

James V. Olson

February 13, 1933 - November 11, 2018

Funeral services for James Valdemar Olson of Wadena will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018, at the Zion Free Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Curtis Emerson presiding. Friends may call at Schuller Family Funeral Home's Johnson Schuller Chapel in Wadena on Sunday from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. and at the church on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until the time of services.

Jim passed away at the age of 85 years on Sunday, November 11, 2018 with his family at his side at the Lakewood Health System's Care Center in Staples under the gentle care of Lakewood Hospice.

Jim was born on February 13, 1933 at Landa, ND to Theodore and Borgny (Sem) Olson. He graduated from Bottineau High School in 1951. He served his country during the Korean War by entering the US Army and serving from 1953 until his honorable discharge in 1955. He attended two years at the Bottineau School of Forestry before completing his Bachelors Degree at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

On December 26, 1959, Jim married Marilyn Gubrud. He taught high school business education for thirty-five years at schools in Bagley, Plainview and Crosby. In addition to classwork, he coordinated work experiences for his students in the communities and was advisor for the Crosby yearbook, among

other activities. After retiring in 1991, he moved to Nisswa.

On April 30, 2003, Jim married Gail Rosalie Alberts at Milbank, SD. They made their home in Hawley, MN for a time before moving to Ulen, MN in 2004 and later moving to the Merickel Apts. in Wadena in 2011.

While in high school, Jim worked as a soda jerk at Sigurdson's Pharmacy and as a clerk at Ace Hardware in Bottineau where he became pretty handy. He enjoyed working on building and plumbing projects. He loved spending time outdoors hunting, fishing and watching birds. He was an active member of the American Legion in Wadena.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Borgney; son Kenneth James Olson on November 6, 2016; and sister Joy Marie Place in 1982. He is survived by his loving wife Gail; children Chad Theodore Olson of Fort Ripley, MN and Dawn (Dale) Bjerkness of Merrifield, MN; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; and sister Christine (Mac) Vossler of Billings, MT.

Pallbearers will be Chad Olson, Jorgen Bjerkness, Cody Olson, Dale Bjerkness, David Myers and James Mix.

Veteran honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN.

Interment will be at the Sunset Memorial Cemetery, located at Fargo, ND.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

1715 52nd Ave. S.
Fargo, ND 58104

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

NOV 19. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Zion Free Lutheran Church
602 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

NOV 19. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of James V. Olson



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 15, 2018 at 06:08 PM



“ Debi Rohr sent a virtual gift in memory of James V. Olson



Debi Rohr - November 16, 2018 at 04:56 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of James V. Olson.



November 16, 2018 at 01:51 PM



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



November 16, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of James V. Olson.



November 16, 2018 at 11:01 AM



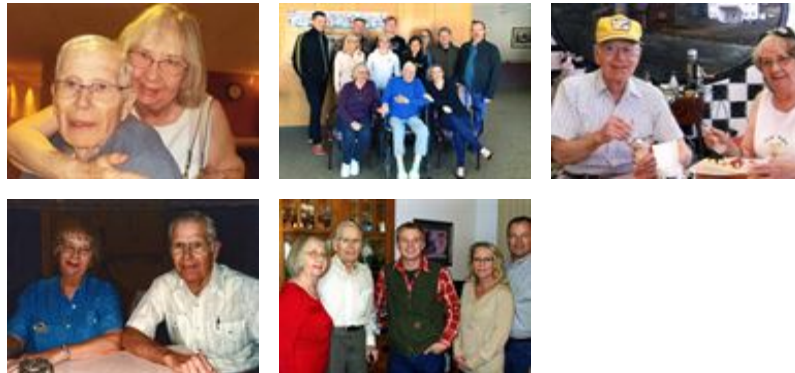
“ *Ken & Mary Thompson* purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of James V. Olson.



Ken & Mary Thompson - November 16, 2018 at 09:20 AM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 15, 2018 at 04:59 PM

JH

“ Jodi Hackler lit a candle in memory of James V. Olson



Jodi Hackler - November 14, 2018 at 05:50 PM

RK

“ Uncle Jim taught me how to pick peas and eat them from grandpa Gubrud's garden in Bagley. Thanks Uncle Jim.

Renee Kahle - November 14, 2018 at 12:37 PM

Tina Westberg

“ I am so sorry for your loss!! May God comfort you during this difficult time!

Tina Westberg - November 13, 2018 at 08:14 PM

SS

“ Sending comfort and sympathy to Jim's family. I enjoyed visiting with Jim and Gail at the Care Center. I loved the way Gail would dress up for Jim for their "dates". Jim always had a smile when I talked to him.

Sandi (Wendy) Sneed

Sandi Sneed - November 13, 2018 at 01:42 PM

DI

“ David And Tina Irish lit a candle in memory of James V. Olson



David and Tina Irish - November 12, 2018 at 07:55 PM

FC

“ Francine Cole lit a candle in memory of James V. Olson



Francine Cole - November 12, 2018 at 07:45 PM