

John Pershing Olson was born on November 19, 1918, in Graceville, Minnesota, the son of Harry and Ruth (Cocoran) Olson. He grew up in Willmar and graduated from Willmar High School in 1937. On February 11, 1938, John was married to Mayme Lindscoog and they made their home in Willmar and Seattle, Washington. From 1944 to 1946, John served in the U.S. Army in the South Philippines. Following his service in 1946, they returned to Willmar. John was employed as a sheet metal worker at Chappel Central for many years. They later moved to Minneapolis and John worked for over 10 years at Ray N. Welter Heating Company. He retired in 1981 and returned to Willmar. After the passing of his wife, John enjoyed many years with his partner Donna Emberland and her family. John was a member of the V.F.W., American Legion Post, and the Eagle's Club. John enjoyed camping, fishing, and watching wildlife.

John passed away Thursday , November 9, at the V.A. Nursing Home in St. Cloud at the age of 104 (almost 105).

He is survived by two grandsons, Jeff (Karen) Olson and Reino Olson; two granddaughters, Risa Olson, and Sheila Claffey; two daughters-in-law, Judy (Bill) Marth and Sharon Olson; as well as Donna's son, Bruce Emberland; her son-in-law, Jeff Cain; Donna's grandchildren, Crystal (Tom) Jones, Kimberly Gillis, Kevin (Melanie) Cain, Jessica Bruns, Jami (Ryan) Kaiser, Jobli (Aaron) Heil; as well as many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mayme in 1979; his daughter, Sharolyn; his sons, Terry, and Johnny; two brothers, James, and Jerry; three sisters, Grace, Theresa, and Shirley; his special friend, Donna Emberland and her daughters Linda, Marilyn, and Joan.

Celebrating the Life of



John P. Olson

1918 - 2023

In Loving Memory Of

John P. Olson

November 19, 1918

November 9, 2023

Graceville, Minnesota

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Celebration of Life Gathering

Friday, November 17, 2023 1-3 p.m.

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

Willmar, Minnesota

Military Honor Guard

Austin F. Hanscom American Legion Post #167

Willmar, Minnesota

Interment

Friday, November 17, 2023 3:15 p.m.

Fairview Cemetery

Willmar, Minnesota

Graveside Officiant

Pastor Dean E. Johnson

Calvary Lutheran Church

Willmar, Minnesota

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

-Psalm 23