



## James Olson

January 29, 2003

Olson, James W. - Of Edina Age 57 Passed away suddenly Sunday, January 26, 2003. Jim was Vice President of Development Carlson Hotels Worldwide. Survived by loving wife, Jacque; and cherished children: son, Stephen (Patty); daughter, Stacey; beloved sister, Jeanne (Russell) Mantz; mother-in-law, Dorothy Rehder; and all of his wonderful nieces, nephews and friends. Preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Dianne. Jim was extremely proud of being a member of the Carlson Family for more than 30 years, and held dear the friendships and relationships he and his family developed all over the world. Above all, Jim was a devoted husband and a loving father. Visitation is scheduled for 6-8:30PM Thursday, Jan. 30th at WASHBURN-MCREAVY EDINA CHAPEL, West 50th St., Hwy. 100, Edina. Funeral services are scheduled for 1PM, Friday, Jan. 31st, at MOUNT OLIVET LUTHERAN CHURCH, 5025 Knox Avenue South, Mpls, MN. Private interment. Memorial contributions in his honor may be made to The American Heart Association, 4701 W. 77th St., Edina, MN 55435.

# Tribute Wall

TJ

“ *To the Olson Family:  
I just heard of Jim's passing, and I am so very sorry. I had the  
priveledge of doing Jim's travel for many years and he was always  
so pleasant to work with. My thoughts and prayers are with your  
family as you cope with your incredible loss.*

*Tricia Johnson*

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*Tricia Johnson,*

*New Hope, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Tricia Johnson** - February 24, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RB

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*Ron Britton,*

*Monroe, Michigan*

*Contact Me*

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**Ron Britton** - February 19, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ Dad,

*You are and always will be, my best friend. Please know how much everyone loved you, and I feel comfort in the fact that we have no regrets. We lived life to the fullest, and made the most of our time together. You will be sadly missed, but the memories I have will be forever seared in my mind. There will never pass a day that I won't think of you. You were a great man, and I hope I can live out my life with the standard you set. You are my hero...*

*You'll be missed greatly in the fishing boat and duck blind.*

*Your best hunting and fishing buddy.*

*-Sport (Stephen)*

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*Steve Olson,*

*Owatonna, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Steve Olson** - February 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *Having known Patty (Steve's wife) for a number of years we were so happy to know she was welcomed into such a loving family. On first impression you could tell that Jim was a great person and a loving family man. Our prayers are with the James Olson family in this time of sorrow.*

*Stephanie and Chris Orcutt*

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*Stephanie and Chris Orcutt,*

*Chanhassen, Minnesota*

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**Stephanie and Chris Orcutt** - February 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ You're important, Dad. I love you and miss you dearly.

Love,  
Sweetpea (Stacey)

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Stacey Olson,

Colorado Springs, Colorado

[Contact Me](#)

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Stacey Olson - February 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ I had the opportunity to work very closely with Jim Olson in his role as Sr. VP Development Asia-Pacific. I had immense regard for him as a colleague, who was very hard working and was ever ready to guide and assist me in achieving our common goal of developing the Carlson brands in Asia.

Over the past twelve years of our association, Jim and Jacque took on the role of family to our children, who had no other family in the USA. Out of our business association grew mutual love and respect for each other. Jim was a dear friend who had the capacity and purpose of bringing pleasure and joy to others. He had the natural seeds of compassion, adaptation and understanding that had a real impact on his relationships with all owners and executives in our region.

Jim led a contented life and was satisfied with whatever came his way. He was recently moved as VP development (full Service) Carlson Hotels in America. Although in his new role, our contact had reduced, it is not until he left for his heavenly abode, that we realized how close we had been.

We will always cherish his memory with affection and love.

Neelam & K.B. Kachru

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*Neelam and K.B. Kachru,*

*New Delhi*

*Contact Me*

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**Neelam and K.B. Kachru** - February 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ I was shocked to hear of Jims death. He was a mentor to me during my early years at the Radisson South. I thought of Jim often and I continue to remember some great times and conversations with Jim. I was proud to have known him. He was a great man who touched many people. I am so sorry for your loss.

*Jim Amundson*

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*Jim Amundson,*

*Bemidji, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jim Amundson** - January 31, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Jacque, Steve and Patty, Stacey and all the Olson family. We are so saddened with the news of Jim's passing. He was a wonderful man and all who knew him will truly miss him. The smiles and laughs will be remembered and times shared in our wonderful Morningside neighborhood!*  
*May God Bless you and hold you close. Love, Joey and Butch*

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*Butch and Joey Chayer,*

*Bloomington, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Butch and Joey Chayer** - January 30, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PC

“*Jacque and family, we are so sorry for your loss and our prayers and thoughts go out to all of you in this time of sorrow.*

*Patrick, Heidi, Taylor & Alyssa Chayer*

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*Patrick Chayer,*

*Port Deposit, Maryland*

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**Patrick Chayer** - January 30, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I was a child hood friend of Steve Olson, Jacque and Jim's son. I had such fun at their home and with their family. Jacque is the sweetest, kindest and most gentle person I know, as was Jim. I have always thought very much of their loving family. Death is very hard and painful when we must give up one of our own. Have comfort knowing that Jim is with loved ones and he is not alone. The Olson family will be special in my heart forever. You are all in our prayers. Love, Jenny and Greg Carlson and Jim and Judy Layer.

