



Phyllis Olson

February 18, 1937 - December 1, 2009

Wadena resident Phyllis I. Olson was born on February 18, 1937 to Fred and Freida (Rach) Juergens in their home in Bartlett Township, in rural Verndale, MN. She passed away, at age 72, on December 1, 2009 at Tri-County Hospital in Wadena. Phyllis was united in marriage with John David Olson on December 18, 1954 in the old St. John Lutheran Church on Jefferson Street South in Wadena. They resided in Fairmont for six years. John passed away October 1, 1961 and Phyllis returned to Wadena where she will be remembered as an employee at Woolworths, the Camera Shop and Church Supplies, Stern & Field Clothiers, Wadena Public School, and the Wadena City Library. In later years she became a ward secretary at Tri-County Hospital until her retirement. In her free time she liked to crochet, needlepoint, craft, read, watch baseball, girls softball, and football, and had proudly attended over 40 Minnesota Twins baseball games. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and St. John Lutheran Church. Along with her husband, John, Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Freida; her sister, Marlys Besett; and in-laws, Ingvar and Winifred Olson. She is survived by her 3 loving sons, Michael of Illinois, Thomas of Fargo, ND, and David of Lombard, IL; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and sisters, LaVonne Piepkorn and Marlyn Freer, both of Wadena. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Vicar Stephen Meltzer officiating. Pallbearers were her three sons, and grandsons Christopher Olson, Erik Jon Olson, and Brian Olson.

Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery in Fairmont.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ Dear Mike, Tom and Dave, Marlen and LaVonne,
I was so sad to hear that Phyllis had died early this morning. We used to talk on the phone once in awhile since I moved to Oregon. We mostly talked sports. She was such an avid fan of baseball, basketball, and the Vikings. What was amazing to me was her upbeat attitude. At least she projected that over the phone. She enjoyed life and it's too bad that she couldn't overcome her addiction to nicotine. She helped me with the Red Cross calling when I took that over from Sister Jocile. I think she called every name on her list until she got a response from them. I will miss her.

Mary Ellen Kollodge - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Our sympathy to the family.

Al Langer - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ May God be with all of you. She was a special person. Just know that all of you are in my prayers. In God's Hands, Jani

Jani Heins - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ To Michael, Thomas and David,
How wonderful it was to get to know your mom over the last few years.
The first Thanksgiving Michael and I had together he brought me to Minnesota to meet your mom.
It was that year that she patiently - very patient and encouraging, sat on the couch teaching me to knit.
As we sat there she told me.
"You'll get better. Keep practicing.
Knitting is good for you." She was right.
Thank you Thomas for driving your mom to Illinois for the summer visits.
She loved sitting on the porch of that farm house and listening to you 3 grown men, yet, still her boys talk and laugh. It was a hot day, you all had shorts on and she commented
" You know... those OLSON BOYS sure have nice legs!" Her heart held a lot of love for you 3.
If it had not been for David moving to Oregon, IL the pleasure of knowing your mom would never have been.
So sorry that I cannot be with you these next few days. Love you.
Miss you.
Lynnel

Lynnel Ruth Camling - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Phylis was fun to work with at Tri-County, I learned alot from her.
Her friendly HELLO and smile will be missed by many. GODs blessing to her family.

Betty Barr - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Phyllis' passing. My heartfelt sympathy to her family. Jim

Jim Stach - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ I worked with Phyllis at Wesley Hospital and know both LaVonne and Marlyn, and although we don't know her sons, we wish you all wonderful memories and God's comfort as you mourn this loss.

Donna and Tracy Trana - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Phyllis. Although I haven't seen Phyllis in many years, I do remember our many years of catechism and confirmation with Rev. Muller. Those were 5 long years. One was really in trouble if you didn't know your memory work. You all have my sincerest sympathy and just know that she is at peace with our dear heavenly Father.

Helen Kay (Anderson) McClintock - December 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM