

James Lee Olson was born October 16, 1956 at Mobridge, South Dakota, the only child to Vern and Irene (Dikoff) Olson. He was raised at Timber Lake, South Dakota and graduated from Timber Lake High School in 1974. At an early age, James was very fond of mechanics and learned early on from his father, Vern, the workings of the world of engines. He worked after school and on weekends in the shop where his father worked. This hands-on education from his father and others, inspired Jim to pursue all the opportunities he could to learn all there was in the area of gas and diesel engines, he even had a repair shop with his dad for a time. He also had a love of three-wheelers, four-wheelers, and motorcycles-small engine repair. This led him to pursue a career in the power sports industry and later led to his vocation in the diesel technician industry.

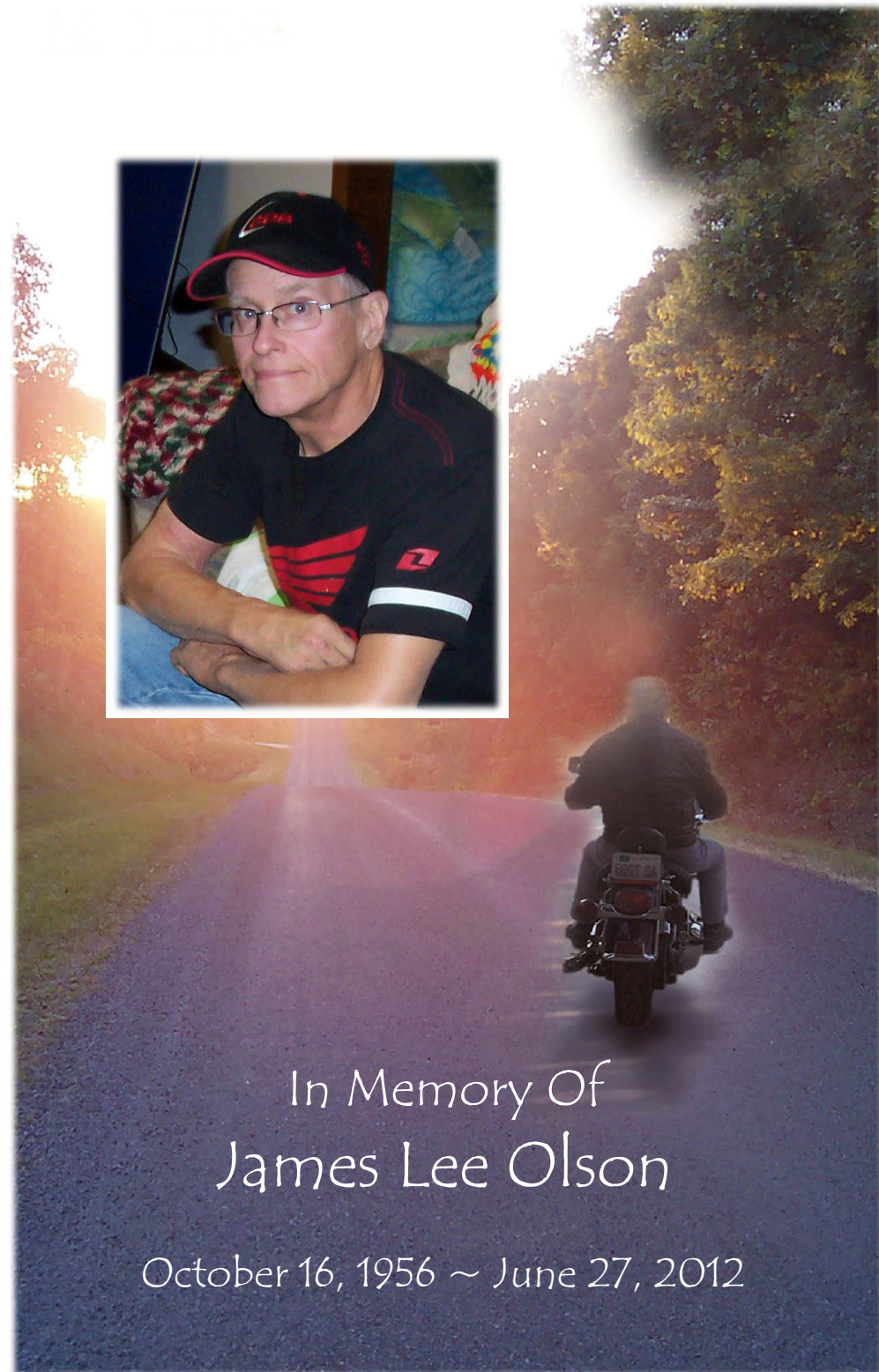
James was united in marriage to Cindy Banning at Williston, North Dakota on September 11, 1993. To this union two children, Steph and Zach were born. The couple made their home for a time at Timber Lake, South Dakota and there they owned and operated "The Shop" a power sports store. This allowed Jim to sell, build and fix anything that had an engine and wheels. Their business expanded and the family moved to Mobridge, South Dakota in 2001, where the "Polaris Shop" was opened. Jim also worked for several car dealerships- "Lambs" in Onida, South Dakota, and "Beadle Ford" in Mobridge, South Dakota.

In 2008, Jim moved his family to Williston to be closer to Cindy's family and James began work at Select Ford in Williston as a diesel technician. He later worked for Blaine's Auto Body (Power Stroke Diesel) and was last employed as a diesel technician for CCS/Tervita when his health began to fail.

Jim will always be fondly remembered for his love of family and God, his need to work hard and to provide for his family, a love of engines, and spending time on Lake Oahu fishing, on a four-wheeler or motorcycle kicking up dust, or watching NASCAR and favoring drivers like, Biffel, Kenseth and Edwards.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy, of Williston; his two children, Steph and Zach; his mother-in-law, Hilda Banning; sister-in-law, Pat Buck and her daughter, Kayla Buck all of Williston, ND; uncle, Ray Olson and family of Spearfish, SD; aunt, Loretta Olson and family of Spearfish, SD; and many cousins (first and second).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vern and Irene Olson; his grandparents; father-in-law, Lowell Banning; and brother-in-Law, John Buck; and uncle Elwood.



In Memory Of
James Lee Olson

October 16, 1956 ~ June 27, 2012

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God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around you,
And whispered, "Come with Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer
And saw you fade away.
Although we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard-working hands to rest;
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Date And Place Of Birth

October 16, 1956

Mobridge, South Dakota

Date And Place of Death

June 27, 2012

Bismarck, North Dakota

Memorial Service

11:00 AM, Saturday, July 7, 2012

Fulkerson Funeral Chapel

Williston, North Dakota

Officiating

Lynn Helms

Honorary Urnbearers

*All of Jim's Family, Friends
& Colleagues at CCS*

Inurnment

Riverview Cemetery Columbarium

Williston, North Dakota



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