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*jenny layer-carlson,*

*mpls, Minnesota*

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**jenny layer-carlson** - January 30, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Dear Jacque and family,  
Dennis and I offer our thoughts and prayers to you at this time. We both have wonderful memories of being with Jim and you at Radisson functions. Also, the thoughtfulness you showed us when we returned to live in Edina and especially the support you gave us when our son, Pat died. We wish we could be with you now to do the same for you. In time loving memories of your life with Jim will be sealed in your heart to hold forever.*

*Dennis and Mary*

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*Dennis and Mary Layer,*

*Virginia Beach, Virginia*

*Contact Me*

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**Dennis and Mary Layer** - January 30, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Jacque and Family,*

*Joanne and I were shocked and saddened when Jim Grose told us what happened to Jim. Life goes by so fast and we forget to stop and renew friendships. We so enjoyed seeing and talking with you and Jim at Jack's 60th birthday party on the St. Croix.*

*I remember when Jim started with Radisson at the Radisson South. I had just left there and was assigned to the Radisson Downtown. Bill Rudin, our old boss, hired Jim out of the Hilton in Chicago and this brought the two of you back to Minneapolis. Bill was telling me the story of how he obtained a comp room from an old Hilton friend and then turned around and hired one of the Hilton sales staff, Jim. It brought a laugh. Jim will always be remembered by us as a true gentleman who always had good things to say about people and a great engaging smile. Your faith will guide you through this time of sadness.*

*Love from  
Dick and Joanne Haugen*

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*Dick Haugen,*

*Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Dick Haugen** - January 29, 2003 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I was shocked and saddened to learn of Jim's death. It was my privilege to have know and worked with him for twenty-three years, the last sixteen in Development. His presence will be greatly missed by his many friends and Carlson Colleagues. You are foremost in our prayers at this time of your great sorrow.

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*William C. Speidel,*

*Greensboro, Georgia*

*Contact Me*

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**William C. Speidel** - January 29, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ As one of Curt Carlson's VPs during all (except my recent 4 years retired) of the years Jim so ably produced continual company growth, I remember the multitude of times Curt commented to us about his deep appreciation of Jim's contributions. He will be greatly missed by his many friends at Carlson Companies.

*My heart goes out to his family.*

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*Dee Kemnitz,*

*Wayzata, Minnesota*

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**Dee Kemnitz** - January 29, 2003 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Steve,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless Jim and all of you.*

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*Will & Kjersten Swanson,*

*Cologne, Minnesota*

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**Will & Kjersten Swanson** - January 29, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ I worked with Jim Olson and his good friend Peter Blyth in the Radisson Development Division for two years. After Peter retired, I began seeking other opportunities within Carlson. Jim encouraged me and provided me with the internal reference I needed. He was truly a gentleman and I admired his love of his wife and children. I will miss his laugh.

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*Ginger Falstad,*

*Edina, Minnesota*

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**Ginger Falstad** - January 29, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity to work with Jim. We spent many years on the road together for Radisson Hotels. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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*Scott McLean,*

*West Palm Beach, Florida*

*Contact Me*

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**Scott McLean** - January 29, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sorrow.*  
*The Kirwins*

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*Paul & Jill Kirwin,*

*Singapore*

*Contact Me*

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**Paul & Jill Kirwin** - January 28, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless you all.*

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*Kim, Craig, Raychel, & Tyler Menne,*

*Maplewood, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Kim, Craig, Raychel, & Tyler Menne** - January 28, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AO

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Olsons.*

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*Andrew O'Keefe,*

*chicago, Illinois*

*Contact Me*

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**Andrew O'Keefe** - January 28, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Olsons will be in my (as with the Olivers/Litts) thoughts and prayers. My deepest sympathies.*

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*Nathan Oliver,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Nathan Oliver** - January 28, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. May you find strength and comfort to help you through this difficult time. You are in all of our thoughts and prayers.

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*Jessica, Sandee, Elizabeth Clingerman,*

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

*Contact Me*

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**Jessica, Sandee, Elizabeth Clingerman** - January 28, 2003 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ We are both stunned and saddened by the death of your beloved Jim. It was a pleasure to know him and to have worked with him. We are sorry to be out of the country this winter and unable to attend his funeral.

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*Bob and Jane Zambreno,*

*Tonka Bay, Minnesota*

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**Bob and Jane Zambreno** - January 28, 2003 at 12:00 AM