



Bryan Lee Olson

March 12, 1951 - October 21, 2023

Bryan Lee Olson was born on March 12th, 1951 in Minneapolis, MN to Stan and Myrt Olson. He was the baby of the family with three older siblings (Ross, Merodie, and Tim). His childhood was spent in Minneapolis with many summers exploring at St. Croix State Park and Honeyrock Camp.

He graduated from Washburn High School and continued on to attend and graduate from University of Minnesota where he received both his bachelor and master degrees in science education. After meeting Diane when they were counselors at Camp Shamineau, they were married on June 17th, 1972. Bryan began his first teaching position at Osseo Junior High in September of 1973 where he continued teaching for 35 years. During this time, Bryan and Diane had four children, moved to Anoka and eventually to Ramsey. After his first retirement in 2008, Bryan continued teaching at Rogers High School, Ivan Sand ALC, Spectrum Charter School, and PACT Charter School. He was an adjunct professor at Bethel University at the time of his unexpected death on October 21st, 2023.

Over the years, Bryan coached basketball, track and field, volleyball, and baseball. He was a volunteer docent at the Como Zoo and taught summer school. Bryan enjoyed camping, running, sports (Go Gophers), gardening, learning, fishing, canoeing, reading, and time with his family. He always has been an active member of the churches he and Diane attended as a teacher,

elder, and children's director.

Bryan was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, and his infant son, Andy. He is survived by his wife Diane; three children; Jill, Luke (Sheena) and Dawn (Francisco); and nine grandchildren; Jasmyne, Janay, Leo, Andrew, Mahana, Ascher, Bryant, Abigail and Ezra.

We are so grateful for the husband, father, and grandfather that our Heavenly Father gave to us. He was a gentle rock for our family. Although we grieve his absence, we are thankful for the surety that he is now enjoying eternity with our Lord Jesus Christ whom he loved and served. To God be the glory!

Memorial service will be held on Friday, October 27th at 1:00pm at Anoka Covenant Church (752 Grant Street, Anoka, MN 55303). There will be a time of visitation beginning at 11:30 prior to the memorial service. We will serve a light lunch and share time of remembrance after the memorial service.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Anoka Covenant Church
752 Grant Street
Anoka, MN

Church Service

OCT **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Bryan leaves behind so many wonderful, timeless memories. He was our first adult Sunday school teacher when our family returned from living in Florida. Eventually, Bryan and I taught adult classes together, with Bryan leading the middle aged adults and I the more senior adults. For several years, my wife and I were part of Bryan and Diane's small group Bible study. In time, Bryan and I served on the same pastoral search committee together. As a teacher, I always admired Bryan's keen intellect and his gentle spirit. In recent years, we've enjoyed many discussions about church issues with Bryan via text message. Susan and I had looked forward to attending Bryan's celebration of life service today in person, but, a few days ago, both of us became ill to the point we did not want to share our health issues with all of Bryan's friends and family! We miss you so much, my friend, but, look forward to seeing you gain really soon!

Steve Krumlauf - October 27, 2023 at 11:28 AM

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“ Christina M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bryan Lee Olson.

Christina M. - October 27, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ Bryan - he was a gopher track athlete and I met him at the U. Great smile and attitude - we met again on Bower's Drive - when we discovered we both lived there... Saw Bryan and talked education and sports over the years - always a good conversation. Great teacher and coach and friend - will miss him. My condolences to the family.
Roland Ring-Jarvi

Roland Ring-Jarvi - October 26, 2023 at 03:09 PM

CT

“ *Mr. Olson was my 7th grade teacher, 1992-93. He made science fun, engaging and I am sorry for the loss the family has suffered. He made a big impact on his students for decades and his legacy will live on.*

Carly (Undis) Tebbs - October 26, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Bryan Lee Olson.*



October 26, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bryan Lee Olson.*



October 26, 2023 at 12:14 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bryan Lee Olson.*



October 25, 2023 at 02:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bryan Lee Olson.*



October 25, 2023 at 12:07 PM



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“ *Bryan was our friend for 45 years and we admired & loved him. His gentle passion for teaching things about God was evident in his Sunday School classes as well as in his years of teaching science. He will be missed until that day we see him again with Jesus. Love, Don & Barbara Hallblade*

Don & Barbara Hallblade - October 24, 2023 at 10:40 PM



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



October 24, 2023 at 10:37 PM



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



October 24, 2023 at 02:48 PM