



James "Jim" Olson

August 7, 2016

James "Jim" Olson, 84, of Sarasota passed away August 7, 2016. Born in Iowa, he graduated from the State University of Iowa as a pharmacist. After college he moved to Florida and has been a very active member of the Sarasota business community for more than fifty years.

He developed the Gold Tree Plaza on Tuttle, which included his own store Liggett Drugs. For many years, he was a member of the City Planning Board, founder and president of the Downtown Association, director of the Sarasota County Chamber of Commerce board, district president of West Coast of Florida Jaycees, director of the Save our Sands Committee, charter member of the Forest Lake Country Club, member of Kiwanis and Sertoma, a thirty-year member of the Elks, and is a past president of the Sarasota Chapter of "Who's Who International."

Along with his many business ventures in Sarasota, he also was involved in land development in North Carolina for the last 25 years.

Jim enjoyed a very active lifestyle. He loved downhill skiing in Colorado and Utah as well as in Norway, Austria, and Italy. He played golf locally, white water rafted, and even tried water skiing in his later years. Jim thoroughly enjoyed traveling and took many European river cruises.

While he had a very full life, nothing made Jim happier than looking out over Sarasota Bay and spending time with friends.

Jim is survived by his sister Judy; sons Doug, Scott, and Matthew; daughters-in-law Debbie and Mary; and grandchildren Tess, Chris, Kelsey, and Garrett.

Funeral Service will be held at 11:00 AM at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel.

Burial will follow service at 1:00 PM at Sarasota National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Olson family, I'm so sorry to hear that your father passed away. Having lost my own father I know how hard that is. Cherish the good memories. Matt, I grew up with you in Sarasota, do you remember? Tina Marchand

Tina Marie Marchand - October 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences. Jim and I were long time friends and ski buddies

Norman Vaughan-Birch - August 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sorry for the families loss. I live and Whittier NC and have worked doing lawn maintence for Mr Olson for several years. He was always a friendly man that I enjoyed sitting with and talking to. If you need any assistance on the North Carolina property or anything else please call (828) 735-1210

chad sutton - August 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Matt and Mary, May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days. My heartfelt condolences.

Patricia Donovan - August 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ My dear Jim.....as I mourn the death of my father your good friend tom Danson I now find out that his good friend is with him....boy is heanen lucky.....you were a big part of our family life and you will surely be missed ...lots of love to the whole familytia danson

Stamatia k. Danson - August 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM