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Mike Engleman rocketed off this earth Sunday evening after a brief battle with a heart condition and rapid kidney failure. He refused to die in front of his kids, so he slipped over to the Pearly Gates 28 minutes after visiting hours. He was 85 years old.

He was born in Dallas, Texas on April 29, 1939, to Frank Allan Engleman and Kathryn Wright Engleman. After Allan Engleman returned from World War II, the family moved to FAR south Texas to Mike's beloved Edinburg, where he learned how to drink in Mexico in the 8th grade and became a 130-pound middle linebacker for the Edinburg Bobcats in high school. He claimed that he started writing once he passed his high school typing class.

With ink in his blood, all he ever wanted was to be a newspaperman.

Engleman's father was a newspaperman, as was his grandfather. His father Allan owned the little daily newspaper in Edinburg. Engleman's grandfather, Frank, owned the Tulia Herald, a weekly newspaper in the Panhandle of Texas. Allan Engleman's older brother, Charley, owned a small-town daily in western Oklahoma.

After high school, Engleman attended The Gentleman's University of the Southwest (what normal people called SMU), so that he could try and get a part-time job at the Dallas Times-Herald. At GUOSW, the student body elected him editor of the student newspaper.

And yes, he got that part-time job at the Times-Herald, where he worked in the sports department for legends like Blackie Sherrod, Bud Shrake and Dan Jenkins.

Engleman was super-busy in college, as he married to his college sweetheart, Linda Redd. And though their marriage did not last, they were gifted with their first son, Mich, who continues to reign as the King of the Engleman children.



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Engleman's first out-of-college job was also with the Herald, where he began writing obits (which he crafted much better than his youngest son), then advanced to the police beat and then to general assignments.

He worked on newspapers and for the Associated Press until, as he explained, "I got tired of always being broke."

He left the Dallas Morning News in the late 1960s, where he was an editorial page columnist, to form his own company with \$300 in the bank, no clients and brand-new wife.

His company became quite successful, and then not quite so successful.

His biggest success was his family, and that made him a lucky man.

Engleman was preceded in death by his parents, Allan and Kathryn Engleman, and the love of his life, Amelia Lloyd. He'll be missed by his baby sisters, Patricia Schroeder of Temple, TX and Molly Bell of Jackson, MS. He'll be quoted eternally by his kids, Mich Engleman of Ft. Myers, FL, Amelia (Doug) Smith of Marietta, GA, and John (Brooke) Engleman of Springdale, AR.

Engleman will continue to torment his unofficially adopted children, Steve Watson of Dallas, TX, and Shawn Orrange of Dallas, TX, from the grave, and they know it.

His legendary status will only grow over the years with his grands, Michael Engleman of Ft. Myers, FL, Marshall Smith and Brandon Smith, both of Marietta, GA.

In one of Engleman's book bio's, he claimed, "I have written for so many years, that I don't view it as a 'talent.' I view it as an affliction."

Engleman also said that he had been "divorced and widowed, rich and bankrupt, proud and ashamed, honorable and not, befriended and abandoned, content and bedeviled.

"And, almost always, consistently inconsistent.

"I have never 'worked' nor had a 'job.' All of my life, I've just gotten out of bed, gotten dressed and gone somewhere to have some more fun.



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“I am a Christian by upbringing and by choice. I am a Dad for the pure joy of it. I am a renegade who almost always does, not what he is supposed to do, but what he has to do. I am an optimist because I can't help it.

“And, through all the things I've been, I've thought, I've felt, and I've done...I have written. Most of the time I've written because it has been the best way I've known to make money.

“Now, at age 73, retired and widowed, I believe I am writing to stay alive.”

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the National Kidney Foundation in his honor.



