



## Gerald LeRoy Olson

March 9, 1949 - June 1, 2021

Gerald LeRoy Olson

known to friends as "Gerry," passed away on June 1st, 2021, at the age of 72 years. He valiantly battled a rare brain cancer.

A native of Randall, MN, Gerry attended the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in Faribault, MN, graduating in 1969. He attended TVI (currently St. Paul College) in St. Paul, MN graduating with a degree in Drafting and Print Engineering.

Gerry worked for over 40 years in the printing industry. While working his day job, Gerry also had an entrepreneurial spirit. Over the years, he had a vending machine business, his own janitorial services, and taught American Sign Language at St. Mary's University.

After retiring, Gerry accomplished his most rewarding work alongside his two boys' sign language interpreting company known as CODA Brothers Interpreting.

Gerry was a productive member in several organizations: Jr. National Association for the Deaf (NAD), WELS Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Minnesota Association of Deaf Citizens (MADC) and member of Thompson Hall.

God was always at the center of Gerry's life, and was a member of Living Hope Lutheran Church in Shakopee, MN. He was passionate for the Ministry to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Gerry always dreamed big. Together with his wife, family, and close friends, he

turned his dream of building a lakeside cabin into reality. On Fawn Lake in the town of Crosslake, MN, this cabin emulates Gerry's selfless love for his family. The family will be calling it "Grandpa's Cabin".

Gerry's family will continue to show the unconditional love and passion that Gerry lived his life with so abundantly. His wife of 50 years, Sandra (Garland) Olson, sons Andrew (Tricia) and Benjamin (Sara), and six beautiful Grandchildren: Alexander, Owen, Anna, Samuel, Will, and Ryan will carry on the joy of God's blessing that Gerry carried his entire life.

A private Celebration of Gerry's life will be held at Living Hope Lutheran Church and Burial at Dawn Valley Cemetery, with Pastor Scott Spaulding officiating.

Memorial donations in memory of Gerry can be made to Deaf Bible Society: <http://www.deafbiblesociety.com/donate>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Gerald LeRoy Olson.*



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June 11, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *I remember Gerald as a kind and generous father. He also always made me feel welcome at Deaf gatherings. My name is Jan Sutton and I was a teacher of the Deaf for many years at the Carver Scott Coop. Gerald and Sandra asked that we do any evaluation of their children to make sure they were meeting their developmental milestones I thought this was very proactive. He was such a kind and generous father and I loved seeing him at gatherings with Nancy.*

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**Jan Sutton** - June 10, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *To the Family of Gerald Olson:  
We were sorry to hear the sad news of the death of your loved one, Gerald Olson. My wife and I extend our sympathies to the whole family. I know that he was dealing with a prolonged illness of brain cancer, but by the grace of God he has now been released from it and is now enjoying the blessings of heaven. May the sure victory of Christ's Cross and empty tomb comfort all of you.  
Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Ray and Bernice Ziebell*

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**Rev. Raymond Ziebell** - June 09, 2021 at 04:07 PM

MC

“ Oh I remember him - a diplomatic student and communication was always clear from him - this 1968 grad was also an outstanding grade school football coach. Always talked about his star athlete David Bauer, his QB I believe. Both are reunited in heaven. Condolences to his wonderful family, wife and his energetic CODA sons!

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**Mike Cashman** - June 09, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald LeRoy Olson.



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June 07, 2021 at 05:24 PM

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“ I'm so thankful when Gerald asked if his new girlfriend, Sandra to be my roommate at an apartment. I said yes. Right after Sandra moved in with me, she was learning sign language from me every evening and weekend. She and I became best friends. They have been my best friends for many many years. Gerald had beautiful personalities! He loved to help people as he had a big heart. He will be missed by a lot of friends. May God bless Gerald's beautiful families. Love, Evie Harris

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**evelyn Harris** - June 05, 2021 at 02:34 PM

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“ *A neighbor that anyone would cherish. Gerry was unselfish and always available to lend a helping hand. He lived his life with joy and for this reason our neighborhood will always remember Gerry. His Christian faith was always shown in his actions. Gerry now resides in a new neighborhood with his Savior. Our memory of Gerry was always thumbs up and his sign was always a sign of love and peace.*

*Dan &Peggy Betlock*

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**Dan & Peggy Betlock** - June 04, 2021 at 11:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gerald LeRoy Olson.*



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June 04, 2021 at 11:29 PM