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### *Robert Gene Olson*

FEBRUARY 17, 1924-NOVEMBER 4, 2007

Robert G. Olson, along with his older brother Earl, was born to Ingval and Mary Olson. When Bob was only 14 months old, Ingval died from the effects of World War I. Of course, Bob never really knew his father.

Bob's mother married Henry Garberg, a neighbor whose wife had died, leaving behind their three children, Roland, Pearl, and John. This blended family of five children took up residence in Henry's larger house in the same neighborhood. Bob looked back on this new family as a wonderful gift in his growing up years. He always felt grateful for the way his stepfather loved and accepted him as one of his own children. He treasured how Roland became the older brother who taught Bob to hunt and fish and took him to great outdoor places in Minnesota and Canada. As these outdoor activities became such a passion in his life, Bob regularly appreciated Roland's influence on his life.

Shortly after being graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1942, Bob followed his brothers Earl and John into military service. Bob joined the Coast Guard and patrolled the Pacific coastal waters.

After his military discharge at the end of the war, Bob used the GI Bill to take a five year course in tool and die making. Over his career, Bob worked at several manufacturing plants and then retired in 1987 from Douglas Corporation in Minneapolis, where he served as an industrial engineer, designing new ways to improve production.

Bob and Aloys married on January 1, 1949, and were blessed with three children. Bob was a very active member of First Covenant Church and spent several summers serving as a counselor and director for junior boys at the Covenant Pines Camp in northern MN.

Bob and Aloys and family lived in Golden Valley and Minneapolis and then retired to Lake Sylvia near Annandale in 1987. They were fortunate to travel to many places in the United States and abroad, where they visited missionaries in Ecuador, Tanzania, and Chile. In his retirement, Bob took a number of classes in woodcarving and became quite a craftsman, carving Swedish figures and other characters, especially for his grandchildren.

Bob is preceded in death by siblings Earl, John, Pearl, niece Meredith Murnyak, and nephew Doug Olson. He is survived by his wife Aloys of fifty eight years, his children Tim (Marcy), Debbie Casey (John), Ruth Bahe (Gerry) and seven grandchildren: Kristin, Ryan (Morgan) and Shane Casey; Teig (Gail) and Turi Olson; Kyle and Nathan Bahe; and great grandson Riley Casey. Before the service the family will participate in his burial at Fort Snelling.

Bob had a faith in Christ that was always an integral part of his life. To God be the glory.

~ MEMORIAL SERVICE ~  
Friday, November 9, 2007 2:00 PM  
Buffalo Covenant Church  
1601 Highway 25 North  
Buffalo, Minnesota 55313  
[www.buffalocov.org](http://www.buffalocov.org) (763) 682-1470

~ VISITATION ~  
Thursday, November 8, 2007  
5-8PM Buffalo Covenant Church

~ PRIVATE INTERMENT ~  
Fort Snelling National Cemetery

~ MEMORIALS PREFERRED TO ~  
Buffalo Covenant Church or  
Covenant Pines Bible Camp