Events

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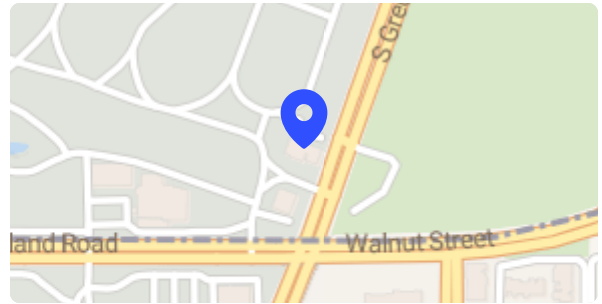
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Cemetery Details



Restland - Whispering Waters

13005 Greenville Ave, Dallas TX 75243





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Tom Yetter posted:

Mike and I worked on financial reporting projects for 20 + years. Sometimes heated, often, honest and open. He will be missed.

July 6 at 5:10 AM



Joann Cisneros posted:

Such a perfectly written tribute to the writer that you all called dad! I am sorry for the loss of that great man in your life. The picture you chose for this captures his essence and should be a reminder of how we should all live each moment with joy and wonder.

June 24 at 5:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Engleman family.



June 21 at 8:40 AM



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Rheamy Higgins posted:

What a beautifully written obituary- describes Mr. Engleman perfectly! He was like a 2nd Dad to me growing up. I spent a lot of time at the house with Lil' Amy being my best buddy. Didn't matter if I was down or what I was feeling, he could ALWAYS make me laugh - still does! To the whole Engleman family, sending hugs and prayers for you in this difficult time. Much love, Rheamy Williams Higgins

June 20 at 5:02 PM



Pat Jancauskas June 21 at 7:12 AM

Yes, we are part of the neighbor dinner crowd. When Mike came, we never knew what he was going to say but whatever it was, he always made us laugh. Mike, we will really miss you! Don & Pat Jancauskas



Judy Clasen June 21 at 4:02 AM

It is a great obituary. I met Mike five years ago at our monthly neighborhood dinners. Oh boy - the minute I met him I knew him. Found out we had similar backgrounds- I had been in advertising and he journalism. He was probably at the same bar of McKinney with Blackie back in the 80's called Joe Millers. After first dinner Mike wanted to get some publicity. He coined the phrase "neighborling" and called the Preston Hollow magazine and had a reporter and photographer come to our next dinner. They interviewed us and took our Pictures. Wow- I thought - he's something else!!! One winter it was very cold and he came to the restaurant with his pjs on under his robe and coat!!! No one knew but me. I will miss him and his jovial self. In the later month- he would call me and say -"when is the next dinner?" I told him and say o will call the day before. He would say it's too cold to get out and I'll wait for spring. After a few months he stopped coming - this year. He was a hoot!!! have his business card - the old renegade!! I couldn't believe his card. It was fantastic knowing him for those short years!!! We all will miss him!!



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Engleman family.



June 20 at 4:30 PM



Rheamy Higgins, Vicki Williams & Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.



June 20 at 4:30 PM



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Don Freel posted:

Mike and I were both Bobcats. My father managed the J.C Penney store and thus was one of the bigger advertisers in the Edinburg paper as Mike was growing up (if growing up is an accurate term for Mike). We were often in the Engleman home and they in ours in the late 40's and well into the 50's. If you were ever told the story of "that crazy Don Freel who pushed me off the running board of his '33 Plymouth, and broke my wrist" -- I was the guilty party. It was not until a few years ago that he confessed to being about half in love with my first wife when we were in high school. I am a few years older than Mike, and had this as the edge get to be her husband. We both lost her when she passed away at 26. I had the pleasure of enjoying Mike's 'online' book about the two adventurers from the Valley and their experiences in and around the Valley and up the Gulf coast a hundred or so years ago. For the past half a decade or so, we would visit by phone every several months. After getting away from the Valley we both hit it lucky with wives far above what we deserved -- we would offer each other advice on how to handle the grief of having and then losing someone so wonderful. I tried to convince him that he needed to make a trip to Springdale and take the circuitous route through Hope, AR to get there. I am now truly sorry I did not try harder. Each day will be a little sadder without the expectation that we will visit again.

June 20 at 2:15 PM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Engleman family.



June 20 at 4:11 AM



Sharon Weber And Jeff Mores planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Michael.



June 20 at 4:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Engleman family.



June 20 at 4:05 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Michael by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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