



## DAVID JAMES OLSON

November 3, 1937 - June 4, 2022

### DAVID J. OLSON

(Caledonia, MN) David J. Olson, age 84, of Caledonia, died peacefully, Saturday, June 4, 2022, at his home.

Dave was born November 3, 1937, to Oscar and Evelyn (Welch) Olson in Mabel, MN. He told everyone that he was born above the liquor store, back then it was the Olson Cafe which was owned by his parents.

He attended Caledonia High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955-1959. He worked at various jobs until 1967 when he took over the garbage route which is now Richard's Sanitation. In 1969 he started working for the City of Caledonia as an electrician. In 1982, he worked at the Caledonia Post Office until his retirement in 2000.

Dave was a volunteer for Life-line (5 years), Caledonia Food Shelf (10 years), and Caledonia Fire Department (22 years). His passion was teaching Firearm's Safety where he was an instructor for 50 years. In his years he was passionate about genealogy and donating blood to the American Red Cross, in which he donated 21 gallons. He enjoyed doing a Christmas display every year for families to enjoy. He was always willing to help others and always ready for a good time.

He met his wife Marion (Schwebach) at the Avalon in LaCrosse, WI. They were married on March 31, 1962 and they built their house in 1972.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Marion; their children; Darla (Tim) Auge, Jim Olson, Lynette (Tom) Longmire, Shar (Kevin) Schroeder, and Dan (Helen) Olson; grandchildren, Scott (Kristin), Chad, Erin (Adam), Josh (Katelyn), Sela (Cal), Kirsten (Blake), Kourtney (Logan), and Alicia; 7 great-grandchildren and sisters, Lolita (Glenn) St. Mary, and Cheryl Pluhar; a brother Chuck (Janet) Olson; sister in law, Margie Skauge; brother in law, Mark Schwebach; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings and spouses; Frances, Maxine (Loren), Reggie (Elaine), and Juanita (Newt), and Chuck Pluhar, sister in law, Sue Schwebach, and several nieces and nephews. He is also preceded in death by his in laws, Butch and Toots Schwebach.

Visitation will be from 11 am to 2 pm on Saturday, June 11, at McCormick Funeral Home, 205 E. Main St., Caledonia. Burial with military honors will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Caledonia.

The family would like to thank everyone for their love and support during this time. We would especially like to thank St. Croix Hospice for their loving care of our David and your continued support each and every day.

In lieu of flowers please give memorials to the Caledonia Food Shelf, the Caledonia Fire Department, or a charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

McCormick Funeral Home  
205 E Main Street  
Caledonia, MN 55921  
(507) 725-2616  
mccormic@acegroup.cc  
<https://www.mccormickfuneralhome.net>

## Burial

JUN 11. 2:15 PM (CT)

Evergreen Cemetery  
Hwy 44  
Caledonia, MN 55921

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of DAVID JAMES OLSON.*



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June 09, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of DAVID JAMES OLSON.*



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June 09, 2022 at 08:24 AM



“ *There are so many great memories of this great man. He was always sure I had some sleeping space at the Olson ranch. I worked at the nursing home & drove to school. At 9:00 shift end, if there was any inkling of the Brownsville road winter driving issues, he was the 1st to tell me I was staying over nite. Of course anytime around Halloween he'd always tell me I was up on his wall again "Wilma the Witch". Unbelievable the outstanding life he lived, how many lives he touched, & set such a good example for many. Marion & family, Dave left such a legacy & you have tons of memories to hold close to your hearts! Our sympathy to you all!!!*

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**Dave & Wilma** - June 08, 2022 at 11:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of DAVID JAMES OLSON.



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June 08, 2022 at 10:13 PM



“ Dave was and always will be man with conviction. I feel blessed to have known Dave through our many conversations. I met Dave and his family through his firearm safety classes. The classes with his grand kids were the best. You could see Grandpa Dave passionately instructing and sharing his knowledge. Thanks Dave. You have touched so many life's.  
Father God , Welcome Dave to heaven. Watch over his family. May all his family and friends recieve the Holy Spirit during this time of grief. I pray this in your name Jesus. Amen  
Your friend Scott Fritz

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Scott Fritz - June 07, 2022 at 08:24 AM



“ We send our prayers and condolences to all of David's family. He was always so easy to talk to. Whenever we saw him, he would take the time to have a conversation. I really appreciated his willingness to share the Hauser/Halverson family history with my birth mom.  
Unfortunately, we are out of town on Saturday and will not be able to attend the visitation. We are so sorry we can't be there.  
David will be greatly missed.  
Sending love and hugs to all of you,  
Dera Hanson and Paul Landry

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Dera Hanson - June 06, 2022 at 04:15 PM

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“ I grew up knowing the Olson kids and I remember David working as an electrician for the City when I was a young girl. He was a good man and will be deeply missed by so many. My blessings and prayers to his family. God bless you all!



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**Teresa MacLeod** - June 06, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of DAVID JAMES OLSON.



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June 06, 2022 at 02:13 PM

DK

“ Deepest sympathy to the Olson family. Very sorry for your loss.

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**Duane Kinneberg** - June 06, 2022 at 10:28 AM

JB

“ A man well loved, who enjoyed life, cherished family and all his relatives and friends. A twinkle in his eye and a bright smile always shared. Thank you for the laughter, smiles, love and memories.



Hugs and love to all. We will be out of town on a family vacation, so very sorry that we won't be there to support all of you. May you all find peace and comfort from his love and memories as they stay in our hearts forever.

Love Jenatte and George Brown and family

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**Jenatte Brown** - June 05, 2022 at 08:35 PM

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“ A fun-loving man who loved his family and served his community well. A life well lived.  
Love you Dad, whole bunches!

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**Lynette** - June 05, 2022 at 05:23 AM

BF

“ How do you state 56 years of David being my Uncle in a few short sentences? I will carry his smile and helping spirit in my memories. He was a staple and a rock for the family. He was my dads brother and his best friend. Love ya Uncle David. You will be missed

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**BJ Olson Farmer** - June 04, 2022 at 07:23 PM