

*In Memory of*  
*Roger Lee Engle*



*August 2, 1943—December 14, 2014*

*Smyrna United Church of Christ*  
*Canby, Oregon*

# Celebration of Life

January 31, 2015

2 :00 P.M.

**Prelude**

**Joel Daniels, Organ**

**Words of Welcome and Opening Sentences**

**Pastor Deborah Patterson**

**Psalm 46:1-7**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of that city, it shall not be moved.  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Opening Prayer**

**HYMN #581**

**“Lead Us from Death to Life”**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Old Testament: Psalm 23

**Thomas Daniels**

\* New Testament: John 14:1-4

**Robert Engle**

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND HOPE**

**Pastor Dave Akers**

**HYMN #551**

**“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**\*Commendation**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Would all who are able, please rise.*



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## Roger Engle

When Roger was born August 2, 1943, his parents were living with his 5 year old brother Ronald on a small farm in Mulino, about 25 miles south of Portland, Oregon. When he got a little older, he helped with the family's dairy. While in high school, Roger's parents built and ran a restaurant called Engle's Cafe in Mulino where Roger honed his food service skills.

Roger had a large extended family --- aunts, uncles and cousins --- who all lived within 10 miles. There were many family gatherings at holidays while he was growing up.

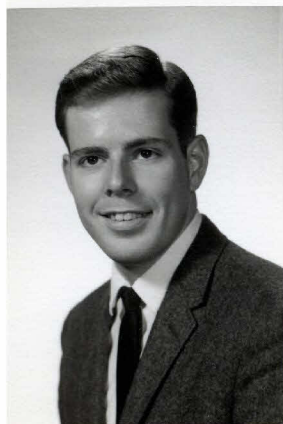
Roger did well in high school. One highlight of those years was a trip to Chicago with the Future Business Leaders Association of which he was elected president. He graduated with honors and went to attend Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University) where he trained to be a teacher. He paid for his education by working at the university's cafeteria and in food service at Crater Lake National Park in the summertime. In later years he said he was moved by President Kennedy's emphasis on education which had propelled him to go on to college.

After graduation, Roger and two other classmates accepted jobs teaching elementary school in Lompoc, California. After two years, he relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area and continued to teach there for the next 13 years. He was a successful and popular fifth grade school teacher using new techniques to keep the students motivated.

In 1979 Roger left teaching to try his hand at new challenges. He first worked for a little computer company which made one of the first computer systems for voting. In 1981 he moved to Hawaii where he held different jobs including selling fences, substitute teaching and operating a food truck selling shaved ice.

Roger moved to Vermont, Connecticut and Florida beginning in the early 1990's. In Florida he worked as a butler for a very wealthy New York family at their Palm Beach mansion. He was well-liked, efficient and effective in this new role. Later on he bought property near Gainesville, Florida and built a house there. By this time he was managing a nearby club called Café Risqué.

In 1991 Roger returned to Mulino, Oregon. He lived with his mother, Blanche and was there to assist her during her final illness. He worked for a while with Ron and his wife Annette in their trophy shop in nearby Canby. Later on he worked at Willamette Country Club.



At the end of this decade, Roger along with Ron and his mother, bought an adjacent historic home which happened to be the place in which Blanche grew up. The house had gone through a number of owners and was in an advanced state of disrepair. They pooled their resources and completely rehabilitated it to become the 6 bedroom 5 bathroom Mulino House Bed and Breakfast. Roger ran this business until 2009 when he was forced to sell it to the State of Oregon as part of a highway bridge project.

Roger was an active member of Smyrna United Church of Christ. In 2008 he flew to Boloxi, Mississippi with a group of volunteers on a program to build and rehabilitate low-income housing destroyed by hurricane Katrina. He belonged to Mulino Grange and took an active role in the Molalla High School Alumni Association and its Scholarship Fund. He was also involved in the organization and implementation of the Hamlet of Mulino.

In January of 2010, Roger and his good friend, Nick Padron, moved to San Benito, Texas. Within weeks of arriving, he saw a chance to buy Don's Liquor. Within a few months the store was moved to its current location, shelves stocked, licenses obtained and he was open for business. Roger's customers loved him. His life experiences taught him an impeccable work ethic for friendly, cheerful and helpful service to others.

In San Benito, Roger began his affiliation with All Saints Episcopal Church where he found a warm, inviting and inclusive group of worshippers. He was an active member participating in the Sunday services and attending Bible study.

Roger's heritage no doubt fueled his lifelong interest in family history. The Engle's homesteaded the property of the city of Molalla coming by wagon train as settlers. His mother's Daniels family came to Massachusetts in the 1630's. He worked to chronicle remembrances and became a valuable resource..