



## Wallace Bertel Olson

June 27, 1921 - February 1, 2009

Wally Olson Orchestra Beloved Father and Grandfather Age 87 of Roseville, died February 1, 2009. Preceded in death by his wife of nearly 60 years, Lucille; parents, Ernest and Hilma; sister, Dorothy Koland. Survived by sons, Cliff (Blue) and Wally (Nancy); grandchildren, Derek (Lisa), Erin, Kevin and Sarah; sister, Gladys Pearson; longtime band friends, Larry Grivna, Curly Karels and Carl Johnson; special friend, Ruth King; and friends at Scandia Shores. Born in Karlstad, MN. Proud WWII Army Veteran. Retired from the MN Dept of Transportation. Leader of the famous Wally Olson Band that appeared in Grumpier Old Men, co-starring with Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Sophia Loren and Ann-Margret. Funeral service 10:30AM Thursday (visitation begins 9:30AM) at FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WHITE BEAR LAKE, 4821 Bloom Avenue. Visitation also 4-7PM Wednesday with a Masonic Service at 7PM in HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM, 515 Hwy 96 at Mackubin, Shoreview (651-482-7606). Interment Forest Lawn Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ *May the Lord comfort you in the waves of grief. I don't care how old your parents are when they die; it's still "too soon".*

*Much Love,*

*Janice and Tom*

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**Janice Leverentz** - February 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ *Dear Nancy, Wally, Kevin, & Sarah  
We of course never meet Wallace Sr, We just met you Nancy, Kevin, & Sarah on our trip to Scandinavia, and we knew you folks were the type of folks we wished to keep in touch with.  
Eighty seven year is a good run, and judging by the fact that Wallace has had a a full life makes his life more meaningful.  
Though it is difficult, try no to focus too hard on his death, but rather on the fact that he was married for almost 60 years,has left loving children, & grand children. This is what is important.  
I hope this emotionally difficult time passes quickly for the Olson family, and the happy memories of Wallace serve to get you all through this time of sorrow.  
Sincerely,  
Herb, & Ellen Goldberger*

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**Herb Goldberger** - February 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. Even though your dad did live a full life, I know this time is still difficult. My thoughts are with you. Take care.*

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**Deannae Scott** - February 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these days. We know that absent from the body is present with the LORD. We can rejoice in that.*

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**David & Priscilla Hall** - February 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM