

**Kenneth Lee Olson** was born July 9, 1925, in Mankato, MN the son of Clara and Harold Olson. He graduated from Perham High School in 1943 and enlisted in the Navy in 1943. After serving during WWII, he was discharged in 1946. Ken met the love of his life Rlou Plagman while roller skating at the roller rink in Alexandria. They were married on October 15, 1947. He attended radio/television school in Kansas City and then was employed by KVOX radio, WPBC radio and then KXRA radio. He was chief engineer at KCMT TV and WDAY TV. He retired in 1990 and moved back to Alexandria.

Ken and Rlou raised two daughters Kay and Linda. Ken taught his daughters many lessons of life by the way he lived his life. His hobbies included fishing and in later years golf.

He was an active member at Zion Lutheran Church including Financial Secretary, District Steward and Sunday School Teacher. He was a lifetime member of the Alexandria Rifle Club, and VFW and a member of the American Legion. He delivered Meals on Wheels for 10 years, installed and serviced Care Call units for 10 years.

Kenneth died on Friday, July 9, 2021, at Alomere Health in Alexandria at the age of 96 years old, on his birthday. He is survived by daughters Kay (John) Bieschke and Linda (Rodney) Ambuehl; grandchildren Jeff (Tracy) Davis, Jason (Sharon) Davis, Joie (Jack) Chapin, and Johnny Bieschke, Sarah (Wade) Iverson great grandchildren Hunter Davis, Grace Davis, Chloe Davis, Jaydin Iverson, Ethan Iverson, Ellie Iverson and Kaiya Chapin. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, and brother, Lawler Olson.

### **Footprints In The Sand**

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me." The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During the times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

*In Memory of*

## **Kenneth Lee Olson**

July 9, 1925 † July 9, 2021

### **Memorial Service**

Zion Lutheran Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Monday, July 19, 2021  
1:30 PM

### **Officiant**

Reverend Paul Dare

### **Organist**

JoNette Brogaard

### **Soloist**

Shelley Luedeke

### **Urn Bearers**

Jeffrey Davis                      Jason Davis  
Sarah Iverson

### **Interment**

Kinkead Cemetery  
Alexandria, Minnesota

### **Military Honors**

Minnesota Naval Honor Guard  
American Legion Post #87  
Veteran of Foreign Wars Post #936  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #235  
Marine Corps League Detachment #1409