



Gerald 'Jerry' Olson

August 6, 1939 - June 24, 2020

Gerald ("Jerry") W Olson, 80, of Richfield, MN passed away on June 24, 2020. He was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend to everyone.

Jerry was born on August 6, 1939 in Roseau, MN to Lloyd and Olive (Budd) Olson. He started work at the age of 13 with his family's "L. A. Olson and Sons" Custom Combining company. He graduated from Roseau High School in 1957. He moved to Minneapolis to attend Dunwoody College. Jerry joined the Army, where he served from 1965 to 1968, and was honorably discharged as a sharpshooter in rifle and carbine. He married the love of his life, Judy A Buckett, in 1968. They moved to their Richfield home and raised their two boys, Shawn and Eric. After leaving the Army, Jerry worked for IBM, American Machine & Tool, Control Data and finally Seagate before retiring to drive school bus for the Edina School District.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife Judy, his parents Lloyd and Olive, his sister Lois, and brother James. He is survived by his two sons, Shawn (Farah) Olson and Eric (Anne) Olson; grandchildren, Annika, Ethan, Samantha, Nicholas, and Finn; brothers, Allen (Mary) Olson, Ronnie Olson; and sisters,

Karen (Patrick) Judycki and Kathy Olson.

Jerry was known for his love for his wife and children, especially his grandchildren. It was a great joy for him to give suckers to kids to make them smile and dog treats to the dogs at the bus stops. He loved to hunt and fish, go to his cabin on Lake of The Woods and spend his free time watching his grandkid's activities.

Tribute Wall



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Gerald 'Jerry' Olson.*



July 01, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ *Paul Klema & Sandy Robb lit a candle in memory of Gerald 'Jerry' Olson*



Paul Klema & Sandy Robb - June 30, 2020 at 04:32 PM



Paul Klema and Sandy Robb

Paul Klema - June 30, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Gerald 'Jerry' Olson.*



June 29, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *Jerry was a great guy, he will be missed. Barney Bernauer*

Barney Bernauer - June 29, 2020 at 11:31 AM

SC

“ So sorry to hear this Jerry and I went to school together in Roseau Minnesota Jerry you will be missed



Sylvia Christopherson - June 29, 2020 at 02:13 AM

BE

“ So sorry to hear about your dad! I remember your dad coming into Richfield High School to take all you boys to the State High School Hockey Tournament. I remember he brought your mom into Sheridan Hills to vote. Great family with lots of memories going way back..he loved you boys and the grandchildren you gave him. May he Rest In Peace 🙏

Becks - June 28, 2020 at 09:48 PM

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“ Tom & Janice Jacobson (Roseau) lit a candle in memory of Gerald 'Jerry' Olson



Tom & Janice Jacobson (Roseau) - June 28, 2020 at 08:36 PM

RD

“ I met Jerry in the early 80's as I was starting my career at Magnetic Peripherals in the Pink Supply Building. My office happened to be right across the aisle from his. He was an amazing person! I loved his stories and his attitude towards life. You've got to have a little fun at work, and Jerry was my role model. I am sorry for your loss, but know he had an impact on many people.

Randy Dop - June 27, 2020 at 11:03 PM

PC

“ *Shawn and Eric, you are the luckiest sons to have had two beautiful parents that you did! So sorry for your loss, as your dad was the kindest, caring, loving man who always had time for everyone. His family was the most important to him.*

Thank you for sharing a small portion of his life and I cherish the memories that both he and your mother left with me.

God's love to the both of you and your families and cherish the great memories.

Paulette Christianson - June 27, 2020 at 08:04 PM

RV

Jerry had the best hugs and he always meant them!!! ... our sympathy to all of you! (Jerry and I are 2nd cousins on Lloyd's side ... ReNae (Lisell) and Neil Vagle ... Roseau (We live in Malung)

ReNae Vagle - June 27, 2020 at 09:55 PM

PH

My sympathy to all of you in the loss of Jerry. He was a great guy!

Pam Hetteen - June 28, 2020 at 01:29 AM

JR

I had the pleasure of working with Jerry, together, in the Field Engineering group. Yes Jerry gave his best and was respected by all folks he worked with...RIP big guy you will be missed, Jim Riggs

Jim Riggs - June 28, 2020 at 06:21 PM

JC

Shawn and Eric, I am sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Jerry was a very positive, enthusiastic, organized, hardworking and caring person who demonstrated great devotion to his wife and sons. Whenever I run into both or either of you, I see traits of Jerry in you, through your polite, cheerful, can-do demeanor.

I had a relatively short relationship with Jerry, from 1979-86. We both were volunteer coaches in the Richfield Soccer Association for four years and later teammates with a few "Richfield Dads" in a recreational Indoor Sr. Soccer League (over 35 y.o.) at Parade Stadium. We were in way over our heads, playing against Sr. players from Europe, USA, South and Central America who had played soccer their whole lives!

Fortunately, Louie Hernandez brought in some real soccer players from his "Andino's" team, to help us be competitive. Jerry played Goalie when no one else wanted to, as well as defense. Whatever position, he always gave maximum effort, to inspire the rest of us RSA Dad :soccer rookies".

Jerry was always a fun guy to be around. / Jim Clinite

Jim Clinite - June 29, 2020 at 02:56 AM

SK

Jerry and I played on the same team in the CDC/Seagate golf league. It was never a quiet round of golf with Jerry but it was always entertaining. He was a fun guy to be around. God Speed, Jerry.

Steve Knopp - June 29, 2020 at 11:48 AM

WA

Jerry and I worked together when I was in QA and he was in OEM field support. He was a great guy to work with when solving problems in the field.

Ward - July 09, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald 'Jerry' Olson.* ”



June 27, 2020 at 06:18 PM