



Harold "Hal" Wesley Olson

December 31, 1942 - August 1, 2023

Harold "Hal" Wesley Olson

Age 80, passed away peacefully at his Edina, MN home, August, 1, 2023.

Preceded in death by his parents Harold C. and Ena Olson; sister, Carole Graebner; brother, Norman Olson; son, Matt Olson. Survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughter Meredith Olson; son Josh (Leslie) Olson, daughter-in-law; Kelly Mahoney; Michael Hopaczylo, grandchildren: Grace Olson, Jaryn Hopaczylo, Beck and Lane Olson and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Born in Chicago, IL. Hal, also known to many as Bud, graduated from Florida High School in Tallahassee and Florida State University with a degree in International Affairs. He earned a Master's degree from Wayne State University.

Hal joined the Air Force in 1964. He was an intelligence officer and a veteran of the Vietnam War. He retired in 1984 and continued service to the country working as a civilian with the Department of the Air Force for another 20 years.

He met Dorothy Engelke on his birthday through a blind date in San Angelo, TX, while stationed at Goodfellow AFB. They married in Germany and shared 57 years of loving marriage. Their life together included homes in Hof Saale, Germany; Roveredo en Piano, Italy; San Antonio, TX; Sumter, SC, including 42 years in Aurora, CO, before relocating to Edina, MN in 2019.

Hal was an unwavering supporter of Florida State University. A lover of all sports, he enjoyed coaching youth soccer and always cheering on Denver pro

teams. Hal developed a deep enthusiasm for genealogy and helped family and friends with their own family research.

Hal was a devoted and loving husband, father and Opa. He was guided by his strong Christian faith, active in church/chapel activities and the local community wherever he resided. Hal took great joy in watching his children and grandchildren participate in sports and activities and was always present to celebrate their achievements. He loved to travel and experience new cultures and was excited to share stories at the dinner table with family and friends.

The visitation will be Thursday, September 21st at 10AM with the Celebration of his Life to follow at 11 AM at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Rd, Edina, MN. The service will be streamed online at Normandale Lutheran Church. A Military Honors ceremony will take place at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at 2PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Project Angel Heart, the Racial Justice and Equity Ministry at Normandale Lutheran Church, and Disabled American Veterans.

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Normandale Lutheran Church
6100 Normandale Road
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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6100 Normandale Road
Edina, MN 55436

Graveside Service

SEP 21. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery
7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Tribute Wall

MC

“ *Many fond memories of nearly 8 years of carpooling to work with Hal, often with Ken and Earl. We will miss him. Fare well, old friend. Go with God.*
Kay and Mike Cary

Mike Cary - August 30, 2023 at 07:03 PM