

Please don't sing sad songs for me
Forget your grief and tears
For I am in a *perfect place*

Away from pain and tears...

I'm far away from hunger,
And hurt and want and pride

With the *Master* at my side.

My life on earth was very good,

As earthly lives can go,

But paradise is so much more

Than anyone can know...

My heart is filled with **HAPPINESS,**

And sweet rejoicing, too,

To walk with God is perfect peace,

A joy forever new.

I N L O V I N G
Memory

James Clarence Olson

May 3, 1931 † February 9, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, February 16, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Staples, Minnesota

OFFICIATING - Father Aaron Kuhn

ORGANIST - Mike Blessing

SOLOIST - Craig Peterson

GIFT BEARERS

Kaylen Minnerath Wyatt Minnerath Summer Peters

PALLBEARERS

Jeff Kemp

Logan Olson

Brian Henkel

Chris Jennissen

Ryan Minnerath

Scott Minnerath

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Sarah Nord

Amy Schneider

Grace Olson

Emma Olson

Cassandra Peters

Rachel Odegaard

Tina Dooher

INTERMENT

Evergreen Hill Cemetery - Staples, Minnesota

James Clarence Olson, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather departed this world on February 9, 2024, at the age of 92. He was born on May 3, 1931, in Staples, MN, to his loving parents, Clarence and Anna (Reichel) Olson.

After graduating from Staples High School, James proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He courageously dedicated two years of his life to defend the freedoms we hold dear and was honorably discharged on July 31, 1954.

Upon his return to Staples, James's life forever changed when he met Daneen Tappe. Their chance encounter at a café led to a love story that spanned decades. They exchanged vows on September 27, 1956. Together, they nurtured a beautiful family and raised five children, Sharon, Douglas, Renae, Kathy, and Debra, on their hobby farm just outside of town.

James was a dedicated and hardworking individual who wore many hats throughout his life. For over 30 years, he served as a school bus driver, ensuring the safety and well-being of countless children. Additionally, for 50 years, he lent his captivating voice and expertise as an auctioneer, spreading his passion for the trade with flair and charisma.

When he wasn't busy working, James enjoyed spending time with his friends at the café, playing cards, and shaking dice. He also had a love for music and played the piano as well as the accordion. His infectious smile and positive attitude brightened the spirits of those around him. James had an unwavering commitment to taking care of his family, always willing to lend a helping hand and provide support in any way he could.

James will forever be treasured in the hearts of his surviving family members. He leaves behind a loving son and four daughters, Sharon (Craig) Peterson, Douglas (Nancy) Olson, Renae (Randy) Wilson, Kathy (Kurt Wilson) Jennissen, and Debra Minnerath. He also leaves behind 13 adoring grandchildren, Jeff (Jess) Kemp, Sarah (Ryan) Nord, Amy Schneider, Logan Olson, Grace Olson, Emma Olson, Brian (Brienne) Henkel, Chris Jennissen, Cassandra (Jimmy) Peters, Tina (Dave) Dooher, Ryan (Amanda) Minnerath, Scott Minnerath, and Rachel (Jared) Odegaard, as well as 14 precious great-grandchildren. James will be dearly missed by his sister, Marjorie Miller.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Anna Olson, his beloved wife, Daneen Olson, sister, Irene Olson, son-in-law, James Minnerath and great-grandson, Hayden Minnerath.

As we bid farewell to James, let us remember the lasting impact he had on our lives. His love, kindness, and resilience will forever serve as an inspiration to us all. May his soul find eternal peace, and may his memory be a comforting blessing to the lives he touched.

In Loving

M E M O R Y



James C. Olson
May 3, 1931 ~ February 9, 2024