



## James Edwin "Jim" Olson

August 23, 1935 - April 12, 2016

James Edwin "Jim" Olson, 80, of Spread Eagle, died Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. He was born on Aug. 23, 1935 in Florence, the son of the late Edwin and Lucille (Meyers) Olson.

Jim graduated from Florence High School in 1954. He served in the US Army from 1954-1956. After his honorable discharge, he attended Marinette County Teachers College, where he met his love, Rose Marie Peetz. They were married on June 6, 1959 in Lena, WI.

Jim earned his bachelor's degree in education from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. He taught grades 1-8 at Elmdale School in Appleton and then science and math at Hortonville Junior High School. In Iron Mountain, Jim worked at LoDal as a purchasing agent and foreman from 1975-1987. He then became a salesman for Wildwood Realty from 1988-2005.

He was a very active member of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Lions Club where he held many offices including President, Secretary, and Treasurer. He was the Lions District 10 Governor from 1987-1988 in the Upper Peninsula. Jim was a Fourth Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50.

Jim and his wife Rose were foster parents for many children, mostly teenagers, for nearly 20 years. They made a difference in many lives.

He enjoyed hunting , golfing, dancing, watching the Green Bay Packers, pontoon boat rides, traveling, and being with his family.

Jim had an amazing sense of humor. He was a very loving and caring man. He will always be loved and missed by all who knew him.

Jim is survived by his wife Rose, two daughters Jayne (Paul) D'Alberto of Sheboygan Falls and Rhonda Yano of Saucier, Miss, six grandchildren A.J. D'Alberto, Kyle D'Alberto, Abby D'Alberto, Andrea Yano, Chelsea (Tony) Cave, and Chase Yano, great grandchildren Aniya Yano-Wilson, Aliston Yano-Wilson; sisters-in-law, Freda Olson, Marlene Peetz, and Gloria Peetz. Also survived by many beloved nieces and nephews.

Jim was preceded in death by his dad Edwin Olson, his mother and step-father, Lucille and Woodrow Lawrentz, and his brother, Larry Olson; brothers-in-law, Peter and James Peetz.

Visitation will be Monday, April 18, 2016 from 4-7pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 11:00 am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Monsignor James Kaczmarek will officiate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of James Edwin. "Jim" Olson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Funeral Mass

APR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
500 Blaine St.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall



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**Michael Olson** - April 23, 2016 at 08:09 AM

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“ *Rose and family,  
My love and sincere sympathy in the loss of this special man. Jim was always so kind and friendly along with you Rose whenever we chanced to meet. He had the heart of a LION in his faithfulness to being the best in the Lion's Club all these years. May God's love and comfort be with you in the days ahead. And may happy memories be with you when you miss his presence.  
Keeping you in prayer.  
Orice*

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**Orice Walters** - April 22, 2016 at 12:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Edwin "Jim" Olson.*



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April 18, 2016 at 02:19 PM

GK

“ Jayne & Paul:  
Robin and I want to express our deepest sympathies Jayne. May your Dad rest comfortably in the Lord's hands and may the Lord give you strength during this difficult time.  
Sincere condolences,  
Robin & Guy Kwaterski

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**Guy Kwaterski** - April 18, 2016 at 10:35 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - April 18, 2016 at 10:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Edwin "Jim" Olson.



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April 17, 2016 at 01:28 PM

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“ The Agnessi Family ~ Mark, Tischa, Sophia, & Anna purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of James Edwin "Jim" Olson.



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**The Agnessi Family ~ Mark, Tischa, Sophia, & Anna** - April 17, 2016 at 12:07 PM

RN

“ *Dear Olson family,*

*We are very sorry for your loss and will always remember the kind words our father(Fred Newcombe-across the lake) had to say about Jim. He truly was a dear friend and neighbor to him and knew how to build and keep community. There have been many times our father was not in good health or needed help with odd jobs that Jim was there for him. We could all learn a lesson about serving our neighbors from him.*

*Thank you for sharing him with us and our thoughts and prayers are with you,*

*Rick and Linda(Newcombe) Nelson and family*

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**Rick and Linda Nelson** - April 16, 2016 at 05:49 PM

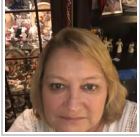
TW

“ *The D'Alberto Family, Mom, Dad, Pete, Iris, Steve and Wendy purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of James Edwin "Jim" Olson.*



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**The D'Alberto Family, Mom, Dad, Pete, Iris, Steve and Wendy**  
- April 16, 2016 at 12:26 AM



“ From watching the Packers play to hanging out on the lake, Jim has always had a smile to share (unless the Pack lost) and a funny joke to share. He was always such a great husband to "his" Rosie, an amazing father to Jayne and Rhonda, as well as many foster kids that he changed things in their life. But what impressed me the most was his love and devotion to his grandchildren. Having them all around was always such fun! He really talked to them, gave them great advice, and helped them to learn how to not just live in this world, but to give back in every way. I am so sorry that none of our family can be there with you, but rest assured, you are in our prayers and thoughts every day.

*With all of our love love,  
Steve and Wendy Dalberto*

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**Wendy Dalberto** - April 15, 2016 at 11:44 PM



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April 15, 2016 at 03:58 PM



“ Not only was Jim a good guy, he was also a passionate long time member of the I.M./Kingsford Lions Club. Because of his many years of dedicated service he was a fountain of knowledge. The loss of Jim's many talents will leave a huge hole in our club.

*Scott McClure  
I.M./ Kingsford Lions Club President*

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**Scott McClure** - April 15, 2016 at 11:08 AM

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“ *From A-Chalet to The HEA....always a true friend...and a Lion among Men...will miss you. M.J.Wisnoski*

M.J.Wisnoski - April 15, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James Edwin "Jim" Olson.*



April 15, 2016 at 09:04 AM

BW

“ *PDG Rose,  
I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I am even more sorry that I am unable to get to the funeral home to pay my respects. With Janet's Alzheimer's my travel is limited. The upcoming convention will probably be my last. Jim was an effective Governor and Lion. He left us too soon.  
You are in my prayers.  
Bill Whippen*

Bill Whippen - April 14, 2016 at 08:01 PM

GM

“ *To the family of Jim Olson. Jim and I were classmates in grade school. He was courageous, witty with his friendly smile. He will be remembered as a stand-up person who was not afraid to accept a challenge. You can be proud of him. May he rest in peace.*

*Gerald W McMullen  
Spokane, WA*



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**Gerald W McMullen** - April 14, 2016 at 04:13 PM