



Harold A. Olson

September 17, 1923 - June 25, 2012

Harold A. Olson, 88, of New Britain and Old Lyme, passed away Monday June 25, 2012 at his home in Miami Beach, Old Lyme, a place that he loved. A New Britain native and longtime resident, he attended New Britain schools, and graduated from the Philadelphia School of Floral Design. Harold was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran and operated Olson's Flower Shop on North Street, New Britain. He then became caretaker of the Shuttle Meadow Reservoir for 33 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of First Lutheran Church in New Britain; was a former city alderman; and had a passion for making his own wine. Harold was a member of the New Britain American Legion and VFW Posts; the Belvedere Golf Group at Stanley Golf Course and the Officers Club at the CT State Armory.

Surviving is his wife, Lorraine Ottavi Florio-Olson; a daughter, Nancy Michalski and her husband Michael of Southington; three grandchildren and their significant others, Anthony Michalski and Heather McLaughlin of Southington and Harold's great granddaughter Amelia Michalski; Michael J. Michalski and Ashley Forsyth also of Southington; and Caralee Olson and Doug Sutter of Bristol; former daughter-in-law, Cathy Garuti of Terryville; three step-children, Greg Florio and his wife Rose of Newington; Laurianne LaMothe and her husband Jeff of New Britain; and Diana Beardsley and her husband Kenneth of Kensington; five step grandchildren, John, Suzanne and Melissa Florio; Kenneth and T.J. Beardsley; a sister-in-law. Florette Olson of Southington,

several nieces and nephews. Harold was predeceased by his first wife Ada Conti Olson in 1990; a son, Mark Olson; two daughters, Judith and Nanette Olson; as well as two brothers, Harry and Howard Olson and two sisters, Marion Welch and Eleanor Bilodeau.

Funeral services are Thursday 10 AM at First Lutheran Church, 77 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. Burial with military honors will follow in Fairview Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday 4 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Donations may be made to First Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or to Hospice of Southeastern Connecticut, 227 Dunham Street, Norwich, CT 06360. Please share a memory or note of sympathy by clicking on "Add Condolences" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

TG

“ Wonderful memories of our family gatherings at the beach & reservoir. The happy days of wine tasting and tasting and the many fruit flies. Don't kill Uncle Harold's flies. We will miss you. Rest peacefully. Hugs to Zia, Mark and Judy.

Tom & Lynn Gianninoto - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Lorraine, Nancy & Family,
My dad Val, my brother Val and I were saddened to learn of the loss of Harold. Please accept our sincere sympathy at this very sad time. We are all too well aware of the pain and sorrow it brings. Harold was a wonderful man! Just the name Harold Olson brings back many fond memories of the old Greenhouse days on Oak Street! He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May God's peace be with you all.
Sincerely,
Val, Sr.Nini, Debbie & Val,Jr.

Debbie Crescentini Adachowski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Dear Lorraine I was so sorry to hear of Harold's death. I have been in RI and just heard yesterday. Sorry I was not at his services. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!! Harold was always great company!! Sincerely Ginny

Ginny O'Brien - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Auntie,

I don't have the words to express how sorry I was to hear of Harold's passing. I didn't know until today and I am so sorry for missing the services. He was a wonderful person that I have so many fond memories of spending time with over the years. I would like to come and see you when you are up for it, please call me when you can 860.490.2667.

*Love,
Chris Allen*

Chris Allen - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Dear Lorraine,

We were surprised and saddened to hear about Harold's passing. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. We will keep you both in our prayers.

*Love,
Tony & Julie*

Tony & Julie Allen - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ We were deeply saddened to hear about Harold's passing. Fortunately, we will always have our fond memories of Harold and sharing our times together.

*Fondly,
Jean Barnum & Jack Niedzwiecki*

Jean Barnum & Jack Niedzwiecki - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Lorraine & Family,*

Please accept my deepest sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

*Susan Brimmer
Northwest Catholic*

Susan Brimmer - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Dear Nancy and family,*

I am so sorry to hear that your Dad passed away. I am praying the Lord will comfort you all and heal your hearts.

*Love,
Linda*

Linda Beyer - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Many thoughts and prayers to the entire family. God Bless!*

The Fletcher Family

Scott Fletcher - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Nancy and family, I am so sorry for you loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Toni J. Monarca - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM