Randall Eugene Van Engen was born September 6, 1962, to Harlan and Jeanette (Van Otterloo) Van Engen of Doon, Iowa. Randy attended Doon Christian School before continuing his education at Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa. During those years he worked at Joe's Ready mix and spent countless hours making memories with family at his grandparents' farm.

On April 16 1982, Randy was united in marriage to Rosetta Keizer, also of Doon. Together they made their home in their hometown, where they welcomed their three children. In the early years of their marriage, Randy worked alongside his father at Van's Automotive and drove truck for Tony Rozeboom Trucking. He later began a career at Car Quest Auto Parts, where for over 30 years he shared his love for and knowledge of vehicles with countless customers. People he initially met while on his sales route would go on to become some of his most significant friendships.

A man of many interests, Randy was involved in a lot of things over the years. His passion for cars led him to spending over 40 years at local racetracks as a driver, crew chief, and then a track official for Rapid Speedway. He loved summertime Friday nights. In his young adulthood Randy was also part of Doon Jaycees and a men's fastpitch league. Following his retirement, Randy volunteered as a coach for the city little league, and treasured the opportunity to teach young boys about baseball. In recent years, his favorite pastime was anything his grandkids were involved in, often putting on many miles of travel to watch them in their activities. He was a proud grandpa.

To meet Randy was to find a man short on words with a somewhat gruff exterior. To know him was to experience an animated story teller with a signature brand of dry humor and sarcasm that he blessed his family, friends, and medical team with right up until the final hours of life. His humor and straightforward manner made him uniquely Randy, and those who loved him will forever treasure the stories and laughter he shared. Randy passed away Saturday, October 24, 2026, at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 64.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 44 years, Rosey; daughter, Gwen (Brian) Denekas of Spirit Lake, Iowa; sons, Mitch (Ashley) Van Engen and Taylor (Mary) Van Engen both of Doon; grandchildren, Carson, Collin, Ceagan, and Raevyn Denekas, Tessa and Bryson Van Engen, and Emersyn and Decker Van Engen; mother, Jeanette Van Engen of Doon; siblings, Lorelei Burgers of Hull, Iowa and Brian (Stephanie) Van Engen of Sioux Center, Iowa; siblings-in-law, John (Sharon) Keizer of Hull, Wanda (Kent) Vant Hul of Cedar Grove, Wisconsin, and Janice Johnson of Doon; a host of nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, cousins, and many amazing friends.

Preceding Randy in death was his father, Harlan Van Engen; father and mother-in-law, Dick and Theo Keizer; and brothers-in-law, Dennis Burgers and Lonnie Johnson.

Remembering the Life of
Randy Van Engen
September 6, 1962 ~ October 24, 2026

FUNERAL SERVICE
1:30pm, Saturday, October 31, 2026
Doon United Reformed Church
Doon, Iowa

OFFICIANT
Rev. Peter Kolb
Doon First Reformed Church

ORGANIST
Karen Lems

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS
"Amazing Grace" #380 blue hymnal
"Great is Thy Faithfulness" #408 blue hymnal
"Because He Lives" See insert

MUSICAL SELECTION
"Go Rest High on That Mountain" by Vince Gill

PALLBEARERS
Derk Burgers ~ Jake Van Engen
Marcus Van Engen ~ Nick Van Engen
Cody Johnson ~ Carl Johnson

HONORARY PALLBEARERS
Carson Denekas ~ Collin Denekas
Bryson Van Engen ~ Ceagan Denekas ~ Decker Van Engen

INTERMENT
Hillside Cemetery
Doon, Iowa

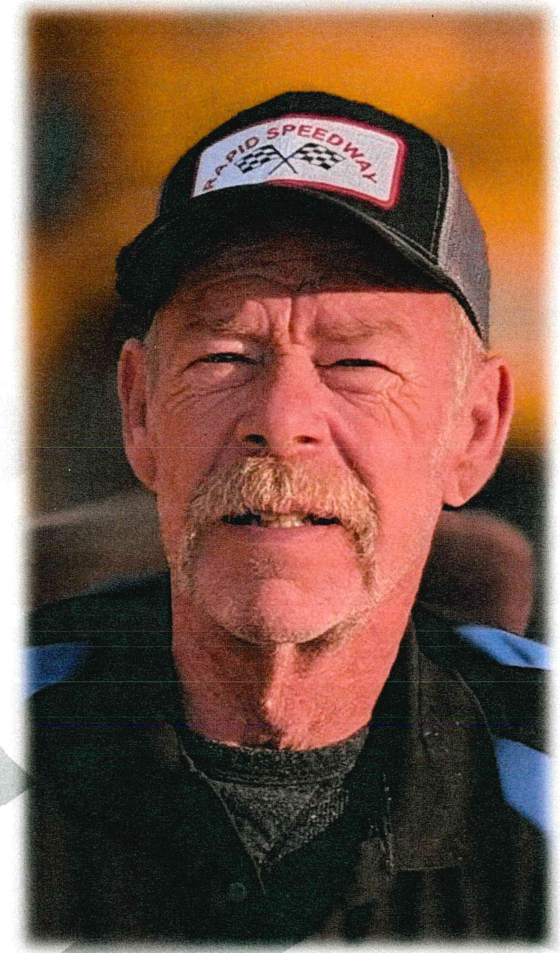
Randy's family would like to invite you to a time of cookies and coffee in the church fellowship hall following the committal service.

Our family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our friends, family, and community for all of the love and support shown to us at this difficult time in our lives.

~ Randy's Family

PORTER FUNERAL HOME

In Loving Memory



Randy Van Engen

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