



## Ila Mae Engler

March 5, 1933 - December 12, 2025

OSMOND – Funeral service for Ila Mae Engler, 92, of Osmond, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 18, 2025 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Reverend Glen Emery and Reverend Brian Tuma will be officiating the service. The Nebraska Nurse Honor Guard will be providing rites at the funeral service. Graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 18, 2025 at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Atkinson, NE. Visitation will be 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk, NE. Ila Mae passed away on Friday, December 12, 2025 at the Heritage of Bel-Air Nursing Home in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Ila Mae was born on March 5, 1933 in Atkinson, Nebraska to Emil and Marie (Gathje) Johnson. She attended grade school at District 99, at Atkinson, NE and attended Atkinson High School. She then attended Norfolk Junior College graduating in 1970 with her LPN Degree. Ila Mae married Robert Engler on February 5, 1951 at in Atkinson. The family moved to Osmond in 1960 and she worked at the Osmond General Hospital for 45 years as a nurse. Ila Mae enjoyed spending time with her family, reading, bird watching and going to the Osmond Senior Center.

Ila Mae is survived by her children Joe (Sue) Engler of Lincoln, Barbie (Randy) Freivogel of Leavenworth, KS, Chris (Patty) Engler of Madison, Mark

(Linda) Engler of Beatrice, Bruce (Betty) Engler of Atkinson, Kevin (Connie) Engler of Basehor, KS, Susie (Dan) Dennis of Osmond, 16 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren.

Ila Mae was preceded in death by her husband Robert Engler in 1989, parents Emil and Marie Johnson, daughter Carole Reber, granddaughter Bridget Engler, step-grandson Gary Allen Reber, and brother Daryl Johnson. Organist will be Celine Fehringer. Songs: "Come Home For Christmas" (Recorded), Congregational Hymns "It Is Well With My Soul", "Precious Lord Take My Hand", Soloist "In The Garden" by Dusty Shoemaker, & "Joy To The World". Casket bearers will be Jory Reber, Matthew Engler, David Freivogel, Ryan Freivogel, Adam Engler, Travis Engler, Brandon Engler, Bryce Dennis, and Josh Engler. Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery, Atkinson, NE

Atkinson, NE 68713

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com  
<https://stonacekfuneralchapel.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
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## Graveside Service

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DEC 18. 3:00 PM (CT)

Woodlawn Cemetery, Atkinson, NE  
Atkinson, NE 68713

# Tribute Wall

JE

“ With heart felt condolence to ila Mae's passing! May you find comfort with each passing day with the help of the Lord Jim(Butch) and Deb Engler

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**Jim Engler** - December 20, 2025 at 07:01 PM

DR

“ Our sympathy and prayers to the family.  
Dennis & Roxanne Ryan  
Atkinson NE

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**D and r ryan** - December 19, 2025 at 10:52 PM

EL

“ So many memories of the Engler family neighbors out on thee farm! As an adult I spent many hours and years working PM and Night shifts at OGH with both IlaMae and Suzie. Truly wish I could have been able to attend either the visitation or service, but I was needed elsewhere for an urgent family matter. Nyla told me about the touching and emotional service you honored your mom with. Realized how parallel our mothers were in many ways, and they even both lived to the same age! Thinking of you all and understanding your loss.  
With love and fond memories, Elaine

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**Elaine** - December 19, 2025 at 12:17 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ila Mae Engler.*



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December 17, 2025 at 02:45 PM



“ *My condolences to Ila Mae's family! She was such a sweet lady! I am so glad my sisters and I got a chance to visit with her in August when my daughter and I were back in Nebraska for a few days. Ann Koehler Biros*

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**ann biros** - December 17, 2025 at 09:14 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about the loss of Ila Mae. She was a wonderful and thoughtful person. My thoughts and prayers are with the families.*



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**Marybeth** - December 16, 2025 at 08:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ila Mae Engler.*



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December 15, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ila Mae Engler.*



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December 15, 2025 at 05:00 PM



“ *Give plant to:Bruce & Betty purchased the Red Poinsettia for the family of Ila Mae Engler.*



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**Give plant to:Bruce & Betty** - December 15, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ *I so enjoyed Ila Mae and her sweet personality. Met her when I joined playing cards after a meal at the senior center. Got to visit with her a couple times at Bel Air. Know she expected to get home to Osmond again. Sad to hear she didn't get to. Praying for her family 🙏*

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**Mary Ann Pavlik** - December 14, 2025 at 02:47 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your families loss. Your Mom was such a sweet kind person and a wonderful caring nurse. I was just thinking about her yesterday. I know there are no words to take away your pain, but know that I have all of you in my prayers.*

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**Amber Block** - December 13, 2025 at 07:17 PM

BG

“ Bonnie Schafer and Tammy Goetsch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ila Mae Engler.

Bonnie Schafer and Tammy Goetsch - December 13, 2025 at 06:15 PM

BG

“ Bonnie Schafer and Tammy Goetsch purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Ila Mae Engler.



Bonnie Schafer and Tammy Goetsch - December 13, 2025 at 06:15 PM

TG

“ You have my sympathy. I remember working at the hospital with her. She was a good night nurse. Your in my prayers.



Tammy Goetsch - December 13, 2025 at 06:11 PM

KH

Kevin and Connie,  
Sorry for your loss. Prayers and hugs for your family.

Kathy Hostert - January 01 at 11:08 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Family



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**Linda Engler** - December 13, 2025 at 04:33 PM