



Carl Olson

December 26, 1948 - February 20, 2019

Carl Olson went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Carl was born in Detroit on December 26, 1948 to Franklin and Genevieve Olson. His most important task in life was to be a faithful servant of the Lord, always trying to spread God's Good News and hand out crosses as often as he could.

His other passion in life was his family, he was a loving and devoted husband of almost 47 years and a true family man. You could almost always find a grandkid in his lap playing with toys or discussing the matters of life. Even his grown children would find their way next to him on the couch, leaning against his belly, tucked under his arm. He was always so proud of the woman he married.

He loved being a big brother and uncle/great uncle. He loved doing silly magic tricks with the kids and playing cards with the grown ups. He made friends everywhere he went and he made his friends feel like they were family. He could talk to anyone and tried to talk to everyone, wanting each person to know how special and important they are. He was a Sunday school and catechism teacher, MCREST homeless services co-coordinator, usher, and leader of many other church committees. He was a loyal Tigers fan and paid attention to every pitch and what it meant. He was a skilled athlete and a patient golf coach. He loved to cook breakfast. He did his part to make the world a better place.

He graduated from Valparaiso University and became a school teacher before joining the FBI. He obtained a Master's degree from Central Michigan University. The majority of his career was spent with General Motors.

He is survived by his wife Esther, children Tonia (Gail), Dan (Erica) and Amanda (Tim) and grandchildren Tommy, Travis, Lincoln, (the late Preston Carl) , Maddison, Maecyn and Dawson; his siblings Ken (Betsy), the late Kayrl (Jeff), Kerry (the late Kathy), Keith (Cindy), mother-in-law Doris, sister-in-law Sharon, and several nieces/nephews and grand nieces/nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lutheran Church, Clinton Twp, Michigan, to help support the MCREST fund.

Visitation on Saturday from 3-8pm at Wm Sullivan and Sons funeral home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke), Utica, Michigan. Funeral service will be held Sunday at the American Lutheran Church, 38795 Mulberry Street, Clinton Township, Michigan at 2pm with visitation starting at 1pm. Please share a memory at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Instate At Church

FEB **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

American Lutheran Church
38795 Mulberry St
Clinton Twp. , MI 48036

Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

American Lutheran Church
38795 Mulberry St
Clinton Twp. , MI 48036

Tribute Wall

RK

“ Carl will always be remembered with love. Although we worked together for many years, my strongest memory of him is when he gave me a cross. I still have that cross he gave me over 10 years ago to keep in my pocket during a difficult period in my life. He prayed with me and helped me. I will never forget Carl and will treasure that cross forever. RIP dear friend. You will be missed by many.



Robin King - February 25, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.



February 22, 2019 at 10:02 PM

DO

“ Dan, Deb, Jim, Kathleen, and Diana Owens purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carl Olson.



Dan, Deb, Jim, Kathleen, and Diana Owens - February 22, 2019 at 09:48 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.*



February 22, 2019 at 09:22 PM



“ *Carl was a wonderful childhood neighborhood friend, my first date. He brought Randy and I together. He and Esther spend their honeymoon with us. That's a true friend. When our son was killed he came to be with us. We will always miss him. Our prayers go with Esther and all the family that have gone through so much the last few years. We are so proud to call Carl a great friend. We have many wonderful memories of him. He was our best man at our wedding but he was a best man to so many. Love you Carl.*

Vicki Carlton - February 22, 2019 at 08:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.*



February 22, 2019 at 05:45 PM

MT

“ We love you guys so very much and cherish our memories of our two families with all our little ones once upon a time....and Big Carl with his fabulous laughter that most often kept all of us laughing. We are blessed to have known and loved Carl...and we are so sorry for your loss...what a joy he brought to all who knew him! He lives on in our memories as one of the finest and best.
We are with you in spirit,
Gaylord and Mary Ann Tice

Mary Ann Tice - February 22, 2019 at 04:08 PM

MT

“ Mary Ann Tice purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Carl Olson.



Mary Ann Tice - February 22, 2019 at 03:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.



February 22, 2019 at 03:40 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.



February 22, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.



February 22, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.



February 22, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.



February 22, 2019 at 12:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.



February 22, 2019 at 10:51 AM

MD

“ *Melissa Barton, Lynn Berry & Janet Dunlap purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Carl Olson.*



Melissa Barton, Lynn Berry & Janet Dunlap - February 22, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.*



February 22, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.*



February 22, 2019 at 09:46 AM

TA

“ *The Mars Agency purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Carl Olson.*



The Mars Agency - February 22, 2019 at 08:57 AM

BF

“ *Bob and Sandy VanDeVelde and family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carl Olson.*



Bob and Sandy VanDeVelde and family - February 21, 2019 at 09:19 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.*



February 21, 2019 at 07:31 PM

JG

“ *Esther and family,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. May God guide you and give you peace.
Sincerely,
Jackie Gehrke (Sandy's friend from WI)*

Jackie Gehrke - February 21, 2019 at 06:38 PM

KO

“ *Here is the picture of Carl's toupee*



Keith Olson - February 21, 2019 at 05:22 PM

KO

“ One of my favorite pictures of Carl is when he put a divot on his head during a golf game. We all followed suit and our green toupees on Olson bald heads looked fantastic! Carl brightened people's day with humor and good cheer.

Keith Olson - February 21, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.



February 21, 2019 at 03:58 PM

MM

“ Amanda, I remember meeting your dad at Preston's birthday. He was such a real grandpa. I know you will all miss him.
Compassionately yours,
Mary Anne Munley

mary Anne Munley - February 21, 2019 at 03:19 PM

MB

“ My memory of Carl is one of true happiness. I loved talking to him about anything. He was fun to be with and also serious when need be. I will miss him dearly. Marie

Marie Bloomingdale - February 21, 2019 at 02:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Carl Olson.



February 21, 2019 at 02:12 PM