



## Dr. Hardin Elling Olson

December 21, 1933 - April 4, 2019

Olson, Hardin Elling, MD age 85 of Minnetonka, MN passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 4, 2019. Born in Great Falls, MT to Clarence H. Olson and Margaret M. (Mamer) Olson. Survived by Judy, his loving wife for 31 years; his children, Stacey (Tom) Shepherd, Victoria (Joe) DeSimone, Kelly (David) Turberfield, Matthew (Kelly) Olson; 6 grandchildren and Judy's 2 daughters, Jeanine M. Searle (Daniel) and Michelle L. Cruz (Pablo). Lived in Sweetgrass, MT and Great Falls, MT. With the advent of WW II, the family moved to Seattle, WA and finally settled in Arlington, VA. Hardin graduated with a pre-med degree from George Washington University and received his medical degree in Obstetrics and Gynecology from George Washington Medical School. He proudly served in the US Army and was stationed in Munich, Germany. Hardin entered private practice in Minneapolis, MN for 6 years and then joined the OB/GYN practice at North Clinic in Robbinsdale, MN for 25 years. Following his retirement, he worked at the U of M Medical School for 10 years. He was also a volunteer member of the U of M Clinical Faculty for many years and loved teaching. Hardin sang with The Minneapolis Commodore Chorus for 48 years (SPEBSQSA and Barbershop Harmony Society). He edited the chapter bulletin (The Co-Ordinator) every month for nearly 20 years and won seven consecutive competitions. Hardin was a passionate photographer, loved military history, was a talented writer and fabulous cook he loved serving friends and family his special dishes. He enjoyed the daily crossword puzzles, card games with friends and the

challenge of any 1000+ piece jigsaw puzzle. Hardin cherished his time with friends including the weekly "lunch bunch", rounds of golf, and breakfast with the "retired docs". He loved his family and was a devoted friend to all who knew him. Visitation 4-7 pm Monday April 8th at Washburn- McReavy Edina Chapel, West 50th St. and Vernon Ave @ Hwy 100, Edina. Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 am Tuesday April 9th at The Church of St. Gabriel the Archangel, 1310 Mainstreet, Hopkins. Private Interment Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the NC Little Memorial Hospice or the University of Minnesota Dept of OB-GYN. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Cemetery Details

## **Fort Snelling National Cemetery**

7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Many memories of Dr Olson while working at North Memorial.* ”



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**Mary** - April 08, 2019 at 09:51 PM

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“ *Hardin was a wonderfully compassionate friend to me. When I was diagnosed with cancer he took it upon himself to reach out to me on a regular basis. Our friendship became very strong. He was very concerned about how I would deal with my new challenge. We talked on the phone often and he also wrote about my progress in the Chordinator in his column “ Doc’s Bag “. He sent me a special Rosary that he said he had made. I keep it in my car and it is a special reminder of him. He will be missed by me and many others.* ”

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**Gary Rogness** - April 08, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dr. Hardin Elling Olson.* ”



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April 08, 2019 at 12:08 PM

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“ *A great teacher and a true gentleman. I will always have fond memories of the time I spent working with Dr. Olson when I was a resident in OB/GYN at the U of M. He will be missed. -David A. Druckman, MD*

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**David A. Druckman, MD** - April 08, 2019 at 11:41 AM