



Lowell "Butch" Engelbrekt

December 27, 1931 - December 18, 2017

Lowell, "Butch," Engelbrekt, age 85, died Monday, December 18, 2017 at his Dassel home with his wife of 62 years at his side. A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 23rd, 10:30 a.m., at Dassel Covenant Church with Rev. Keith Carlson and Rev. Dan Thompson officiating. There will be a time to gather with family and friends on Friday, December 22, 4 - 7 p.m., and one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

The Johnson Kelly American Legion Post #483 will provide Military Honors.

Lowell "Butch" Engelbrekt was born to Gustaf and Hulda (Anderson) Engelbrekt on December 27, 1931 in Minneapolis, MN. He graduated from Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis in 1950, and began a 42-year career with Sears on Lake Street in Minneapolis, interrupted by a 2-year stint in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. Butch was baptized and confirmed in the Christian faith and was most currently a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel.

Butch married Betty Ann Olson on November 26, 1955, and together they made their home in Richfield, MN, for 35 years where they raised five children and worshiped and were active at Bethany Covenant Church. In 1992 Butch and Betty relocated to Dassel, MN and in 1995 they built a home on the Engelbrekt Century Farm, north of Dassel.

Butch enjoyed fishing, hunting, skiing, snowmobiling and many, many creative hobbies - taxidermy, picture-framing, stained-glass. But perhaps his favorite activity was building. He built his cabin and his home and participated in many other projects, at Forest City Stockade, Lake Arvilla Cemetery, the Dassel Historical Society, at church and for others. Butch and Betty spent 18 winters in Harlingen, TX. Butch had many friends and family that he loved deeply.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Engelbrekt, of Dassel, children, Brent (Sherri) Engelbrekt of St. Cloud, Brenda (Mark) Bonney of Woodbury, Brad Engelbrekt of Chisago, Brian (Wendy) Engelbrekt of Spicer, Blair (Martha) Engelbrekt of Eden Prairie, eleven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, and a sister, Ruth Marie Hultquist of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Alex Engelbrekt, his parents and a brother, James Engelbrekt.

Tribute Wall

NG

“ SO sorry for your loss. I loved living next door to all of you. Butch was always busy with a project, yet always had time to be kind to the middle of many kids next door. I loved the many times my dad and Butch took us swimming at Bush Lake or pulled us on sleds behind the car in what became the Little League Field. There are only good memories of Butch and his beautiful smile. In the wonderful memories that he created for others is how he will continue to be a part of this life, residing in our hearts, forever. However, I am happy that he now lives in eternal peace & joy, where we all want to be! May God hold you close in your grief. Much love, Nancy Goodman

Nancy Goodman - May 03, 2018 at 05:46 PM

JS

“ Betty. And Family. Sorry to hear about Lowell. Passing.No more suffering our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. We are in az so be unable to attend funeral. John. SandycE

John. Sandy Smith - May 03, 2018 at 05:46 PM

MG

“ Deepest sympathies to some of the Goodman's oldest and dearest of friends.Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.I cannot think of life in Richfield, without thinking of the beautiful family that lived next door.May the peace of the holy spirit find its way to your hearts.God bless Butch and the rest of the Engelbrekt clan:)

Michael Goodman - May 03, 2018 at 05:46 PM

GT

“ Dearest Betty and family, We are very saddened to hear of Butch's passing. We shall always cherish the good memories of our fun times in Harlingen together. Keeping you close in heart and prayer at this very difficult time. Our deepest sympathy. George and Carol Theisen

George and Carol Theisen - May 03, 2018 at 05:46 PM

MM

“ Betty and family. We were so sorry to learn of Butch's passing. We always enjoyed our winters in Texas with you and have many wonderful, fun memories. Butch didn't sit still for very long but he was so much fun and we loved doing things together. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Only wish we could come to the services but will be thinking of all of you. God Bless. Ed and Marella

Marella Miedema - May 03, 2018 at 05:46 PM

CF

“ Dear Betty & family, So sorry to hear of Butch's passing. Was great getting to know you both in Harlingen and playing cards. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Butch's memories will live on forever. Our love and prayers, Clarence & Paula

Clarence & Paula Fussy - May 03, 2018 at 05:46 PM

MV

“ Our sympathy Betty to you and Family. Enjoyed Court Whist with Butch

Marlan and Donna Vosberg - May 03, 2018 at 05:46 PM

HB

“ *Betty and Family. We are so saddened by the passing of Butch. The many memories of times we enjoyed at Park Place will always be with us--card playing, the pot luck suppers, Butch and his funny hats, dumpster diving, his helping neighbors and participating in Park programs. He was so active in the church and community. He was always busy. We also enjoyed the visits and conversations when he and Betty stopped by our home. RIP good buddy. Ev and Harold*

Harold Bisel - May 03, 2018 at 05:46 PM

JS

“ *So sorry to hear of Butches passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and our prayers.*

Jim and Christine Spence - May 03, 2018 at 05:46 PM