

# Obituary for Charles Engel

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Chuck was united in marriage to Laurie Bourke on May 20, 1983 at Nativity of Mary Catholic Church in Bloomington. He worked as an insurance adjuster in Burnsville and later moved to Northfield where he continued his career as an adjuster. He served as the boy's high school basketball coach in Northfield for nearly 20 years.

Chuck loved following sports either in person or on television. He was instrumental in organizing a group of community members to fund and build Sechler Baseball Complex. He loved animals, fishing, music, playing cards, grilling out and flower gardening. Each year Chuck and Laurie would have flower wars and had friends vote for whoever had the nicest garden. He was always there to help anyone and because of this and his outgoing nature, made many friends. He was diagnosed with esophageal cancer and was given 30 days to live 3 years ago. He made the best of his life over the past three years and was able to see his two sons' get married.

Chuck passed away Saturday, May 20, 2017, at his home, at the age of 61. He is survived by his wife Laurie of Northfield, two sons Josh (Darcy) of Roseau, Jonathan (Adrienne) of Edina, a soon to be granddaughter in June, Isabelle, two sisters Laurie Engel of Minneapolis, Cheryl Engel (Sherry Boulton) in Australia, a sister-in-law Judy (Joe) Chumley of Bloomington, three nephews Michael, Craig and Shawn and his faithful and loving puggle, Barney. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at Church of St. Dominic on Friday, June 2, 2017, beginning at 10:30 AM. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights. Arrangements by Bierman Funeral Home. Memorials are preferred. [biermanfuneralhome.com](http://biermanfuneralhome.com)

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