



Donald L. Olson

May 5, 1930 - October 8, 2013

Donald L. Olson of Cadillac passed away Tuesday morning, October 8, 2013 at his home. He was 83. He was born May 5, 1930 in Cadillac to Harry L. and Edith Marabelle (Goram) Olson.

Mr. Olson served in the United States Air Force, 8th Air Force Strategic Air Command Delta Force, for five years and earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. He earned his Associates Degree from Ferris Institute of Design and began work for Michigan Department of Transportation for 35 years. He then retired for a brief period before working for Wilcox for three years before officially retiring.

Mr. Olson was a member of First Baptist Church in Cadillac, since getting baptized there at seven years old. He served on the Christian Board of Education, Mens Brotherhood and loved working with the youth and children of the Church. Mr. Olson was a very Christian man and loved the Bible. He was an active skier and enjoyed working with the Cadillac Ski Team and was the past president of the Cadillac Ski Club. He also enjoyed golfing, designing landscape and spending time with his grandchildren.

On December 17, 1949 in Cadillac he married the former Jean E. Podbilski and she survives him along with their daughters: Debra Schisser of Kentucky, Julie (Dr. John) Raymond of Manistee and Karie Tyler of Midland;

grandchildren: Stacy, Kristy, Courtney, Travis and Kaitlyn "Kaity" and Andrew; seven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Harry Alvin Olson.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 11, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Cadillac with Reverends Mike Stambaugh and James Martin officiating. Friends may meet the family Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac and one hour prior to the service at church. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac with full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice or First Baptist Youth Ministry. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Although I didn't know Donald, I wish to send your family my deepest sympathies in your time of loss. I understand how very difficult it is to lose someone you love in death. Yet, there's something that has always brought me comfort that I wanted to share with you.

Right now in this old world the pain of death affects us all very deeply. But the Bible promises this will not be the case soon in the future. Second Peter 3:13 says there's a "new earth we are awaiting according to his promise" and at this time death will be "swallowed up forever." (Isaiah 25:8) Yes, what exciting times lay ahead of us!

What about those we have lost in death? At John 5:28, 29 Jesus says "Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs (graves) will hear his voice and come out." Yes, soon you will be able to welcome Donald back in perfect health to a beautiful new paradise earth! May you find much comfort in these Bible promises. My thoughts and prayers are with you family during your time of great loss.

Katy - October 10, 2013 at 11:18 AM

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“ I just wanted to thank my Grandfather for the special things he did throughout the course of my life. He taught me to ski, made sure we had appropriate snow wear every Christmas, he taught me softball and he gave me guidance through some very traumatic times in my younger years. We lost touch in the more recent years and because of circumstances that I cannot relay (but he knows now)I' m very sorry for that. The rest of my life I will have memories of the man that helped raise me, teach me and was a huge part of my childhood. I will never forget you and I will make sure your stories and memories are a part of MY niece and nephews lives as well. Your beautiful journey on earth may be over but the glorious journey with our Lord has just begun. I loved you. Good bye Grandpa.

Stacy Cronkhite - October 10, 2013 at 10:29 AM