



Raymond C Olson

December 7, 1931 - August 25, 2015

Raymond C. Olson, 83, of Round Lake, IL passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.

Ray was a retired Chief Petty Officer for the United States Navy and co-owed Backyard Travel Services with his wife, Marjilou. He enjoyed traveling and was also very generous with his time, volunteering at libraries and with the Navy. Ray was also a Paul Harris Fellow at the Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Marjilou; children Raymond S. Olson, Jeffrey Olson, Caryn Tausend, and Douglas (Kimberly) Olson; grandchildren Michael (Kara) Rose, David (Erin) Olson, Jason Olson, Jenna (Michael) McDowell, Kyle Olson, Taylor Olson, Jamison Tausend, Haley Tausend, Jordan Olson, and Dayna Olson; and by his great grandchildren Nicholas Rose, Clark McDowell, and Addison McDowell.

A memorial service will begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, 2015 at Jerry's Parkway by the Lake, 25212 W Lake Shore Dr, Ingleside, IL 60041 with a reception to follow until 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Ray's memory to the Long Lake Improvement and Sanitation Association, PO Box 175, Ingleside, IL 60041.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Jerry's Parkway by the Lake
25212 W. Lake Shore Dr.
Ingleside, IL 60041

Memorial Visitation

SEP **27**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond C Olson*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Raymond C Olson*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond C Olson.*



September 22, 2015 at 12:30 PM



“ *Dear Marge and family,*

Paul and I were sorry to learn of Ray's death. He fought the valiant battle and always with good humor. I always enjoyed his facebook tidbits and posts. We appreciated his and Marge's visit to Paul in the nursing home this past winter. He always enriched our winters at Venice Campground. He will be missed by his many friends there.

Paul and Becky Young - September 02, 2015 at 08:48 AM

MK

“ *Dear Marge and Family,*

We were so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was so strong for so many years. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Mary & Pete Koppers



Mary Koppers - August 31, 2015 at 10:55 AM

VT

“ *August 30, 2015*

My deepest sympathy to you, Marge and your entire family. We have spent many happy hours welcoming our new "little ones", celebrating their baptisms, their birthdays, their confirmations, and in Jamie's case, his graduation. Ray has always been a very proud father and grandfather. His subtle, almost shy grin was testimony of that pride. He was a good man and that goodness will live on in his children and grandchildren. You will be missed, Ray! My love to Marge and your entire family.

Vina Tausend

Vina Tausend - August 30, 2015 at 05:56 PM

DP

“ *Dear Marg and Family,*

Tom and I were very surprised to hear of Rays passing. Yes he spent many of the past years dealing with health issues. But he was strong and made light of it ,I guess we thought he would be around for ever. We shed a few tears and sorrow about after learning the news and then began to reminisce about the Ray we knew.

We first met the dynamic duo at the Venice Camp ground during our first winter there. We enjoyed going out for a good meal (Ray always had coupons or freebies of some sort) and he picked the place as he could pinch a penny better than anyone we knew. His dry sense of humor was enjoyed by all and when you mentioned the GOP even more entertaining. The dreaded Republican part was always in the conversation and after a while you saw the sly grin and the sharp reply and knew you got him. The banter was always part of the humor we shared and was expected on our visits.

We will miss the dear man the sly smile and the stories that went on forever.

Marg we are so sorry for your loss we feel lucky to be part of those memories that will last forever. keep them close a a pert of Ray will be there with you.

Much love to you and yours

Tom and Diane Perry

Diane Perry - August 29, 2015 at 10:55 AM

KW

“ Dear Marge and Family,
We are so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He will be remembered for his courageous spirit and wonderful gift of bringing people together. Over the years, Mom always treasured Ray as The Olson Story-Keeper- always sharing the news and legacy of the relatives. I imagine him sharing kaffe with Mom this morning in heaven. We will miss him. Our prayers and condolences to you and your beautiful family.

Kathy, Jim and Kelly (O'Rourke)

Kathy Wandro - August 28, 2015 at 11:35 AM

PT

“ Camp Venice will not be the same for me now. Marge I also sorry for your lose. Ray always had a way of making me smile. He loved to talk politikes. I never had the heart to tell him that I was a democrat. I would bring him a case of good German beer . He called it Nazi beer. Ray would drink the good stuff and give me the cheap Millers. He told me that I cthe ould not hadle the good stuff. When he walked the dogs he let them go on my old wood ladder. I said Ray look what your dogs are doing. He would smial and say that they were saying welcome back. Be Good Ray . i will miss you. Your Irish pal--

Pat Tighe - August 28, 2015 at 08:40 AM

DW

“ Dear Family Member's of Chief Olson,
I'm the youngest of Cheif Wattenbarger's clan (4 in all). Ray was kind enough to respond back to me via email after I found him on the VP 724 squadron web page. he was buddies with my Dad (both in the same squadron) & generous enough to share some of his memories of my Father with me (via email, of course). I'm telling ya those officers of VP 724 were real pranksters in their spare time. Off duty as well as little pockets of time when they all were on the clock. Ray said it was fun planking my Dad Watty. Sadly to say I never received the chance to connect up with Chief Olson. he told me that his current project was packing up to move to FL. I figured not to bother the Chief due to his current duties, my mistake not making a time to go out to lunch, I'd even pop for the meal just to hear of the pranks, good times & fond memories of the Navy he had. Yes, he had an abundant supply of stories, just wished Ray could have shared them with me.

