



## Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert

July 9, 1939 - January 20, 2021

A funeral service for Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert, 81, who entered into rest on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, will be held at 3 o'clock on Sunday, January 24, 2021, at Liberty Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Jim Beck and the Rev. Jimmy Beck will officiate. The family will receive friends immediately following the service. Brown-Pennington Atkins Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

Mr. Engelbert was born was born in Hockenheim Germany July 9, 1939. He was the son of Theodore Engelbert and Luise Eichhorn Engelbert.

Mr. Engelbert came to the United States on December 19, 1959. Six months afterward, he joined the United States Army. He was stationed in the same barracks as his father was stationed 20 years prior in Germany. He served four years and received an honorable discharge. Afterward, he moved to California with his sister, Gisela, and her husband, Robert Travis. While living there, Günter worked various jobs on the West Coast before coming to South Carolina where he met and married his wife, Bernice Engelbert. They were married for 38 years until her death in 2006. He loved her so much and provided great care for her and their family.

Günter was employed for Mafco Mfg. for 10 years, then at A.O. Smith Water Products Company for 28 years where he retired in 2008. After his retirement,

he enjoyed spending time with his family, shopping at Wal-Mart and Lowe's. He enjoyed working in his yard and had many projects going on at various times. Günter also enjoyed road trips in his Miata with the top down. It made him feel youthful to do this.

Shortly after his wife's death, he began attending Liberty Hill Baptist Church where he was baptized and became a Child of God. He enjoyed singing and playing his harmonica at church. He loved the Lord and his church along with his close friendship with the Beck family.

Günter loved and provided for his family. He cared for people and was always willing to help anyone in need. He loved his sons and was always teaching and showing them how to be strong men.

"PaPa" especially loved his grandchildren, Jena and Taylor. They were the apple of his eye. He and his wife spoiled both of them and never saw any wrong in them. He was blessed with a grandson, Conner Engelbert, who then stole his heart. During the summer days, "PaPa G" as Conner would call him, would sugar him up and send him home. He enjoyed spending time with Conner and teaching him how to drive the lawnmower while he sat in the trailer being towed. Conner prayed for PaPa G asking Jesus to make him better so he could come home and rotten spoil him some more. Günter also loved his dachshunds Schatzie, Hansel, and Odus.

He is survived by his sons, Donnie (Candy) Engelbert of Hartsville, SC, Freddie (Danielle) Engelbert of Hartsville, SC, Teddie Engelbert of Sumter, SC, sister, Gisela Riggle of Brentwood, CA; grandchildren Jena Engelbert, Taylor Engelbert, Conner Engelbert; nieces Sheila Shoemake, Sharon Hall, all of Hartsville SC and nephew Rob(Cathy) Travis of San Luis Obispo, Ca.

He was preceded in death by his wife Bernice and his brothers-in-law, Robert

Travis and William Riggle, and a niece, Karin Travis.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 181 East Evans Street, BTC-009, Suite 200, Florence, SC 29506, or the Darlington County Humane Society, PO Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29550.

The family would like to thank the medical staff and the nurses at McLeod Hospital in Florence, SC that worked in the PCU, ICU, and the Stroke Unit. You showed our father such great care and compassion during his time there. We are also thankful for the staff at the McLeod Hospice House for their compassion and care for our father.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 24. 3:00 PM (ET)

Liberty Hill Baptist Church  
3224 Liberty Hill Rd  
Hartsville, SC 29550

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - January 23, 2021 at 10:57 AM

TR

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Terry and Ann Rush*

**Terry and Ann Rush** - January 23, 2021 at 05:14 PM

JH

*Beautiful memories*

**Jennifer Huggins** - January 23, 2021 at 06:27 PM

RJ

*My thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family. I am very sorry for your loss.*

**Ruthie Johnson** - January 24, 2021 at 11:35 AM

GS

“ *Donnie sorry to hear of the loss of your dad.*

**Gerald Sellers** - January 28, 2021 at 12:46 AM

BS

“ *Brian Seagle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



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**Brian Seagle** - January 25, 2021 at 08:50 PM

LC

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Engleberts.  
Les Crowley*

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**Les Crowley** - January 25, 2021 at 07:44 PM

JG

“ *What a fitting tribute to the life and legacy of  
this kind man.  
Prayers for this sweet family*



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**Jean and William Gullede** - January 25, 2021 at 01:52 PM

FH

“ *Donnie, Freddie and Teddy, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will  
always remember the times working at AO Smith, seeing your dad  
come by and he would always stop and talk. Hate that our work  
changed and we all lost track of each other. He always had words  
and ways to make you smile. Praying for you all in the weeks to  
come .*

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**Frankie Hall** - January 24, 2021 at 08:32 PM

SW

“ I will never forget you Freddie. You was one of the nicest, caring, and heart of gold. I will cherish my memories with you working at AO Smith. Never forget you gave me a tv to watch while I worked on the weekend. Lol cherish the stories and laughs we had. RIP Freddie your friend always Sandra



Sandra Weatherford - January 24, 2021 at 03:01 PM

BD

“ Betty & Don Dietz lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Betty & Don Dietz - January 24, 2021 at 11:46 AM

DT

“ Debbie Timms lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Debbie Timms - January 24, 2021 at 10:30 AM

TO

“ Tonda Steen Odom lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Tonda Steen Odom - January 24, 2021 at 09:41 AM

HB

“ *Donnie , sorry to hear of your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

Howard Barfield - January 24, 2021 at 07:44 AM

MS

“ *Donnie, Freddie and Teddie, Mike and I are so sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a wonderful man that loved his sons! As I was watching the tribute video, I was having many memories of us as neighbors on Amerson Street. All of you have grown up to be wonderful men and I know your Dad and Mom are so proud of you three. We are too! We know your hearts are hurting but, it is a joy knowing that he and your Mom are together in Heaven. We are praying for y'all and we love y'all...Deut.31:6 Mike and Janice*

Mike and Janice Smith - January 23, 2021 at 10:23 PM

MD

“ *Mary Dampier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



Mary Dampier - January 23, 2021 at 08:25 PM

ET

“ Jena and Taylor I am so sorry to hear that your Granddaddy passed away I know he will be missed by both of you ,hang on all the memories and love that he had for both of you today he is healed and walking the streets of gold with his family that went before him. Both of you and the family are in my prayers Love both of you . Aunt Linda



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**Eugene and Linda Tolson** - January 23, 2021 at 06:38 PM

RD

“ Rodney & Shannon Dye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



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**Rodney & Shannon Dye** - January 23, 2021 at 05:58 PM

LB

“ Linda Boseman And The Late Archie Bosema lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



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**Linda Boseman and the late Archie Bosema** - January 23, 2021 at 05:23 PM

SM

“ *Such a beautiful tribute. Freddie and I worked at AO Smith quite a few years ago .He was a good person and will be missed by all that knew him. I always enjoyed hearing his German accent. I'm so saddened for your loss. Will keep the family in my thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace.*



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**Shirley Mozingo** - January 23, 2021 at 12:12 PM

RA

“ *Randy Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



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**Randy Atkinson** - January 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM

LG

“ *Libby Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



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**Libby Griggs** - January 23, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ 50 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - January 23, 2021 at 10:51 AM



“ *Matt And Janice Cassidy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



**Matt and Janice Cassidy** - January 23, 2021 at 07:42 AM



“ *Gloria Shoemake lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



**Gloria Shoemake** - January 23, 2021 at 05:38 AM

AJ

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.



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**Amy Johnson** - January 22, 2021 at 09:30 PM

JS

“ June Smothers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



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**June Smothers** - January 22, 2021 at 07:01 PM

SB

“ Sharon Byram lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



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**Sharon Byram** - January 22, 2021 at 05:53 PM

JL

“ I remember when we all meet Freddy, he came to Hartsville with Wilburn Hulsey & the boys off a construction job in Tenn. in the 1960's. Freddy soon became a good friend & a Member of the "OLE PETTY CLUB. He married and raised a family here.He had a big hand in me going back into the Marines which lasted , 30 years. "RIP FRDDIE" You are with her now.Donnie & the twins, our hearts go out to you in this sad time..  
Mel Lloyd

Jennings M Lloyd - January 22, 2021 at 03:44 PM

LR

“ Prayers for peace and comfort.



Linda Riley - January 22, 2021 at 02:29 PM

DR

“ Dennis Richards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Dennis Richards - January 22, 2021 at 01:39 PM

DR

*I had the privilege of knowing and working with "Freddie" for a number of years. His friendship meant a lot to me. I would practice my German with him but mainly would ask him to teach me new words. I am saddened to hear of his passing and to his sons I send my condolences.*

Dennis Richards - January 22, 2021 at 01:47 PM

DE

“ *David Edenburn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



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**David Edenburn** - January 22, 2021 at 12:52 PM

BT

“ *Dear Family, I am sorry to learn of the passing of your loved one. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Becky Tidwell** - January 22, 2021 at 12:32 PM

MA

“ *Marvin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



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**Marvin** - January 22, 2021 at 12:12 PM

AG

“ *Allan And Tami Grovo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



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**Allan and Tami Grovo** - January 22, 2021 at 10:37 AM

MD

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a good man and he will be missed. Praying for the family* ”



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**Margaret Dixon** - January 22, 2021 at 10:30 AM

AC

“ *Adam & Stacey Gregory Catoe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert* ”



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**Adam & Stacey Gregory Catoe** - January 22, 2021 at 10:12 AM

RS

“ *Ronnie Segars lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert* ”



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**Ronnie Segars** - January 22, 2021 at 09:49 AM

JM

“ *Jamie Morphis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert* ”



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**Jamie Morphis** - January 22, 2021 at 08:44 AM

MP

“ MARGARET PARKER lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



MARGARET PARKER - January 22, 2021 at 08:26 AM

MP

RIP, Freddie.

