

## Gerald Dean Olson



Gerald "Jerry" Dean Olson was born April 11, 1945, in Mobridge, SD, to Alf and Luwella (Aman) Olson. He grew up near McLaughlin. Jerry served in the US Army from 1965 until 1967. Following his honorable discharge, Jerry moved to Sturgis. He married Millie Rittle and they had two lovely daughters, Talona and Tammy. Jerry and Millie divorced many years later. Jerry worked at Owens Interstate and other various jobs in the Sturgis area before beginning his career in Nursing Service at the Fort Meade VA Hospital.

Jerry met Margo Thompson and they married. This union lovingly added Margo's children, Jan and Barry, to the family. They moved to Reno where he worked at the Reno VA Hospital until his retirement.

Jerry loved boating, fishing, baseball, and playing cards with his family. He enjoyed coaching his daughter's softball teams as they were growing up. He loved gardening, especially raising tomatoes. He also enjoyed canning his home-grown tomatoes.

Jerry, 68, Tolleson, AZ, and former long-time resident of Sturgis, died unexpectedly July 26, 2013, at his home.

Survivors include his daughters and stepchildren, Tammy Taylor, Amarillo, TX, Talona Olson, Lufkin, TX, Jan Kellogg, Long Beach, CA, and Barry Thompson, Portland, OR; eight grandchildren, BreiAnn, Laura, Zachary, Nicole, Olivia, Sophia, Derrick, and Mandy; one great-grandson, Oden; and four sisters, Diane Fischer, Sheridan, WY, Barb Geurts, Tolleson, AZ, and Cathrine Johnson and Phyllis Olson, both of Sturgis, SD.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Alf and Luwella Olson; wife, Margo; brother, Richard Olson; and many other close relatives.

A memorial has been established to the Sturgis Youth Baseball and Softball programs.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kinkadefunerals.com](http://www.kinkadefunerals.com).



## *In Loving Memory Of*



***Jerry Olson  
"Red"***

***1945 ~ 2013***

*After The Clouds*

*After the clouds, the sunshine,  
After the winter, the spring,  
After the shower, the rainbow,  
For life is a changeable thing;*

*After the night, the morning,  
Bidding all darkness cease,  
After life's cares and troubles,  
The comfort and sweetness of peace.*



*Do not stand by my grave and weep:  
I am not there. I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on snow,  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn's rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush of  
quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there. I did not die.*

*In Loving Memory Of*

*Gerald "Jerry" Dean Olson*

*Born*

April 11, 1945  
Mobridge, South Dakota

*Died*

July 26, 2013  
Tolleson, Arizona

*Memorial Service*

Friday, August 16, 2013, at 11:00 a.m.  
Kinkade Funeral Chapel

*Officiating*

Pastor Henrique Fleming

*Musical Selections*

"Amazing Grace"  
"On The Wings Of A Snow White Dove"  
"Take Me Out To The Ball Game"

*Military Honors*

Sturgis Veteran's Honor Guard

*Inurnment*

Black Hills National Cemetery  
Sturgis, South Dakota

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch  
at the Sturgis Vet's Club following the committal service.  
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*