



## Walter "Bob" Olson

January 24, 1929 - November 19, 2020

Walter Robert "Bob" Olson, 91 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, November 19, 2020. Services will be private. Burial will be at 12:00 PM on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls. Military Rites will be conducted by the Little Falls American Legion Post #46. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to First United Church of Little Falls.

To Livestream please click link and you will be directed to the Livestream. <https://my.gather.app/remember/walter-bob-olson>

Bob was born January 24, 1929 in St. Peter, Minnesota to the late Walter and Esther Olson. He was a graduate of Duluth Denfeld High School and the University of Minnesota, Duluth. In June of 1952, Bob married his college sweetheart and love of his life, Nancy Love. Following graduation and marriage, Bob and Nancy were stationed at Naval Ammunition Depot in Hastings, Nebraska where he served as Weapons Officer in the United States Navy. He later served as a Blue and Gold Officer for the United States Naval Academy, retiring at the rank of Commander from the United States Naval Reserve after 31 years of honorable service to his country. In 1954, Bob and Nancy moved to Minneapolis where Bob spent one year teaching Industrial Arts. In 1955, Bob and Nancy moved to Little Falls, where he began his 37 year career at Minnesota Power, retiring in 1992. Bob passionately loved his

family, friends, fellow man and the outdoors. Bob enjoyed hunting and fishing. He had a love for animals and nature. Bob enjoyed wood-working, dance club, golf, pool, poker, and bridge. He found great joy in serving his community and was actively involved in the First United Church, Kiwanis, The United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Linden Hill, Rising Stars Therapeutic Equitation, as well as, Board Member and Bank Director of First Community Bank. Bob also served as a leader of Boy Scouts for many years, receiving the Silver Beaver award.

Bob is survived by his wife of 68 years, Nancy; children, Robin (Paul) Felix of Little Falls, MN/Key West, Florida, Robert (Sue) Olson of Mankato, MN, Richard (Marge) Olson of Bangor, Maine, Jane (Rich) Varriano of Little Falls, MN, Ann (Randy) Walker of Stafford, Virginia; grandchildren, Matt (Tess) Olson, Kristin (Joe Yun) Olson, Christopher Walker, Katherine (Brandon) Phillips, Robert Walker; Richie Varriano and Rachel Varriano.

Bob was preceded in death by parents, Walter and Esther Olson; sisters, Marjorie, Muriel and Maurine.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to First United Church of Little Falls.

A special thank you to Dr. MacNamara, Dr. Attarian, the staff at Highland Senior Living and the St. Otto's Care Center for the love and care they provided over the years.

# Cemetery Details

## **Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery**

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter "Bob" Olson*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 01, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ *Walter "Bob" Olson*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *7 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Bob** - December 09, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Walter "Bob" Olson.*



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December 08, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ *42 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 07, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - December 02, 2020 at 05:15 PM



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Lemieux Funeral Homes - December 02, 2020 at 11:40 AM



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Lemieux Funeral Homes - December 02, 2020 at 09:20 AM



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Lemieux Funeral Homes - December 01, 2020 at 04:15 PM

CM

“ *Cindy Miller lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bob" Olson*



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**Cindy Miller** - November 26, 2020 at 05:46 PM

GZ

“ *Nancy and family, we are both so very sorry for your loss. Bob was a caring and generous man and will be missed. You are all in our prayers.*



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**Greg and Wendy Zylka** - November 25, 2020 at 02:58 PM

ML

“ *Nancy and Family,*

*I am so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*Love, Marcy Larson*

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**Marcy Larson** - November 24, 2020 at 07:06 PM

CM

“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bob" Olson*



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**Claudette Moran** - November 24, 2020 at 04:37 PM

CM

*Prayers and condolences go out to the entire Olson family. May Walter rest in the peace of Christ, and may God hold all of you in the palm of his hand. Blessed be his memory.*

**Claudette Moran** - November 24, 2020 at 04:39 PM

LP

“ *Linda Paycer sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter "Bob" Olson*



**Linda Paycer** - November 23, 2020 at 07:16 PM

CK

“ *Craig & Cindy (Tholen) Kalahar lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bob" Olson*



**Craig & Cindy (Tholen) Kalahar** - November 23, 2020 at 06:35 PM

JW

“ *Nancy and family,  
I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Such a kind soul. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May you find peace in all of the memories you have.*

*Julie Witucki*

**Julie Witucki** - November 23, 2020 at 03:13 PM

SO

“ Susan Ogaard lit a candle in memory of  
Walter "Bob" Olson



Susan Ogaard - November 23, 2020 at 12:33 PM

DL

“ DelRae LeBlanc lit a candle in memory of  
Walter "Bob" Olson



DelRae LeBlanc - November 23, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.may he rest in peace

Karen Haaland - November 23, 2020 at 09:25 AM

MR

“ Mary Jo Retka lit a candle in memory of  
Walter "Bob" Olson



Mary Jo Retka - November 22, 2020 at 01:59 PM

MS

“ *Mark & Pam Savage lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bob" Olson*



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**Mark & Pam Savage** - November 21, 2020 at 09:05 PM

RS

“ *Our deepest sympathy, condolences & prayers go out to the family of Robert . Nancy I was so shock to hear of Robert passing. Robert was a very great, great man. He was a very well respected gentleman, husband, dad & father. I enjoyed talking to Robert all the time. We had some wonderful visits both before and when he was at st Otto's. Robert will be sadly missed by all who new him. He always had a warm smile & a firm hand shake. May he Rest In Peace with our Heavenly Father. God bless Robert & his wonderful loving family. And Nancy our prayers & thoughts are with you all. God bless you all.*

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**Richard Robert Schneider** - November 21, 2020 at 03:21 PM

BT

“ *Dear Nancy & family, we are so sorry for your loss. I met Bob at church & he invited me to join the Kiwanis Club. He was a good man & he will be missed. Betsy Tepley-Manbeck & Keith Manbeck*

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**Betsy Tepley-Manbeck** - November 20, 2020 at 10:52 PM

DJ

“ Mrs. Olson and families my sincere sympathy on the loss of your loved one Bob. May he rest in peace and God bless you all.



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - November 20, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the Olson family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Renae Schneider - November 19, 2020 at 11:02 PM

JD

“ Our condolences to your family. Bob served his country, community and God. He will be missed. I remember his involvement with Troop 65, as well hunting pheasants with him. (Will always remember the fishing trip to the Florida Keys and "the van".) It was an honor to know him.

Joel Dale and family

Joel Dale - November 19, 2020 at 10:54 PM

DW

Nancy and the Olson children,  
You have my deepest sympathy. I hold a very special place in my heart for Bob. Who couldn't think the world of such a kind caring man and I feel lucky to say I got to know him. Prayers to all of you 🙏🙏

Debbie Witucki

Debbie Witucki - November 21, 2020 at 11:38 AM

GL

*Nancy, Jane and family, Our sincere loss on the passing g of Bob. We will remember his as a quiet, thoughtful, gentle and peaceful man. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy. Hugs and prayers..Glen & Diane Langer*

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**Glen Langer** - November 22, 2020 at 09:10 AM