



## Emil Leon Engdahl

September 29, 1938 - December 5, 2023

Emil Engdahl, age 85, of Purcell passed away peacefully on December 5, 2023 surrounded by his family. Emil Leon Engdahl was born on September 29, 1938 in Purcell, Oklahoma, the youngest of 3 children born to Eric Set Engdahl and Katherine M. (Wellinghoff) Engdahl. He attended Purcell Schools and graduated with the Dragon Class of 1958. Shortly after graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Army serving his country honorably and faithfully. By chance, Emil was set up on a blind date through mutual friends. He was introduced to a young lady named, Betty Lorene Frizell. The two fell in love quickly and were married in Gainesville, Texas in 1962. Their love story was nothing short of epic, as they shared 61 wonderful years of marriage together. They made their home in Purcell where they raised their 3 beautiful children- Leon, Pam, and Kathy. Emil worked in construction his whole life, and even owned and operated his own company, Emil Engdahl Construction. He valued hard work and demonstrated that every single day, retiring at the age of 74. When he wasn't working you could find him fishing, camping, mowing, or tinkering with his tools and equipment. Emil was very strong, driven, kind, and compassionate. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it! Emil was a simple man, and he truly appreciated the simple things in life. He prioritized spending time with his family and he never missed an opportunity to pester them! He truly cherished every moment with them. Emil was a beloved husband, dad, brother, papa, big papa, and a true friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Eric and Katherine Engdahl and his brother, James Engdahl.

Emil is survived by: his loving wife, Betty Engdahl of the home; son, Leon Engdahl and wife Cherie of Purcell; two daughters, Pam Vaughn and husband Mike of Purcell, Kathy Wollenberg and husband Paul of Purcell; brother, Herb Engdahl of Lexington; 6 grandchildren, Erica, Mikayla, Macey and husband Joe, Madison and husband Casey, Cody and wife Jaden, and Cady; 4 great-grandchildren, his loyal and loving fur baby, Bandit and a host of other family and friends.

The family will receive friends and relatives for a visitation from 3-5 P.M. Sunday.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 A.M. Monday, December 11, 2023 at Our Lady Victory Catholic Church in Purcell. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

MT

“ I worked for Emil for a little over 6 years and it was an honor to do so. Mr. Engdahl not only gave me a job ..... He taught me a trade that has and will help me for the rest of my life. At work he was,for the most part, strictly business and demanded an A-1 job from his employees. Outside work,he didn't think ppl could see, but he was a bit of a softie. We were loading material when one of the grandchildren come running from his son Leon's house he said that's the best part of having kids right there he said being a grandpa was the best thing ever did now that I'm a grand dad myself I see where he was coming from I hate to hear his passing my condolences to the family it was a good man

Mike Timmons - June 05, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Emil was such a caring and kind hearted man.  
He helped so many throughout his lifetime.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family.



Randy Belicek - December 10, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ So sorry to hear about Emil's passing. Always remember the fun times we would have with Aunt Katy, Uncle Eric and the boys when we visited during summer vacations. My mom Pearl loved him and his brothers much! God bless and prayers.

Carol Rose Herron - December 09, 2023 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *So sorry to hear about Emil! He was one of my mom's favorite cousins! Thoughts and prayers for you all!* ”



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**Patty Rose Beaver** - December 08, 2023 at 12:00 AM