Ray, was truly an "Officer & a Gentleman", and the kind soul he was was helping others out, never loosing his beautiful sense of humor. Well, Officer Olson your ship sailed in to port, you walked the plank to get on board to sail to a better place. All will miss you greatly indeed, yet we know your with our Loving Maker and are at Peace. We here on the dock are sadly waving goodbye to you as you sail off into the sunset, with the sails full of wind, "Full Speed Ahead Chief Olson" we all cheer at you. Now, we can't even see the vessel for it has been swallowed up by the horizon. Yet, in our sad hearts we all "Know Chief Olson You Are in a BETTER PLACE". Chief Olson until we meet, God Rest you Merry Gentleman & Officer. Thank you for your service to our country, Thank you for your generosity, Thank you for your loving kindness that you gave so freely to us, most importantly of ALL, THANK YOU FOR BEING YOU. God has & does Bless You Chief Petty Officer Raymond Olson. Sail on, Sail on, Free once more....

Love,

Donna Marie Wattenbarger

Youngest of Chief Petty Officer Omer T. Wattenbarger's clan.

Donna M. Wattenbarger - August 27, 2015 at 08:10 PM

AM

“ We were so sorry to hear the sad news , our thoughts and prayers go out to Marge and the family . We loved having you as neighbors and friends at Camp Venice and I could always rely on Ray for for a humorous comment or two !

Alan and Pauline McNeish

Alan McNeish - August 27, 2015 at 08:01 PM

RO

He will surely be missed a loving husband wonderful father and someone I could surely called friend. He was really a great guy.

Robin Ocher - August 28, 2015 at 10:32 AM

DW

“ Donna M. Wattenbarger sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond C Olson



Donna M. Wattenbarger - August 27, 2015 at 07:42 PM

SH

“ Venice Retreat has brought many friends my way over the past years. Ray is and will be at the top of my list, He was the only person to get free beer at the fish fries.
Take care of the dogs for they sure will miss him like we will.

God Bless you Marge.

Don and Sandy

sandy heukels - August 27, 2015 at 05:20 PM

ET

“ *Edward Talmo lit a candle in memory of Raymond C Olson*



Edward Talmo - August 27, 2015 at 02:38 PM

ET

I always looked forward to Venice Retreat and the times we would share a beer and some oysters. I'm so sorry Marge we will all miss Ray. Please know your in my Prayers. God Bless You Marge and God Bless My Friend Ray.

Edward Talmo - August 27, 2015 at 02:45 PM

JM

“ *We were sorry to read of Ray's death. We will miss seeing him at the campground in Venice. Our thoughts and prayers are with Marge and the family.*

Toni and Jim Miller

Jim and Toni Miller - August 27, 2015 at 02:21 PM

ÅS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Marge and family!

I remember the day I stepped into your Travel agency shop, ready to go to Florida for 4th of July 1994.

My "host dad" Brian, knew you and had recommended you as a great travel planner. I guess it must have been the Swedish background that got us together. You were so friendly and invited us, me and my friends, over to enjoy water skiing at Long lake, what a lovely day. Ever since then we've kept in touch, via written letters, which turned into e-mail and then the last couple of years via Facebook. You always had a joke up your sleeve or a twizzler bag hiding somewhere to be sent to Sweden :-)

You will leave an empty room now when you've left the electronic world. It's sad that our roads never crossed again, but I know you've always been there, offering your help when needed. You will be missed Ray!

The words Stay warm will always have a special meaning since that's how you always ended your letters. Necessary if you live in Sweden I guess. So now I will end my letter to you: Stay warm Ray where ever you are, warm hugs from me (Åsa)

Åsa - August 27, 2015 at 03:18 AM

JT

“ Our thoughts are with you Marge and Family. We lost a good friend and many memories. Love Always George and Judy.

Judy Thompson - August 26, 2015 at 07:08 PM

RV

“ *R.I.P. Ray we will never forget the great times we have had with you and Marj. Your sense of humor was always a joy.* ”

ron and linda vaughn - August 26, 2015 at 04:46 PM