



William (Dennis) Engels

November 7, 2023

Mar 30, 1929 - Nov 7, 2023

On Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, William Dennis Engels died in Toronto Western Hospital. He leaves his wife, Mary-Louise, his daughters, Stacey and Jenn, his son-in-law, Andrew Honor, and his granddaughters, Chloe and Naomi. He is also survived by his cousin Janet Lawson (Dennis, Michèle, Douglas and families). Born in Vancouver in 1929 to Hazel Esther Cragg and Ole Engels, Dennis studied Medicine at the University of Alberta and completed his residency in Psychiatry at Massachusetts Memorial Hospital in Boston. He then moved to Montreal and, for over fifty years, worked at the Allan Memorial Institute of Psychiatry/Royal Victoria Hospital. The beloved teacher of generations of psychiatric residents at McGill University, he was a two-time recipient of the Sigmund Freud Award for Excellence in Teaching. Following his retirement, the Dennis Engels Award for Excellence in Psychotherapy was established in his name. Dennis was a passionate fan of jazz and a devoted rose gardener. The Engels-Honor family is grateful to the staff at Hazelton Place for all they did to ensure Dennis had a high quality of life over the past four years. A Celebration of Life will be held in Montreal in the spring.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. Engels was a warm, caring and professional doctor who genuinely cares for his patients. I was blessed to have him help me during some very turbulent times in my life, before he retired. I remember a painting of fallen trees in his office at the Allan, and would love to know the artist. It was a painting we both loved and had discussed. My deepest sympathy to all of you who loved him. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories you recall.*

Aspasia Sally Tournas - August 02, 2025 at 02:16 PM

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“ *My condolences to all of your family. My late sister Gail, thought highly of Dr.Engels. I would like to think of her greeting him and telling him you will be alright here.*

Marlene Cairns

Marlene Cairns - December 21, 2023 at 12:25 AM

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“ *I have fond memories of trading puns back and forth with Dennis and being bested, all in good fun. He was a highly intelligent and warm man whose kindness radiated out to envelope those around him. I feel privileged to have known him. I am holding you, Mary Louise, and all your loving family in my heart.*

*Tender hug,
Patricia Gordon*

Patricia Gordon - November 17, 2023 at 03:26 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to you Mary-Louise, and to your family. I have vivid memories of Dennis’s fine sense of humour and hearty laugh. He was always very warm and kind when I would bump into him at jazz concerts, or pass him weeding in the garden, or when I dropped by the house. Such a delightful and special man. I am very glad I knew him.*
Sincerely, Alison Hall

Alison Hall - November 14, 2023 at 09:07 PM

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“ *Dennis displayed many admirable qualities as a clinical, teacher and leader, however in my mind, he and Alec Ramsay go down in history for delivery one of the funniest Grand Rounds in the history of the Allan-not many could have pulled it off. Ian Bradley*

ian bradley - November 12, 2023 at 08:45 AM

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“ *I was lucky enough to be a student of Dennis Engels as a psychiatry resident at the Allan Memorial Institute in the early 1980s. He was a thoughtful, gifted, and dryly funny teacher who shared his knowledge freely with those fortunate enough to be in his orbit. I thank him belatedly for all he gave to his many students over generations and I extend my sincere sympathies to his family. David Goldbloom*

David Goldbloom - November 11, 2023 at 11:16 AM