



## Eugene Ray Engels

December 5, 1964 - November 26, 2024

Eugene Ray Engels was born December 5, 1964, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to James Henry Engels Sr and Beverly Boudreaux Engels. He died unexpectedly at his home in Watson on the evening of November 26, 2024, at the age of 59. He attended Central High School graduating in 1982 before starting a career in Industrial Sales.

Gene is survived by his two children: Peyton Engels and wife Heather of Central and Taylor Sweezy and husband Nick of Central; four grandchildren who were his world Rustin and Ryker Sweezy and Emma and Eli Engels.

Gene is also survived by his mother Beverly Boudreaux Engels and four siblings: James Henry Engels Jr. "Butch" and wife Sheri of Baton Rouge, Cheryl Rioux and husband Paul of Watson, Keith Engels and wife Elizabeth of St. Petersburg, FL, and Micheal Engels and wife Jami of Central; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Gene is preceded in death by his father James Henry Engels Sr and brother Gary Engels.

Friends knew him as "Big Gene" but his favorite name was "Papa Gene" to his beloved grandchildren. Hobbies include working out, riding motorcycles, cooking, and woodworking. Gene will be remembered for his bigger-than-life

personality, sense of humor, contagious laugh, and kind heart.

He was most proud of his children Peyton and Taylor.

Please join us as we celebrate Gene's life on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 4 pm at Berean Ministries.

508 N. River Road, Denham Springs, LA 70726

Arrangements have been entrusted to McLin Funeral Home. Online condolences may be shared at [www.mclinfuneralhome.com](http://www.mclinfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

DEC **29**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Berean Ministries

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Papa Gene, I just wanted to say thank you, thank you for all the fun times we have shared and the unforgettable moments we experienced together. I am forever grateful for the times we came to your place and you came to ours, when you walked in the door arms wide open where we came running in for hugs and you always had a bag full of candy for us. The moments where you were able to watch me cheer and saw me sing and dance in my living room. The times you came to my birthday dinners and parties at my house where we sat together and talked about what we were up to lately. I am so very thankful for all the memories we share and will never forget how you made me smile. I love you so much and will miss you lots. ❤️😘😍☐☐  
- Rustin Brooke ( Papa Gene’s pretty girl)

Rustin - December 28, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eugene Ray Engels.

December 28, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eugene Ray Engels.



December 28, 2024 at 10:29 AM

ME

“ Taylor and Peyton,  
I am saddened to learn of your dad's death. He was quite a character who always brought energy into any room. Please accept my condolences. I pray for your peace. Fondly, Aunt Melanie (Uncle Gary's wife)

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**Melanie Engels** - December 16, 2024 at 07:45 AM

GM

“ I met Gene only a few years ago through his friend Bubbie (Kirk) Gonzales  
I had heard about him for years from Bubbie and his declining health but when I actually met him you really would have never known he was so sick  
He was a hoot with a loving personality  
You could tell he loved to laugh and tell stories  
I'll remember him that way  
Happy and a joy to be around  
Rest in peace Gene 🙏

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**Gina Moreau** - December 14, 2024 at 09:26 PM

HS

“ Howard Slusher purchased the Peaceful White Lies Basket for the family of Eugene Ray Engels.



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**Howard Slusher** - December 13, 2024 at 09:46 AM

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Michelle  
Bailey

“ I used to visit Uncle Henry and Aunt Beverly (my godparents) when I was little. Gene and I got on like a house on fire. We got into so much mischief. He taught me to cuss when I was 9! And the time we played king of the hill on a muddy mound of dirt and got caked head to toe—so much laughter! So many shenanigans! He was mischief personified. I loved our time together. I wish we had kept in touch. I’m so sorry to have missed the chance to reminisce. God speed, Genie.

Michelle Bailey - December 12, 2024 at 07:58 PM

TW

“ The first time I met Mr. Gene, I was hooked. Mesmerized. I’d never met anyone quite like him and I’m not sure I ever will again. Gene was a doer. Always had a new project, always tinkering with something. Making something for someone else, undoubtedly. He was very selfless in that way. I actually watched the man make a frackle burning kit out of a microwave motor. Who thinks of something like that? Mr. Gene did. I didn’t know him very long and was only able to visit with him a handful of times. But those times made a lasting impression on me and I’m happy to have known him. My condolences to his friends and love ones. May God protect and keep him.

Taylor Whitson - December 11, 2024 at 10:39 PM