



## Robert John Olson

June 13, 1931 - April 2, 2025

Robert John Olson, a very creative man, died on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, surrounded by his loving caretakers. Bob, 93, of Charlotte, was born on June 13, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Arthur and Marguerite (Weiss) Olson. Upon graduating from Parker High School in 1949, Bob enlisted in the Air Force and proudly served his country. While stationed at the Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Bob met Yvonne Marquand, and on June 25, 1952, they married and together spent the next 68 years creating many lasting memories until her passing in 2021. Bob proudly earned a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Marquette University. He later worked as a Civil Engineer for the Department of Natural Resources in the Highways and Waterways division until his retirement in 1993. Bob was very proud of his work and his ability to make an impact on the environment. When Bob was not working, he enjoyed staying busy around his home, he could often be found in his shop woodworking or working with metal. He was family oriented and tended to the needs of his son, Michael, his mother and mother-in-law, in their last days. Bob devoted his life to the Lord; he was a longtime member of the St. John's Episcopal Church in Charlotte.

Bob is survived by his son, John Arthur Olson; sisters-in-law, Carolyn (Michael) Ruhl, Rosemary (Myron) Davis; loving caretakers, Andrea, Stephanie, Carmelita, and Kimmy. He was predeceased by his wife, Yvonne; son, Michael Gene Olson; and his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Bob's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). A memorial service will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025, 11:00 a.m. at the St. John's Episcopal Church in Charlotte with Rev. Wendy Brown officiating. A visitation will be held just prior to the service beginning at 10:30 a.m. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the St. John's Episcopal Church. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 5. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church  
201 W Shepherd St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Memorial

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Cookie and Rosie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert John Olson.*



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**Cookie and Rosie** - May 01, 2025 at 12:42 PM

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“ *I met Bob and Jeanie several years ago, Jeanie and my wife, Esther, worked together at ISD. Bob and I often shared stories of Chicago since we both think of Chicago as our home town. Bob loved to share stories of growing up in Chicago, stories of the family hardware store, stories about what his Mom was like and talk about work. Bob and I shared much in common besides Chicago. We were both engineers, enjoyed similar music, went to Jesuit colleges ( were Lutheran) and had a knife collection! A few years ago I gave Bob a nice knife to add to his collection and he was very excited to have something new. Even in the past few years Bob always had a few knives close by. I would joke with him about Having them laying around for self defense due to his growing up in Chicago! Bob was very much like a second father for me and I will miss our weekend visits.*

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**Carl Berendsohn** - April 05, 2025 at 12:31 PM

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*That was beautiful Carl, he valued your friendship*

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**Rosemary Clarkson** - April 05, 2025 at 04:37 PM