



## Glenn Allen Olson

May 8, 1935 - December 6, 2020

Glenn Olson, age 85, of Glendive, passed peacefully Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020 at the Glendive Medical Center Extended Care where he had been a resident since February.

Born May 8, 1935 (his father's 50th birthday), Glenn was the second child of Sigurd and Johanna (Rise) Olson of Oberon, N.D. Raised on the family homestead in Lallie Twp, Glenn and his brother Sigurd, Jr. quickly learned the lessons of early rising, early to bed, and numerous chores. As was often the custom, only Norwegian was spoken in the home so they knew little English early on. The brothers attended nearby Lakeview country school, riding a horse-drawn cutter to school in winter months. At home they helped to raise crops, hay, cattle, horses, pigs, and chickens and were active in 4H for many years.

Theirs is the last generation to witness the fading era of steam engines, threshing bees, implements driven by actual horsepower, and magnificent Norwegian feasts. By their teens, modernization was well underway, with the family moving into a newly-built home in 1948 - fitted for electricity and running water. The first combine on the place was a John Deere 25 Turtle Back Sigurd, Sr. bought in 1953. Not much larger than a couple garden tractors, two people standing either side could reach over the top and shake hands. When Glenn was 22, he and Sigurd took over full operation of the farm. Glenn ran it solo (with the aid of his brother-in-law, Gene Garske) while Sigurd left for the Army in 1958.

On Sept. 21, 1957 Glenn married Lorraine Garske of Devils Lake, N.D. at the Benson County Courthouse in Minnewaukan, N.D. They took residence on the farm until the return of Sigurd in 1961. Glenn and his growing family then followed the 60's oil boom across the Hi Line of North Dakota and Montana as he worked the oil rigs. Glenn and Lorraine settled in Wolf Point in 1963 where they remained for 23 years to raise their five children (except for a brief residence in Kettle Falls, Wash. 1969-70). Early in this period, they renewed their wedding vows at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Wolf Point. After four years in the oil field, Glenn tried his hand at trucking for Tesoro (later Kenco) Refinery in 1965, hauling fuel and crude for several operators including John Ille, Norv Langer, and Rice Trucklines. Around 1978 Glenn went into business for himself, forming Glenn Olson Trucking. He and Waldo Wall split driving duties running jet fuel to Minot AFB. During 40+ years on the road, Glenn made full use of the nine lives afforded a fuel hauler. Whether it was saving his truck from sliding backwards on icy roads and down a ravine, or racing his Ford pickup at top speed to deliver a badly burned co-worker to the emergency room ten miles away, or he and Waldo running in four directions at once, as the tanker truck they stood next to exploded in a fireball under the refinery loading rack. Following the '85 refinery shutdown, Glenn and Lorraine relocated to Glendive in 1986 where they remained. Glenn's last years on the road were with Dixon Bros.

Glenn and Lorraine loved traveling, landscaping, gardening, working on projects in and around their dream home, bowling, and playing cards with family and friends into the wee hours. They particularly loved laughing and swapping tall tales with anyone dropping in for a visit. Glenn also enjoyed country music, an occasional backroom poker game, and hunting & fishing in his earlier years. They were members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glendive and formerly First Lutheran Church in Wolf Point.

Glenn is lovingly remembered by his brother, Sigurd of Oberon, N.D.; daughters, Victoria Rice of Spokane, Wash. and Rebecca (Bruce) Williams of Billings; sons Jerry of Louisville, Colo. and Steve of Glendive; grandchildren,

Andy Kastner of Aurora, Colo., Jennifer Kastner of Gillette, Wyo., and Kiko Lopez of Rapid City, S.D.; and seven great-grandchildren.

