

Remembering Donald...

Donald Bergman Olson of Fargo, ND died Friday, May 15, 2026, at the Fargo VA Community Living Center surrounded by family with compassionate care provided by VA nursing and hospice staff.

Don Olson was born to Bert Olson and Ella (Bergman) Olson on September 23, 1934, in Jamestown, ND. He graduated high school in Bottineau, ND then attended trade school at the ND State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND. After receiving his diploma, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served aboard the destroyer USS Arnold J. Isbell (DD-869).

Following his military service, he met and married Inez (Berntson) Olson on March 14, 1962. Don's schooling and experience in air conditioning and heating led him to a position at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, managing the HVAC system. Don and Inez also farmed for a while near Valley City, then moved to Fargo to raise their two children. In Fargo, Don continued his career in HVAC, both commercially and residentially, ensuring comfortable environments for everyone. After he retired, he continued to help family and friends with home projects and maintenance. Gifted with the ability to fix most anything, he was always willing to lend a helping hand. Don also enjoyed a sizable vegetable garden every year, which supplied the neighborhood with food well into winter.

Don was a man of profound integrity and steady temperament; his calm, grounding presence will be deeply missed.

Don is survived by his wife Inez (Berntson) Olson and his two children: Dan Olson (Shannon Olson) of Fargo, ND and Karen Olson (Mitch Hoffart) of Moorhead, MN; and his grandchild, RaeAnn Sperr (Dawson Sperr) of Fargo, ND.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Paul, and sister-in-law, JoAn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Anne Carlsen Center, <https://annecarlsen.org/>



*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine."*

Isaiah 43:1

Donald Bergman Olson

09/23/1934



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The
LORD
My^{is} Shepherd

I Shall Not Want

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

-Psalm 23

Arrangements entrusted to the care of



Donald Bergman Olson

Entered Life: September 23, 1934
Jamestown, North Dakota

Entered Eternal Life: May 15, 2026
Fargo, North Dakota

Celebration of Donald's Life

2:00 P.M. Thursday, May 21, 2026

Zion Free Lutheran Church

Valley City, North Dakota

Pastor John Rieth, *Officiating*

Pastor Dennis Norby, *Officiating*

SueAnn Berntson, *Accompanist*

Pallbearers

Rob Olson - Mike Olson - Tim Olson

Tim Berntson - Mike Berntson - Dan Olson

Honorary Pallbearers

Dawson Sperr - Mitch Hoffart

Reception

Please join Don's family for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the Celebration Service at the church.

Final Resting Place

Zion Free Lutheran Church Cemetery

Valley City, North Dakota