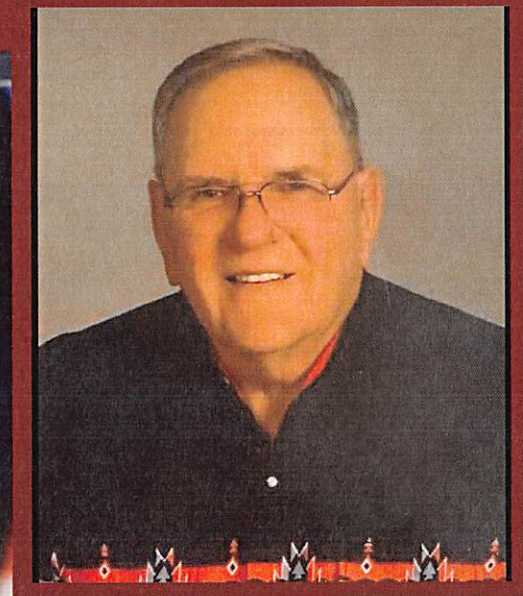


### *When Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand, that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand. The angel said my place was ready, in Heaven far above, and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home, for God looked down, smiled at me, and told me "Welcome Home". So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for every time you think of me, I'm right there in your heart.*

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**Lonnie Ray Olson**

*February 27, 1947 - April 19, 2025*



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# *Celebrating* THE *Life* OF

## Lonnie Ray Olson

### **Born to John & Ragna Olson**

February 27, 1947 ~ Minot, North Dakota

### **Returned to His Heavenly Father**

April 19, 2025 ~ Minot, North Dakota

### **Memorial Services**

11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Springan Stevenson Funeral Home

Stanley, North Dakota

### **Officiating**

Pastor Rick Craig

### **Urn Bearer**

Lyle Lidstrom

### **Eulogist**

Nina Lidstrom

### **Special Music**

"The Old Rugged Cross" ~ The Statler Brothers

"Amazing Grace" ~ Alan Jackson

"Spirit In The Sky" ~ Norman Greenbaum

### **Final Resting Place**

Fairview Cemetery ~ Stanley, North Dakota

### **Arrangements By**

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Lonnie Olson was born on February 27, 1947 to John and Ragna (Evenson) Olson. He was the youngest of nine children. Lonnie grew up in Stanley, North Dakota and graduated from Stanley High School in 1965. He was drafted into the United States Army in November 1966, and after serving in Vietnam he was honorable discharged in November 1968.

After he was discharged Lonnie operated heavy equipment for several years before he attended college. He graduated with a degree in accounting, a career he thoroughly enjoyed, and would continue most of his adult life. Lonnie was a CFO of many airline companies throughout his career. Even after he retired his passion for numbers and accounting continued! Lonnie married Betty Fladeland on August 15, 1969 and together they start their lifelong journey side by side. The couple enjoyed many adventures and travels together throughout their 55-year marriage. Lonnie and Betty owned and operated a KOA Camp in Ely, Nevada for several years. Lonnie was a very devoted and caring husband, brother, and uncle.

Lonnie enjoyed working with his hands and was a great carpenter, mechanic, and heavy equipment operator. He enjoyed restoring antique cars and was an active member of the Dakota Cruisers car club. Lonnie was a lifetime member of the American Legion, and was also a member of the Des Lacs United Methodist Church.

Lonnie is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Betty Olson; brother-in-laws, Robert Fladeland and Jack (Aneda) Fladeland; and sister-in-law's, Dorothy Olson and Sylvia Fladeland; and many numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Arlo, Odelle, Curt, and Daryl; sisters, Vivian, Evelyn, Wanda, and Darlene.

***God bless the memory of Lonnie Ray Olson.***