



## Robert E Olson

December 17, 1937 - January 14, 2020

Robert E. Olson, age 82, of Amboy peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. He was born December 17, 1937, in Amboy to Louise Cardot. Bob was raised by his loving mother and stepfather, Fred Olson, who later adopted Bob. Bob was a life-long farmer and also owned and operated the Long Branch Saloon in Amboy with his wife, son and daughter-in-law. Bob married Mary Lou Friel on January 10, 1959 in Maytown. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three children: Joyce (Rick) Schamberger of Amboy; Jan (Don Phelps) Bonnell of Amboy; and Bob (Wendy) Olson of Harmon; 10 grandchildren: Nathan (Katie) Schamberger; John (Meghan) Schamberger; Catherine (Greg) Knecht; Jason Bonnell; James (Rebecca) Bonnell; Jake (Stephanie) Bonnell; Ashley (Nick) Brokaw; Courtney (Tyler) Kennedy; Kristen (Chris) Ely; and Cole (Olivia Pilgrim) Olson; and 14 great-grandchildren. Bob is also survived by his sister-in-law, Dolly (Kenneth) Cardot and several nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his daughter, Lori Lynn Olson; son-in-law, Jeff Bonnell; great-grandson Baby Bonnell; parents Fred Olson and Louise (Cardot) Olson; brothers Henry Cardot, Jr., Gilbert Cardot, Kenneth Cardot and Forrest Cardot; and sister Mary Rippentrop. Bob is admired and remembered by both his friends and family for his work ethic, kindness, and sense of humor. In addition to his family, Bob leaves many lifelong friends and business acquaintances behind.

Visitation will be on Thursday, January 16, 2020, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral services will be held on Friday, January 17, 2020, with a 9:45 AM prayer service at Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary Catholic Church in Walton with the Rev. Richard Kramer officiating. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. A memorial has been established to the Amboy Fire Department in honor of Bob's memory. Condolences may be sent online at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

# Cemetery

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**St Patrick Cemetery Maytown**  
1376 Maytown Rd  
Amboy, IL, 61310

# Events

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| <b>JAN</b> | <b>Visitation</b>  | 04:00PM - 08:00PM |
| <b>16</b>  | <hr/>  |                   |
|            | Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy<br>303 East Main Street, Amboy, IL, US, 61310 |                   |

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| <b>JAN</b> | <b>Service</b>                             | 10:30AM - 11:30AM |
| <b>17</b>  | <hr/>                                      |                   |
|            | St. Mary Catholic Church<br>Walton, IL, US |                   |

# Comments

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“ Marilyn Braid and Family lit a candle in memory of Robert E Olson



Marilyn Braid and family - January 17, 2020 at 12:16 PM

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“ Lisa Moravec lit a candle in memory of Robert E Olson



lisa moravec - January 17, 2020 at 11:02 AM

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“ Love Tom and Lisa Moravec purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Robert E Olson.



Love Tom and Lisa Moravec - January 17, 2020 at 10:59 AM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Bob. We are sorry that we can't attend the services but Dick's health won't permit it. It has been a pleasure to know Bob and the family for the past 20 to 25 years. He will be sadly missed. Dick and Bev Ludlow

Richard Ludlow - January 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert E Olson.



January 16, 2020 at 12:35 PM

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“ Loved working for the Olson family driving truck for them! Big Bob and son Bobby were great employers! Thank you Olson family and RIP Big Bob.

Thoughts and prayers!  
Les Floto

**Les Floto** - January 15, 2020 at 07:25 PM

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“ Les Floto lit a candle in memory of Robert E Olson



**Les Floto** - January 15, 2020 at 07:19 PM

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“ First off I would like to send my deepest sympathies to Bob's family. Secondly I know how nice it is to hear when our loved ones pass the kindness they have show to others.

When I was mid 20's heading to sterling to work on Amboy blacktop on a snowy winter morning I ended up in the ditch. Bob came along asked "where are you going?" I said work. He said I will pull you out only if you promise to go back home. I agreed. I offered to pay him, which he declined, I never knew who he was. Until some days later when he was in WG Leffelman's talking to my step dad and told him the story of pulling this young lady out the ditch. My step dad told him that he had pulled his step daughter out and again offered to pay for the assistance. He declined again. I have never forgotten how kind he was to me cold snowy day.

Tracy Boyle

Tracy Boyle - January 15, 2020 at 07:14 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E Olson.



January 15, 2020 at 04:00 PM

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“ Oxbo purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Robert E Olson.



Oxbo - January 15, 2020 at 02:36 PM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Robert E Olson.



January 15, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert E Olson.



January 15, 2020 at 12:21 PM

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“ From John & Velma Goerlitz purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Robert E Olson.



**From John & Velma Goerlitz** - January 15, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert E Olson.



January 15, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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“ Mary & family...We're so sorry for your loss. Bob will be missed by so many here on earth, but Heaven has gained a really great guy!!!  
With sympathy.  
Mike & Julie McCoy

**Mike & Julie McCoy** - January 15, 2020 at 11:15 AM

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“ Ron And Tami Ackert lit a candle in memory of Robert E Olson



**Ron and Tami Ackert** - January 15, 2020 at 11:03 AM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert E Olson.



January 15, 2020 at 11:01 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert E Olson.



January 15, 2020 at 11:01 AM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert E Olson.



January 15, 2020 at 10:48 AM

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“ Gary Sylvia Schultz lit a candle in memory of Robert E Olson



**Gary Sylvia Schultz** - January 15, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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“ Bob was a true pillar in our town and his family is admired by all. I am sure he will have a wonderful send off as he goes home to Heaven. Very sorry we can not participate in his send off as we will be in Florida. RIP Bob you will be missed by all.

**margie becker** - January 15, 2020 at 09:56 AM

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“ Dr. Larry Hageman purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Robert E Olson.



**Dr. Larry Hageman** - January 14, 2020 at 10:57 PM

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“ Mike & Julie McCoy purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Robert E Olson.



**Mike & Julie McCoy** - January 14, 2020 at 07:18 PM