



Charles Olsen

October 6, 1937 - April 16, 2021

Charles "Doc" Olsen, age 83, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Friday, April 16, 2021 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Graveside services will take place Monday, April 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place Sunday, April 18, 2021 from 3-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Masks and social distancing will be encouraged. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Charles Fredrick Olsen was born October 6, 1937 in Iowa City, Iowa the son of Norvin F. and Waunnette (Bing) Olsen. Growing up he attended school in Storm Lake where he graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1957.

Following high school graduation, Charles attended Buena Vista College where he graduated with a teaching degree in 1961.

On November 4, 1962, Charles was united in marriage to JoAnn Oquist at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Together, they were blessed with four children: Paul, Debora, Julie and David.

On February 16, 1962, Charles enlisted in the United States Air Force where he actively served for four years until he was honorably discharged on February 15, 1966. He continued with the National Guard for an additional 18 years.

Charles was known as "Doc" when he taught Science for 30 years at Schaller Crestland Community Schools. During the summer months, he painted and worked for Dekalb seed corn in Storm Lake. Following retirement, he worked as a custodian for 10 years at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake.

In his spare time, Charles enjoyed attending garage sales. He was a collector, collecting coins, military memorabilia, and especially trench art items. Charles also enjoyed old cars.

Family was important to Charles and he enjoyed spending time with them. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, JoAnn Olsen of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Paul Olsen of Storm Lake, Iowa; Debora (Blair) Damhof of Victoria, Minnesota; Julie (Kevin) Rogers of Green Bay, Wisconsin; David (Toni) Olsen of Early, Iowa; grandchildren: Wesley Rogers, Andrew Rogers, Joseph Goettsch, and Miranda McAleer; sister, Sybil Norris of Washta, Iowa; extended family and friends.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Norvin and Waunnette Olsen and one sister, Lynette.

Cemetery Details

Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery

875 IA-7
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Graveside Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery
875 IA-7
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Charles Olsen*



Peg Anderson - April 21, 2021 at 06:59 PM



“ *Chris Willfong lit a candle in memory of Charles Olsen*



Chris willfong - April 21, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ *Sorry 😞 to hear about this wish I know sooner would have came love you all well miss him RandyBinning*

Randy Binning - April 20, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ *Sad to hear Chuck left us. Heaven is getting a special angel. I was privileged to be in the same National Guard Section with Chuck. His knowledge and humor was a blessing to all. Sympathies to his loved ones from Bonnie and Charlie Jacobson.*

Charlie Jacobson - April 20, 2021 at 12:01 AM



“ *I have known Charles for almost 40 years. He is one of the most honest, kind hearted and caring persons I have ever met. It was a privilege to be a friend of his for so long. My sympathy to Charle's family. He will be missed by many.*

TODD PETERSON - April 18, 2021 at 11:38 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - April 18, 2021 at 03:15 PM

JP

“ Jennifer Peters lit a candle in memory of Charles Olsen



Jennifer Peters - April 17, 2021 at 10:47 PM

JP

“ JoAnn Severson Pyle lit a candle in memory of Charles Olsen



JoAnn Severson Pyle - April 17, 2021 at 08:02 PM

BM

“ I have not known you for a long time but will always remember your sense of humor and the grin that said you appreciate a good joke. Rest in peace Chuck, rest in peace.

Becky McAleer - April 17, 2021 at 05:48 PM

MN

“ Doc as students affectionately called him was a great teacher and mentor. Anyone remember his favorite concoction of "slime" that he loved to "share"? He inspired many to pursue paths in the areas of science. My sympathies to his family.



Mary Nehring - April 17, 2021 at 05:26 PM

RT

“ *Doc was a wonderful teacher. I know many Wildcats will always remember his welcoming smile. He was definitely one of those teachers who made a difference in my life and was a part of why I became a teacher myself. He will be missed.*
Ruth (Niles) Toomer

Ruth Toomer - April 17, 2021 at 09:10 AM

LR

“ *My hart goes out to Docs. Family. He was one of my favorite teachers. He will be missed by everyone that new him. Oh please make sure he has his green suit, the one he wore every Friday and on test days.*

Leora riley - April 16, 2021 at 09:20 PM

NH

“ *Nicki Harrington lit a candle in memory of Charles Olsen*



Nicki Harrington - April 16, 2021 at 08:55 PM

TM

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to Doc's family. I had the privilage of having Doc as my chemistry/biology teacher at Schaller-Crestland along with my two older sibilings, Margaret (1985) and Tom (1990). I always remember his quiet sense of humor and his dislike of Juicy Fruit gum!*
Theresa (Struchen) Melohn (1993)

Theresa Melohn - April 16, 2021 at 04:33 PM