



DeWayne Robert "Bob" Englebrecht

December 30, 1937 - December 30, 2025

DeWayne Robert "Bob" Englebrecht aged 88 of Ludington passed away on Tuesday, December 30, 2025. Bob was born on December 30, 1937, in Scottville, the son of Theodore and Bessie (Smith) Englebrecht and graduated from Scottville High School with the class of 1956. On February 17, 1962, he wed Doris L. Babbin and they celebrated 62 years together before Doris preceded him in death on February 17, 2024. Bob was also preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Patricia Brown and Charlene Jagow, and his brother Frederick.

After high school Bob served his country with the United States Army. Following his discharge from service he returned to Scottville where he worked for George Towns Trucking and then at Harbison-Walker in Ludington before completing Detective School sponsored by the Ludington Police Department in 1969. Upon completing the course, Bob began his career in law enforcement for Mason County, first as a detective with the Sheriff Department before serving as the Friend of the Court Inspector. In 1977, Mason County Sheriff Walt Carrier asked Bob if he would consider serving as Undersheriff – a role Bob enjoyed very much. As Walt was retiring in 1984, Bob decided to run for Sheriff and served our community until his retirement on December 31, 1988. One of the programs introduced under Bob's leadership was "Vial of Life" where one would write their pertinent medical information and place it in a vial in their freezer. In case of an emergency,

medical personnel could easily obtain the information needed to properly care for the individual and contact relatives. Bob also initiated the Discovery Camp for Boys that was held each summer in remote Oceana County. Over the years, Bob and Doris provided Foster/Shelter care for several kids in the community who needed guidance and direction in their lives.

Bob loved woodworking and shared his love as a 4-H leader. When Doris retired from the Sheriff Department, they moved to Paradise, MI where Bob turned their garage into his woodworking shop where he spent much time making all things wooden. Bob also served as a weather monitor for the area – measuring temperature, rain and snowfall amounts and reporting to the National Weather Service. This led to him to also work as a Trail Groomer in the winter, providing safer trails for the many cross-country skiers and snowmobilers who visited the Paradise area.

Faith was an integral part of Bob and Doris' foundation. They were charter members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Scottville where Bob served as an Elder as well as a Sunday School Teacher and youth leader and later became members of St. John Lutheran Church in Cheboygan.

Bob will be greatly missed by his children Robert (Michelle) Englebrecht of Central Lake, Mark (Corrina) Englebrecht of Custer, Diane Englebrecht (Shane Reed) of Ludington, and Dr. Amy Englebrecht of Park City, UT; his grandchildren Courtney (Shawn) Pomorski of Newaygo, Mark (Katie) Englebrecht Jr., Joel (Sarah) Englebrecht and Danielle Stark, all of Custer, and Kylee Stark of Ludington; ten great-grandchildren; his sisters-in-law Patsy Strayer of Scottville and Ruth Babbins of Ludington; along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, foster kids, and great friends made over a lifetime of service.

Funeral services will be held for Bob at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 10 at

Our Savior Lutheran Church in Scottville with Rev. Kenneth Williamson, Pastor Pete Engblade, and Pastor Dave Goehmann officiating. Burial with Honor Guard rites will take place at Center Riverton Cemetery later this spring. Friends may meet with Bob's family on Saturday morning from 10:00 am until time of services at the church. Those who would like to remember Bob with a memorial donation are asked to please consider Hospice of Michigan, or the Friends of the Mason County Sheriff Department.

Cemetery Details

Center Riverton Cemetery

2200 West Hawley Road
Ludington, MI 49431

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
765 West US Highway 10
Scottville, MI 49454

Funeral Ceremony

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Although I only met him once and visited him a second time, I enjoyed the stories he would share of his boating and fishing. And then during the funeral service, I was able to hear other great stories about this fine man! Sooooo funny!!!!

Tom Feldpausch - January 10 at 03:09 PM

GW

“ Diane Englebrecht and family. I am pleased to say that I knew both your mom and dad during my younger years. At age 14 I enrolled in a Boy Scouts Explorer program that Bob hosted at the MCSD. I went on to join the department reserve unit. After obtaining certification, I was hired full time with the MCSD. My career choice was made directly because of Bobs willingness to give of himself and host an Explorers unit. I am most sorry for your loss.

Greg Wessendorf - January 06 at 02:55 PM

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“ Sally & Bill Noeske purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of DeWayne Robert "Bob" Englebrecht.



Sally & Bill Noeske - January 06 at 01:01 PM

BW

“ Bob hired me as a Jailer/Corrections Deputy in June 1985 . I'm forever grateful for him taking a chance on me and I'm happy in recent years I had the chance to express my gratitude with him and Doris before she passed. They made a great couple. Condolences to the family!

Bob Wilson - January 04 at 09:24 PM

NL

“ Bob helped my dad in my dad's sugar bush for along time he was the best help we had. Rest in piece Bob. We will miss you.

Nancy Letts - January 04 at 06:42 PM

GC

“ Greg C. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of DeWayne Robert "Bob" Englebrecht.



Greg C. - December 31, 2025 at 04:02 PM