



Roy B. Olson

June 3, 1926 - December 8, 2014

ADRIAN—Roy B. Olson, age 88 of Adrian, passed away Monday, December 8, 2014.

He was born June 3, 1926, in Morris, IL to Roy and Bessie (Small) Olson. Graduating from Tilden Technical High School in 1944, he proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Force from 1943-1945.

On August 3, 1946, Roy married Doris Olsen in Chicago, IL. They celebrated 43 years of marriage before her death on October 8, 1987. Roy then married Joyce Plotkowski on June 11, 1988 at Devil's Lake. She preceded him in death in March of 2013.

Roy was a former member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Young Republicans. For the last 30 years, he has enjoyed living at Devil's Lake where he was a member of the Lake Preservation League.

Upon graduation from Tilden Tech High School, Roy enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he trained as a navigator. Roy was very proud of both his military service and his nation. When the war ended, Roy returned home, studied for an accounting degree, and married his sweetheart, Doris J. Olsen. They had four children, Barbara, David, Karen and Lynn. They lived in Riverdale, IL. and Roy was employed in nearby Chicago by Ford Motor Aircraft Engine. In 1957, the division closed and the family moved to Highland Heights, OH, where Roy worked for Pesco Products. His business career continued to flourish which led the family to their permanent home in Adrian, MI, in 1960. Roy worked for Sperti- Faraday, led Zimmerman Manufacturing Inc. as President for many

years and completed his business career at Addison Products, retiring in 1990.

Roy and Doris discovered Devil's Lake early in their time in Adrian. They began spending several weeks a summer at the lake, and before long the weeks turned into months. The children all learned to ski and spent countless hours touring the lake with Roy at the helm of whatever boat they had at the time. Roy and Doris bought their forever cottage in 1983. They truly loved this spot and their lake friends, and began spending many months at the lake, only moving home to Adrian for the worst months of the winter.

Survivors include his children, Barbara J. Olson of Lansing, MI, David Blaine (Pauline) Olson of Bryan, OH, Karen (Ricky) Olson-Vermillion of Holt, MI and Lynn (Peter) Noyes of Falmouth, ME; his sister, Roseland Barton of Phoenix, AZ; his stepchildren, Cynthia (Thomas) Campbell of Kissimmee, FL, and Gail (Rick) Wright of Hazel Park, MI; 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wives, Doris and Joyce; a sister in infancy and a grandson, Stephen.

Memorial services take place at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Wagley Funeral Home. Visitation will also be held on Saturday, January 17, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. until the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Devil's Lake Fireworks, Inc., PO Box 21, Manitou Beach, MI 49253 or Croswell Opera House. Roy enjoyed the Devil's Lake fireworks every year. Roy's family would like to thank the Grand Court staff for the excellent care they provided for Roy. Online condolences and memories are welcomed at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Roy B. Olson

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“ Our deepest sympathy

Greg & Freida Ikle

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“ Connie lit a candle in memory of Roy B. Olson



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“ *"Grandpa Roy" as my children came to call you and the best friend of both of my parents.....you will be missed greatly. You and Joyce were the optima of true friendship to my mother and father Stu and Trudy Conboy. They loved you both and thought the world of the friendship that you four shared. You will be missed and thought of always. Thank You! Love, Kristyn (Conboy) Letwin.*

Kristyn (Conboy) Letwin - December 09, 2014 at 08:20 PM