jerrold Bjick - August 09, 2025 at 11:28 AM

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“ Our condolences to Engelman family on the loss of their Father/Grandfather. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Tim and Wendy Fisher

Tim Fisher - August 09, 2025 at 09:25 AM



“ *Heartfelt Comfort Charcuterie Gift Set was purchased for the family of Donald J. "Don" Engelman.*



August 07, 2025 at 10:24 AM