



Thomas Lee Olson

October 5, 1946 - December 30, 2019

Thomas L. Olson

A longtime resident of Bethel Park, PA, died peacefully on December 30, 2019 at the age of 73 after a long battle with Dementia and Esophageal Cancer.

Tom worked over three decades of his life at his beloved Robert Morris College (later became University). Tom became Director of each department with which he was associated with, Director of Admissions, Director of Residence Life, and lastly, retired as Director of Compliance for Athletics. Tom dearly loved Artemis (his "Kitty"), coin collecting, college football, target shooting and fishing, but most of all he loved telling stories... he loved to tell you a story and make you laugh. Tom's second marriage blessed him with becoming a stepfather to, and who he will be dearly missed by: Dr. David G. Sheldon (Valerie), Andi E. Long (Jeffrey), and Heather A. Rangel; and step-grandchildren to whom he was "PAP": Brandon Sheldon (Angela), Abby Hilpert, Megan Long, Emma Sheldon, Jordan Sheldon, Jack Sheldon, Katie Sheldon, Jesse Rangel and Ellie "Bellie" Rangel. Tom is survived by a sister, Jayne Emma Frauenholz, and nieces and nephews: Josanne Hardesty (Larry), Jan Vankirk (William) and Dane Frauenholz (Christi) and many great nieces and nephews. Tom was predeceased by his parents, Clarence Elmer Olson and Della Grace (Heller) Olson, his siblings, Loring Lou (Olson) Reese, Barbara Alice Olson, June Louise (Olson) Ulsh. Tom will also be missed by his dear friends: Jim and Pam Christner, Keith and Michele Merlino, Vic Nardo, and Mary Reichold. Being respectful of Tom's wishes, there will be no service.

To all who helped care for Tom (nurses, caregivers, hospice, Doctors), we (Tom's family) are eternally grateful for your gentle and loving care that was shown to Tom throughout this journey.

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Tom-- we had so many great laughs and times over the years at RMU. I will always remember our last conversation on the phone. May you be rejoicing in heavenly peace with all your loved ones!
Janet Mazzarini-Lawson

Janet Lea Lawson - February 27, 2024 at 05:08 PM

DK

“ Mr.Olson. I have looked for you many years. I now find that you have gone on to be with the lord. I want you to know you were like a father figure. I was like a wild animal in 1986. And as dean of students You took an interest in me. You were patient, When I was a fool. You showed me kindness, Discipline and you gave me your time as a mentor to a lost young man. You could have thrown me out for it wad what I deserved. Instead, you invested never seeing the dividends. Where there looked like there was no promise Of any positive outcome. I talk of you to many over the years and I am forever in your debt. I was a broken person lashing out against the world And you Showed me mercy When it was not deserved! Many times I've tried to find you And tell you of your investment into my life. I will always consider you a father figure. A man who loved me. May you find peace in the arms of our Lord and I hope to see you again one day.Love Dan Kelly

Dan Kelly - November 11, 2023 at 08:13 PM

AL

Thank you for sharing this Dan. Tom loved his job; he would take great pride in knowing he was a small part in making a difference in your life. Andi (his stepdaughter)

Andi Elizabeth Long - December 06, 2023 at 04:12 PM

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“ Thinking about you Tom. I love you, Andi

Andi Elizabeth Long - October 23, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ Thomas Lee Olson

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM

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Andi Long - January 01, 2020 at 02:59 PM

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Andi Long - January 01, 2020 at 02:57 PM