MARGARET PARKER - January 22, 2021 at 08:27 AM

TB

“ Great man, friend, dad will b missed prayers for all family 🙏 RIP

Ted Beasley - January 22, 2021 at 07:54 AM

SC

“ Praying for the family.



Susan Clemmons - January 22, 2021 at 07:40 AM

WH

“ Wade Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Wade Harris - January 22, 2021 at 07:03 AM

MM

“ *Michael Mcinville lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



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**Michael Mcinville** - January 22, 2021 at 05:01 AM

PB

“ *Phyllis Braddock lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



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**Phyllis Braddock** - January 22, 2021 at 03:32 AM

CP

“ *Freddie and family,  
We are so very sorry for the loss of your father. Thinking and  
praying for you all*

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**Chip and Brandy Pittman** - January 22, 2021 at 01:27 AM

DD

“ *Don & Betty Dietz lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



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**Don & Betty Dietz** - January 21, 2021 at 11:54 PM

JH

“ Jimmy Howell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Jimmy Howell - January 21, 2021 at 11:19 PM

PG

“ Pam And Patrick Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Pam and Patrick Griggs - January 21, 2021 at 10:19 PM

HE

“ Heyward lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Heyward - January 21, 2021 at 09:36 PM

TH

“ Tonda & Hinson Hodge lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Tonda & Hinson Hodge - January 21, 2021 at 09:09 PM

MG

“ Mitchell And Jackie Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Mitchell and Jackie Gainey - January 21, 2021 at 09:08 PM

MG

I worked with Freddie at Marco . I knew his wife and they lived on the hill .He raised 3 good boys into fine young men

Mitchell and Jackie Gainey - January 21, 2021 at 09:12 PM

JC

Ken & Jo Catoe  
We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Englebert's passing. Prayers for all the family.

Jo Catoe - January 22, 2021 at 08:47 AM

WY

“ Wilma Gainey Yarborough lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Wilma Gainey Yarborough - January 21, 2021 at 09:06 PM

RS

“ Rae Specht lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Rae Specht - January 21, 2021 at 09:01 PM

JM

“ Johnny And Denise McLain lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Johnny and Denise McLain - January 21, 2021 at 08:43 PM

LH

“ Linda Roscoe Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert

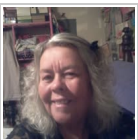


Linda Roscoe Huggins - January 21, 2021 at 07:39 PM

JW

“ To the family:  
Our prayers are with you all. I have a lot of memories of your dad. One if my favorites is him riding in that red convertible sports car. Always smiling and kind he was. May God give you comfort in coming days and we will continue praying for y'all.  
Janice & Kelley Woodham

Janice Woodham - January 21, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ Libby Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Libby Johnson - January 21, 2021 at 06:59 PM

CN

“ Sorry to hear about Freddie. Enjoyed working with him at AO Smith. Always enjoyed our talks. A true friend indeed who was always willing to help others, Praying for the family during this difficult time, RIP my friend



Chris and Rhonda Norton - January 21, 2021 at 06:19 PM

JH

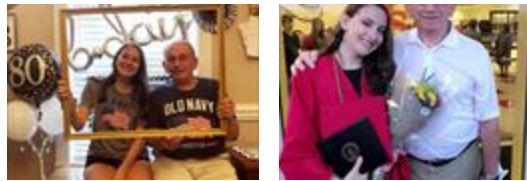
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Jennifer Huggins - January 21, 2021 at 06:08 PM

JH

“ Papa Jena and Taylor sure will miss you.



Jennifer Huggins - January 21, 2021 at 06:05 PM

LH

“ Larry Huggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert



Larry Huggins - January 21, 2021 at 06:04 PM

LH

*Worked with Freddie at A.O Smith. He was a great guy that always had a smile to brighten your day.*

**Larry Huggins** - January 21, 2021 at 06:03 PM



“ *Estelle Rabon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



**Estelle Rabon** - January 21, 2021 at 06:04 PM

GK

“ *George & Jamie Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



**George & Jamie Kelly** - January 21, 2021 at 05:26 PM

MR

“ *Mike Rivers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



**Mike Rivers** - January 21, 2021 at 05:24 PM

SA

“ *Sheila Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



Sheila Atkinson - January 21, 2021 at 04:38 PM

MT

“ *Enjoyed working with Freddie years ago at AO Smith. He was a great mechanic who was always willing to help and solve problems. I enjoyed our friendship. Praying for all the Engelbert family.*

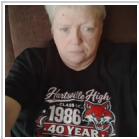
Mike Tiller - January 21, 2021 at 04:33 PM

TF

“ *Lit a candle for mr engelbert*



Tony Franklin - January 21, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ *Karen Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



Karen Gainey - January 21, 2021 at 04:06 PM

WG

“ *Wilford. & Joanne. Griggs lit a candle in memory of Mr. Günter Ekkehart Karl-Theodor Engelbert*



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**Wilford. & Joanne. Griggs** - January 21, 2021 at 03:50 PM