



Eugene Clarence Engledow

October 7, 1913 - November 12, 2019

Gene Engledow of Bolivar, Mo passed away November 12, 2019 at Citizens Memorial Healthcare Facility in Bolivar at the age of 106.

Gene was born October 7, 1913, the son of Ray Engledow and Elfie Parrott Engledow. He attended Woodlawn School and Bolivar High School.

He married his wife of 72 years, Grace Slagle, on January 1, 1936. After marriage, the couple moved to Taft, California. Gene worked as an auto and air mechanic and also opened an air field after receiving his pilots' license. During WWII, he was on the crew that retrofitted the B-25 bombers flown in the Doolittle raid over Japan. He had the privilege of meeting aviation pioneers Jimmy Doolittle and Chuck Yeager.

In 1950, he moved back to Missouri and worked at the GM plant in KC, Whitman Air Force Base, then moved to Neosho, MO where he worked for Rocketdyne until his retirement. He also managed the Neosho airport in the 60's and ran an aviation service. After retiring he moved back to Bolivar. He rebuilt and restored many airplanes, golf carts, and antique gas engines. He was a HAM radio operator, RV-er, travelling to Oshkosh, Wisconsin annually to the air show and wintering in Arizona or Texas. He loved swap meets and hanging out at the airport. He maintained his pilots' license and flew his plane on his 100th birthday. The Bolivar airstrip bears his name and

his aviation memories have been recorded in the aviation museum in Oshkosh.

Gene received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot's award from the FAA and the Master Mechanic Award. He attended the honor flight in Washington, DC and was honored in Springfield by a flight in the B-25 bomber. He was a member of the United Flying Octogenarians, the Quiet Birdmen, Antique Airplane, Tractor and Gas Engine Associations, and the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Gene is survived by two daughters: Carolynn Meadors of Bolivar, Jeannine Franks and husband Mark of Neosho, and three grandchildren: Vicki Lee and husband Roger of Bolivar, Dustin Franks and wife Janell of Carl Junction, and Lindsay Smith and husband Ben of Raleigh, NC, and eight great-grandchildren: Justin Lee and wife Megan of Springfield, Jared Lee of Detroit Michigan, Kaitlynn, Hannah and Emma Franks, Kamryn, Trystan, and Kohen Smith and loving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his sister Freda Sterling of Bolivar, brother Wayne Engledow of Bolivar, son-in-law Dale Meadors of Bolivar, and infant grandson Jackie Dale Meadors.

Visitation for Gene Engledow will be held Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 10 AM at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 11 AM at the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Burial will be held at Barren Creek Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions can be made in Gene's honor to the SOAR Ministries by way of the Butler Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Barren Creek Cemetery

651 E 430th Rd
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Eugene Clarence Engledow

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM

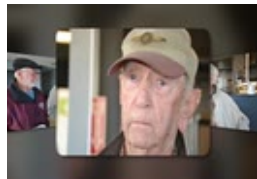


“ Eugene Clarence Engledow

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



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Butler Funeral Home - November 16, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eugene Clarence Engledow.



November 15, 2019 at 04:16 PM

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“ For a few years in the early 60's, my parents rented a farmhouse from Gene on highway 32 west of Bolivar. Gene maintained a home and hangar not far away and Dale Meadors and his wife, Gene's daughter Carolyn, lived for a short time across the road in what was known as "The Stone Age Station." That building is still there, but the old farmhouse is long gone. We kids (six of us) enjoyed many happy times while living there and I remember Gene would fly in every so often in his light plane. My eldest brother Michael considered him a mentor and eventually became an airline Captain for Frontier and Continental. Although just a kid at the time, my lasting memories of Gene center around how "nice" a man he was. Spending time near the Hampton kids had to be by trying ;) but he was always patient and kind. I consider myself privileged to have been able to talk with him again a few weeks ago when I stopped by for a visit. Although we had not encountered each other since 1963, he remembered me. During my visit Gene commented regarding his life and careers, "...it sure goes fast." I concur, and am convinced the world would be a better place if we had Gene for another 106 years. Enjoy God's embrace my friend, you truly deserve it.

David Hampton
(Son of Dean & Mary)

David Hampton - November 15, 2019 at 09:18 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Eugene Clarence Engledow.



November 14, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Eugene Clarence Engledow.*



November 14, 2019 at 05:28 PM



“ *Such a wonderful sweet gentleman. I had the privilege of witnessing his 100th birthday flight; the photo attached was taken that day. He was a remarkable guy who will be greatly missed. My sincere sympathy to family and loved ones.*



Connie Hestand - November 14, 2019 at 02:55 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Butler Funeral Home - November 13, 2019 at 12:49 PM



“ *It was a Privilege to have been a friend and spend many years enjoying Gene's aviation tales, sharing flights , in the sky and in the hangar, Burro Old buddy.*

Sam Swihart - November 13, 2019 at 11:49 AM

JS

So sorry Jeannie prayers are with you

Jan skistimas - November 14, 2019 at 03:07 PM

PA

*Jeannine. I am so sorry and prayers are with you and the family.
Beautiful pictures that you shared. Pat Smith*

Patricia - November 15, 2019 at 12:32 PM