His wife, Lorraine, preceded him in death Nov. 7, 2019. Also preceding him were his parents; daughter, Sandra Lopez; and granddaughters, Rikki Kastner and Crystal Boysun.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held in 2021. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: [www.silhafuneralhomes.com](http://www.silhafuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Glenn Allen Olson*

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**Jerry Olson** - December 19, 2020 at 01:39 PM



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**Jerry Olson** - December 18, 2020 at 09:36 PM

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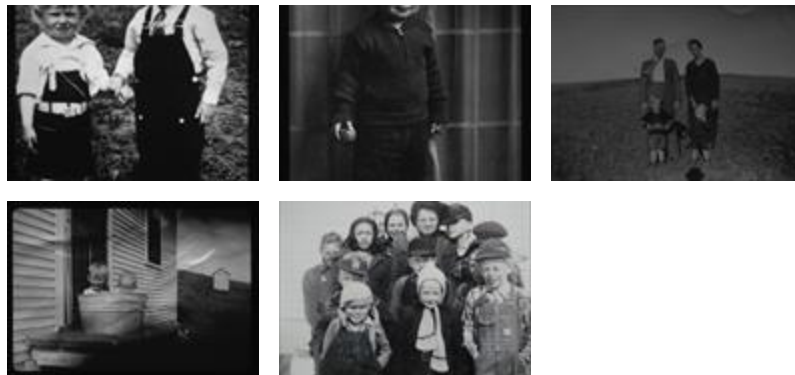
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Jerry Olson - December 18, 2020 at 05:02 PM

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Jerry Olson - December 18, 2020 at 02:21 PM

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“ *Carole J. Diede lit a candle in memory of Glenn Allen Olson*



Carole J. Diede - December 18, 2020 at 11:57 AM

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Jerry Olson - December 14, 2020 at 06:50 PM

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Love ❤️ you dad

**Rebecca** - December 14, 2020 at 08:11 PM

DJ

“ Dixie Justice lit a candle in memory of Glenn Allen Olson



**Dixie Justice** - December 12, 2020 at 07:25 PM

AG

“ I am sorry for your loss. I will never forget Glenn the night he delivered our fuel at Mini Mart (now loaf'n jug.) It was winter an the lot was covered in ice. My boss told me to do whatever I could to get the ice off the kids to the fuel tanks. Well I used a lot of stuff. Glenn showed up an told him I could get the ice off the kids. He says that's ok I've got stuff to use. He came in the store an asked what I used. I told him and he says I will need buckets of water to get that stuff kind of washed off. We did that ge used his stuff, then started putting the gas in the tank. He came in again he looked at me and says "Arlene were you trying to blow up the whole block an more." I told him my boss told me to use anything to get the ice off. He says we from n oil w on I'll get the ice off. Ever since then Glenn would ask me I see we are safe tonight. We laughed about that for years after that whenever we would see each other. Glenn was such a wonderful man. A lot of us have dealt with Glenn in one form or another and Glenn was always so friendly an ge never forgot your face or name. You have my deepest sympathy. Rest in Peace Glenn you have earned those beautiful wings, so soar and I mean soar every high.



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**Arlene Gieser** - December 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM

KA

“ I very much enjoyed talking to Glenn when he came into TrailStar to fuel up his truck. He was a very nice man. God bless you Glenn !💜



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**Kymberley Allen** - December 10, 2020 at 03:09 PM

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“ Terraynah Allem. & Kymberley (Sell) lit a candle in memory of Glenn Allen Olson



Terraynah Allem. & Kymberley (Sell) - December 10, 2020 at 03:01 PM

TA

“ Terraynah Allem. & ,Kymberley Allen sent a virtual gift in memory of Glenn Allen Olson



Terraynah Allem. & ,Kymberley Allen - December 10, 2020 at 02:55 PM

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“ Terraynah Allem. & Kymberley (Sell ) All sent a virtual gift in memory of Glenn Allen Olson



Terraynah Allem. & Kymberley (Sell ) All - December 10, 2020 at 02:51 PM

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“ Terraynah Allem. & Kymberley (Sell) All lit a candle in memory of Glenn Allen Olson



Terraynah Allem. & Kymberley (Sell) All - December 10, 2020 at 02:45 PM

LI

“ *Linda lit a candle in memory of Glenn Allen Olson*



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**Linda** - December 08, 2020 at 01:21 PM