



## Celia Engelhardt

September 24, 1936 - October 18, 2021

Celia May Steele Engelhardt, 85 of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, was the daughter of Helen Frazier and Russel Steele. Growing up on the dairy farm, she helped her brother Ed Steele with family chores and 4-H projects. She loved her church and attending church camp as a youth. While attending Butler High School, her activities included pep club, Bates County Dairy Queen, Best Girl Citizen and FHA activities, graduating in class of 1954.

She graduated from Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, MO where she was an active Home Economics major with leadership in Colhecon, KKI and Pi Kappa Sigma Groups. Her teaching career started at Festus, Mo, High School where she taught for three years.

On April 24, 1960, she married Bill Engelhardt. After Bill's active Army career ended they moved to Prairie Village, Kansas and Celia worked at the Gas Service Company. Their daughter Denna was born in Kansas City before Bill was transferred to Houston, Texas, where son Evan was born.

Celia enjoyed being a stay at home mom which included many years of day care for a friend's child, Nancy Watson. After moving to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, she began substitute teaching and completed a Reading Specialist degree at Louisiana State University.

In 1980 Bill started a valve business in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and Celia

taught at Broken Arrow High School for fourteen years. After retiring from teaching, Celia enjoyed United Methodist Women activities, quilting, growing flowers and doing a consulting service. She liked to cook and bake, which Bill enjoyed too. For five years, she and Bill contributed to the Broken Arrow Farmers Market.

Celia has enjoyed wonderful friendships and kept in contact with many throughout the years. Her family has always been very important and they spent time together whenever possible. Daughter Denna Johnson lives in Utah, Grandson Derek lives in Dallas, Texas, and son Evan and wife Cheri and daughters, Taylor and Kylie, are in Prairieville, Louisiana. Other loved ones include Ed Steele, brother, wife Sue Ann, Becky Bauersfeld niece, Brenda Chael, niece and husband Ted Chael, Gwen Hill, niece and husband Tom, Steve Engelhardt, nephew and wife Elaine, Charles Engelhardt, nephew and wife Lawanda, Barbara Wainwright, niece and husband David, Debbie O'hearn, niece and husband Brian, Mark Ferguson, nephew, Ronnie Ferguson, nephew (deceased) and wife Debbie.

Celia spent many years battling a severe respiratory condition that was diagnosed by the National Jewish Health Hospital. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to:

National Jewish Health

1400 Jackson St.

Denver, CO 80206

Attn: Memorial Department

Please indicate gift is in memory of Celia Engelhardt

On-line [www.njhealth.org/donate](http://www.njhealth.org/donate)

Phone call (303) 728-6560 or (303) 728-6551

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

715 East Mill Street  
Butler, MO 64730

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church  
112 E. College Street  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

## Funeral Service

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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## Graveside Committal

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Celia Engelhardt*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *I came to know Celia at Broken Arrow High School. We taught in the same building. Her room was around the corner of mine in Building I. Celia did not have the easiest of students and she showed infinite patience and caring for them. I came to know her as a teacher and then as a friend. She was a great cook and seamstress. I loved going to her house and viewing her quilts. She was from Butler, Missouri where my aunt lived. My dad and aunt were raised in the small farming community of Ridgeway in the far northwest corner of the state. Butler was not too far away, maybe an hour. Celia and I talked about the people she knew in Butler and it turned out she knew my aunt (my dad's sister) and her family. When my dad passed away, Celia brought over a black walnut cake with vanilla cream icing. Black walnuts were and probably still are abundant in this part of Missouri. The cake reminded me of my grandmother's cooking and of my dad. It was such a sweet and thoughtful gesture; but that was Celia. Whenever my aunt (my mother's sister) and I would come in to vote, Celia always remembered Aunt Monte's name and spoke kindly to her. Another thoughtful gesture. I can hear her voice now; soft, halting at times and always gentle. What a privilege to know such a wonderful person. The world needs more Celias. We will miss her greatly.*

*Terry Beckwith*

Terry Beckwith - October 21, 2021 at 09:56 PM



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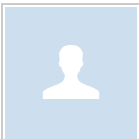
Hayhurst Funeral Home - October 21, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Celia Engelhardt.



October 20, 2021 at 11:05 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Celia Engelhardt.



October 20, 2021 at 06:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Celia Engelhardt.



October 20, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Celia Engelhardt.*



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October 20, 2021 at 02:15 PM



“ *Walter & Sue Ponfick lit a candle in memory of Celia Engelhardt*



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**Walter & Sue Ponfick** - October 20, 2021 at 12:59 PM



*Celia and Bill lived across the street from us in Houston, Texas and we shared lots of good times and Celia shared her love and help with us as we raised our children. Celia was a very unique and wonderful friend.*

*Sending our prayers for God's love and peace for Bill, Denna, and Evan and their families.*

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**Walter** - October 20, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Celia Engelhardt.*



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October 20, 2021 at 10:43 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to all.



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**Jan Gordon** - October 20, 2021 at 09:09 AM

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“ Celia and I shared an apartment in Festus, Missouri, starting Fall of 1958. I was a teacher of practical arts, and she was the home economics teacher. Both subjects have been given newer up-to-date names. We had great times, and I have fond memories. My sympathy and prayers are with all of you at this sad time. Sincerely, Marietta Martin, De Soto, Missouri.

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**Marietta Martin** - October 19, 2021 at 10:26 PM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Engelhardt family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Celia.



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - October 18, 2021 at 10:04 PM