



Donald Bruce Olson

January 9, 1928 - August 11, 2019

Donald Bruce Olson went to be with his Lord peacefully in the presence of family at the age of 91 on August 11, 2019. He was born on January 9, 1928 to Oscar and Effie Olson in Kingsburg, California. He was one of three siblings with his older sister Bonnie and his younger brother Darrel. He graduated from Kingsburg High School in 1945, and subsequently enlisted and served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Don met the love of his life, Betty Olesen, on October 8, 1950. The two were set up on a blind date by mutual friends. Don and Betty were engaged on Christmas Eve of that year and were the last couple married in the old Easton Presbyterian Church sanctuary on December 8, 1951. They made their home in Kingsburg, where they lived until 1959 when they moved back to Betty's childhood home in Easton.

Don and Betty had four children: Janice, Rick, Ralph, and Ray. From volunteering in their 4-H program to coaching baseball, from band to church activities, Don was always very supportive and encouraging of his children. He was also active in their education and served for many years on the American Union School Board.

Don was a successful real estate and insurance broker and farmer. In addition to his work, he was a volunteer on the Kingsburg Fire Department for many

years. He talked proudly of having driven a new ambulance back from Ohio to Kingsburg and the fire truck that he drove is still used in parades today. He was also an avid San Francisco Giants fan, loved going to his family cabin at Shaver Lake and his beach house in Pismo, and enjoyed fishing and hunting. Don's faith was an important part of his life until the very end and he instilled a strong sense of faith in his entire family. Don was also a Trustee for Easton Presbyterian Church for many years.

Don's wife Betty passed away in 1993. He married Gloria Satterberg in November 1995. The couple enjoyed traveling together with church groups and spending time at the coast in Pismo.

Don is preceded in death by his brother, Darrel; his wife, Betty; his second wife, Gloria; his grandson, Dane; and his granddaughter, Kimberly. He is survived by his sister, Bonnie; his children Janice (and husband Bob), Rick (and wife Laura), Ralph (and wife Linda), and Ray (and wife Nina); his stepson Larry (and wife Rebecca); grandchildren Nichi, Bobby, Kristen, Russel, Timeri, Taylor, Amanda, Chelsie, Thad, Drake, and Joycelyn; and great-grandchildren Lauren, Emily, Baylie, Dakota, Hunter, Kensie, Adeline, Greyson, and Brooke.

Visitation will be held at Salser and Dillard Creighton Chapel Thursday, August 15, 2019, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

A Graveside Service will be held at the Washington Colony Cemetery, 7318 S. Elm Avenue, Fresno, CA 93706, at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Memorial Service held at the Easton Presbyterian Church, 5895 S. Elm Avenue, Fresno, CA 93706, at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Kingsburg Community Church, 1590

Smith Street, Kingsburg, CA 93631 or the Easton Presbyterian Church, 5895
S. Elm Avenue, Fresno, Ca 93706.

A Memorial Tribute may be offered by logging into www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel
1588 Lincoln Street
Kingsburg, CA 93631
(559) 897-2908
<https://www.creightonchapel.com>

Graveside

AUG 16. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Washington Colony Cemetery
7318 S Elm Ave
Fresno, CA 93706

Memorial

AUG 16. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

Easton Presbyterian Church
5895 S Elm Ave
Fresno, CA 93706

Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Bruce Olson.* ”



August 15, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Bruce Olson.* ”



August 15, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ *Rick,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I still miss my dad every day.* ”

Wanda Schmidt - August 15, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Donald Bruce Olson.* ”



August 15, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Bruce Olson.



August 14, 2019 at 11:54 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Bruce Olson.



August 14, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ I'm Kathy Thiessen a caregiver to Bubs Olson. The past two years have been fun times each Saturday morning at breakfast together with Don and his caregiver. It was such a pleasure to get to know him. Such a big hearted man with a tender heart. And such a great memory ! He shared so many interesting things from his years as a kid and as a farmer to the water flow into several lakes ! I'll always feel blessed to have known him. I know he will be missed very much by all of you.

Kathy Thiessen - August 14, 2019 at 12:58 PM



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August 14, 2019 at 11:23 AM