



## Bruce O. Olson

April 9, 1937 - January 24, 2018

Bruce Otto Olson, 80, of Philmont passed away on January 24, 2018 at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Born on April 9, 1937 to Mary and Otto Olson, he started school in Philmont and later graduated from Ockawamick in 1956 (Go Hornets!). He and Rhona Irene Quinion were married on November 17, 1964. Bruce was employed at IBM in Kingston until his retirement in 1992 and then spent fourteen years as a bus driver at Taconic Hills Central School.

Bruce was a life member of the Philmont Fire Company where he served as Secretary for 45 years. He was also a member of the Philmont Rescue Squad, Police Officer with the Village of Philmont, and a Communicant of the Second Reformed Church of Claverack.

Bruce was passionate about serving his community especially when it came to enhancing the lives of children and young adults. He spent many countless years involved in Sunday School at church, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, and coaching youth sports teams. He was instrumental in leading instructional training classes for young firemen and rescue squad personnel throughout Columbia County. He was simply the man you could always count on to be involved.

Bruce could be found out and about chatting it up in the neighborhood, usually with a camera in his hand. He enjoyed photographing community events and saving newspaper clippings. Between his photography and clippings, he left

behind a very large collection of scrapbooks including volumes dedicated to each child.

In addition to Rhona, Bruce is survived by their children Dawn Olson, Diane (Matthew) Perry, and Bruce (Eileen) Olson. He was Grandpa to Marleah and Owen Perry and Haley and Luke Olson.

A Memorial service will be Saturday 3:30pm at the Bates & Anderson Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. Visitation from 2:00-3:30 will precede the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pine Haven Sunshine Fund to support extra social activities for residents. Mail contributions to Pine Haven PO Box 785 Philmont, NY 12565.

A special thank you to Pine Haven staff for their care. Recent thanks go out to Greenport Rescue Squad, the staff of CMH, and Community Hospice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SF

“ Dawn and your family--Lynn and I are so sorry for the loss of your father. In reading about him and the comments, he must have been a great man. We are hoping and praying for you, and hope you will be comforted by wonderful memories. Love to you, Shirley and Lynn Finch

Shirley Finch - January 31, 2018 at 05:00 PM

SD

“ My thoughts and prayers for all of Bruce's family and friends 💕💕



Shelley Brennan DeRuzzio - January 27, 2018 at 10:30 AM

DA

Thanks on behalf of the Olson crew! Dawn

Dawn - January 29, 2018 at 01:40 PM

 Crystal Kellogg

“ So sorry for your loss Bruce was always a light on some of my hardest days at pine haven. Our bantering back and forth through my days at work helped me get through I'm gonna miss you Bruce. Love, Crystal

Crystal Kellogg - January 26, 2018 at 07:56 PM

DA

Thanks, Crystal! Love, Dawn

Dawn - January 29, 2018 at 01:39 PM

FR

“ *Fay Ruggles lit a candle in memory of Bruce O. Olson*



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**Fay Ruggles** - January 26, 2018 at 07:03 PM

DA

*Thanks on behalf of the Olson crew! Dawn*

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**Dawn** - January 29, 2018 at 01:39 PM

AM

“ *Anne Marie (Mossman) Mann lit a candle in memory of Bruce O. Olson*



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**Anne Marie (Mossman) Mann** - January 26, 2018 at 03:31 PM

DA

*Thank you on behalf of the Olson crew! Dawn*

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**Dawn** - January 29, 2018 at 01:38 PM

TM

“ No one in this whole world could ever take his place!! He was my second father for eons. He was my Tank and I his Blimp! No one's hugs were tighter! No one's smile was brighter! He was always chewing his trident gum. We were always chewing his trident gum. Riding with him in the green machine station wagon. Begging him to take us on a call up to the fire station in the green machine station wagon. Him getting the kids to play dead or injured for fire fighters or rescue squad personnel training. Him pulling out the bikes for the whole neighborhood to ride! Him answering our 2-7203 phone calls (hee hee hee) Halloween porch decorating! Fire House Christmas decorating!  
No one's love was greater!! My love for him - forever!!

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**Tammy "Blimp" Glover Mathieu** - January 26, 2018 at 02:05 PM

DA

*Thanks on behalf of the Olson crew! These are great memories! Dawn*

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**Dawn** - January 29, 2018 at 01:38 PM

SS

“ Sarah Siter lit a candle in memory of Bruce O. Olson



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**sarah siter** - January 26, 2018 at 01:13 PM

BA

“ Brenda Albright lit a candle in memory of Bruce O. Olson



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**Brenda Albright** - January 26, 2018 at 08:03 AM

BR

“ *Barbara Reich lit a candle in memory of Bruce O. Olson*



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**Barbara Reich** - January 25, 2018 at 11:11 PM

YQ

“ *I will always remember the times you would tease me for this reason or that...all in good fun. You and Dad would always bust on each other! You were a good man to everyone around you and a good family man. We were blessed to have you as part of the Quinion family. Rest in peace dear Bruce! Rhona, Dawn, Diane and Brucie.... Thoughts and prayers to you guys during this difficult time! Love, Yvonne* 💕

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**Yvonne Quinion** - January 25, 2018 at 10:48 PM

ED

“ *Bruce was a very good friend. I have countless memories of EMS calls we took. He could drive the wheels off any vehicle and when he came to Taconic Hills as a bus driver we were fortunate that he joined us. I treasured his friendship and I will miss him.*

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**Ed** - January 25, 2018 at 09:39 PM

Jl

“ We pray that all the great memories you have continue to sustain you. Our thoughts are with the whole Olson clan.

All our love ,

Jim & Patti McKay

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Jim - January 25, 2018 at 09:01 PM

KK

“ Kathy Keyser lit a candle in memory of Bruce O. Olson



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Kathy Keyser - January 25, 2018 at 08:33 PM