



Michael "Oly" Olson

August 25, 1953 - November 24, 2019

Michael "Oly" Olson, 66, of Oskaloosa, passed away Sunday, November 24, 2019, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Michael Alan Olson, son of Arthur G. and Beulah Marie (Harklau) Olson, was born, August 25, 1953, in Austin, MN. He grew up and attended school in Austin. Following his education, Oly enlisted, August 30, 1971, in the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Bryce Canyon. He was discharged August 25, 1975 and moved to Ottumwa, Iowa. He later moved to Oskaloosa where he went to work for Goodyear Tire Company. Oly married Sandra Dye in August of 1980 in Oskaloosa; to that union, a son, Mitch Ryan Olson, was born. They later divorced. He went to work for Pella Corporation in 1977 and worked there for 20 years. Oly then went to work for Snyder Manufacturing in New Sharon and then for Hayfield Windows in Hayfield, MN, for a short time. He was finally employed with Hormel in Austin, MN. After suffering two brain aneurysms, he returned to Oskaloosa in 2005. In his spare time, Oly enjoyed drag racing and demolition derby and traveling the state to compete. Woodworking, carpentry, boating, camping and watching western movies also things he enjoyed. He was a member of the American Legion, V.F.W., and the Eagles. His family includes his son and daughter-in-law, Mitch and Jess Olson of Pleasantville, IA; his daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Brad Van Mersbergen of Oskaloosa; four grandchildren: Jaxson and Madi Olson and Wade and Dane Van Mersbergen; sisters: Roberta (Bob) Finneseth of Austin, MN and Sharon (Lynn) Swindel of Minneapolis, MN; and several nieces.

In addition to his parents, Oly was preceded in death by two brothers: Craig "Gordy" Olson and Greg Olson; and a sister, Debbie Olson.

As was his wish, his body has been cremated. Burial of his ashes will be in Hillcrest Cemetery near Austin, Minnesota. Memorial contributions can be made to Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House, or the American Legion Post #34.

Tribute Wall



“ Michael "Oly" Olson

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ Oly was a great guy. I was locked out of my apt downtown and it was freezing. I was a Dj and knew him from the pool scene. He noticed I was locked out and was waiting on the landlord to come open the door. He invited me into his apt, offered me a drink and we had a great talk about John Wayne. My heart goes out to everyone who knew Oly. May these memories shared with you and the memories you have hold him close to your heart.

Lisa Fowler - November 30, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ Do you have and older picture of him, and imsorry for your lost.

John Carter - November 29, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ Werhner, Susan And Olivia Schlichter lit a candle in memory of Michael "Oly" Olson



Werhner, Susan and Olivia Schlichter - November 27, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Greg And Judy Van Rees lit a candle in memory of Michael "Oly" Olson



Greg and Judy Van Rees - November 27, 2019 at 12:58 PM

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“ Tammy Sparks lit a candle in memory of Michael "Oly" Olson



Tammy Sparks - November 27, 2019 at 09:23 AM

SG

“ Sandy And Steve Garrison lit a candle in memory of Michael "Oly" Olson



Sandy and Steve Garrison - November 27, 2019 at 07:41 AM

BN

“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Michael "Oly" Olson



Becky Netten - November 27, 2019 at 07:33 AM

MT

“ Marla Thomas lit a candle in memory of Michael "Oly" Olson



Marla Thomas - November 26, 2019 at 07:24 PM