



# Richard "Dick" M. Olson

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**R**ichard M.(Dick) Olson, 86, of Albany passed away Saturday, June 24, 2023 at Big Meadows in Savanna, IL.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Dick's birthday, Wednesday, July 19th from 3-7pm at the home of Suzanne and Dave Rose located at 4426 Bellevue Road, Clinton IA.

Richard Merle Olson was born July 19, 1936 in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Merle (Feather) and Mary (2D) Graf Olson. He married Suellen Savory Schuey in Richmond, Virginia on August 4, 1986. He was a graduate of Clinton High School, Iowa State Teachers College and earned a Master's Degree from the University of Iowa. Dick worked as a High School Counselor for Clinton High School for 35 years. During that tenure he was also the official videographer of River King football. Born on Beaver Island, he was always a "River Rat" and never missed an opportunity to tell a story about life on the Mississippi. He custom built several fast boats in which he enjoyed taking his children water skiing on the Mississippi. They took several fishing trips to Canada, taking pride in the logistics and planning. He loved attending his children's activities.

In later years he liked nothing better than taking his nieces, nephews, and grandchildren on river adventures. Richie, as he was affectionately known, loved traveling the world with Suellen. They made lifelong friends in each and every port, which led to invitations to many corners of the globe.

He lived life to the fullest and made the world a better place. He was a selfless, genuinely good person who was loved by many.

Richie and Suellen moved to Albany so they could live on the Mississippi River. He was a private pilot, taking every opportunity he could to get up in the air. An avid golfer, he took pride in being able to shoot his age.

He is survived by his wife Suellen Olson of Albany; three children: Eric (Bonnie)



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Olson of Spring Hill, Kansas, Mark (Vicki) Olson of Wentzville, Missouri and Beth (Bruce) Campbell of Westerville, Ohio; and four grandchildren: John Olson, Kyle Olson, Jillian Olson and Allison Campbell. This only child always marveled at the size of his extended family. He also is survived by 5 in-laws, 4 outlaws and 30 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.



## Tribute Wall

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**Amy Cavanaugh** posted:

Condolences from the Giesler family. My dad, Dale Giesler, and Dick became good friends when they worked together at CHS. They had a lot of fun together in the years before my dad passed. We all enjoyed getting to know Dick and Suellen and are sending thoughts and prayers.

July 18 at 11:44 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Olson family.



July 18 at 8:16 AM



**Sue (Weiss) Green** posted:

Dick and Suellen organized several canoe outings for the CHS staff. What FUN we had!!! Afterwards, we would go to their house for a delicious feast. Great memories!

July 14 at 11:48 AM



**Carolyn Milligan** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

So many fond memories and in so many locations! Getting lost on the way to the Appleton rum factory in Jamaica, and to get there 4 hrs later only to find it closed - was a highlight! No matter the challenge of the journey, Dick you were up for it, with humour and adventurous grin in bucket loads! Your extended family from Singapore (via Jamaica, London and Scotland) will miss you.



July 4 at 2:33 PM



**Mark Patterson** posted:

Dick served as one of my counselors when I was a student at Clinton High School. He seemed truly interested in students. When I saw him in the hallway at school he would always greet me and other students. I was glad when he married you Suellen and appreciate your strong love and respect for one another. Sue, I am praying for you and the rest of the Olson/Savory family as you deal with his loss. I think it is a real tribute to Dick (still want to call him Mr. Olson) that you are celebrating his life on his birthday. Wish I could join you on that day. In the meantime, Evie and I will pray for you each day and encourage you to reflect on the wonderful memories you have of Dick and your years together. Blessings! Mark Patterson CHS Class 1969

June 30 at 9:19 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Olson family.

June 30 at 8:50 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Richard "Dick".

June 30 at 8:50 AM



**Kyle Olson** posted:

Papa Olson was the best grandfather you could ask for. There never was a dull moment spending time with him. My favorite memory was when he taught me how to drive a stick shift when I was only 14. I'll never forget cruising those back roads with grandpa in his convertible Mazda Miata! Thank you for everything

June 30 at 6:16 AM



**Don Doughty** posted:

Many memories with Richard .fishing in Canada,golfing,watching wrestling, ,track traveling to Alabama for turkey hunting during the fuel shortage, and flying. He was a co-owner of a VW camper bus that rusted faster then we could repair it. Don,Judy Doughty

June 30 at 5:06 AM



**Richard Grugin** posted:

My sympathy to Suellen and Dick's family. He was a great supporter of Clinton Community Schools and an advocate for all students.

June 29 at 8:32 AM



**Dennis Duerling** posted:

Rest in peace my dear, dear buddy.

June 27 at 12:10 PM



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**Dennis Duerling** lit a candle in honor of Richard "Dick".

June 27 at 12:09 PM



**Ashley Foley** lit a candle in honor of Richard "Dick".

June 27 at 8:16 AM



**Teri Snell** August 21 at 12:30 PM

I had Mr. Olson as a counselor while I attended Clinton High School. A very caring individual he was and always had an open door available.



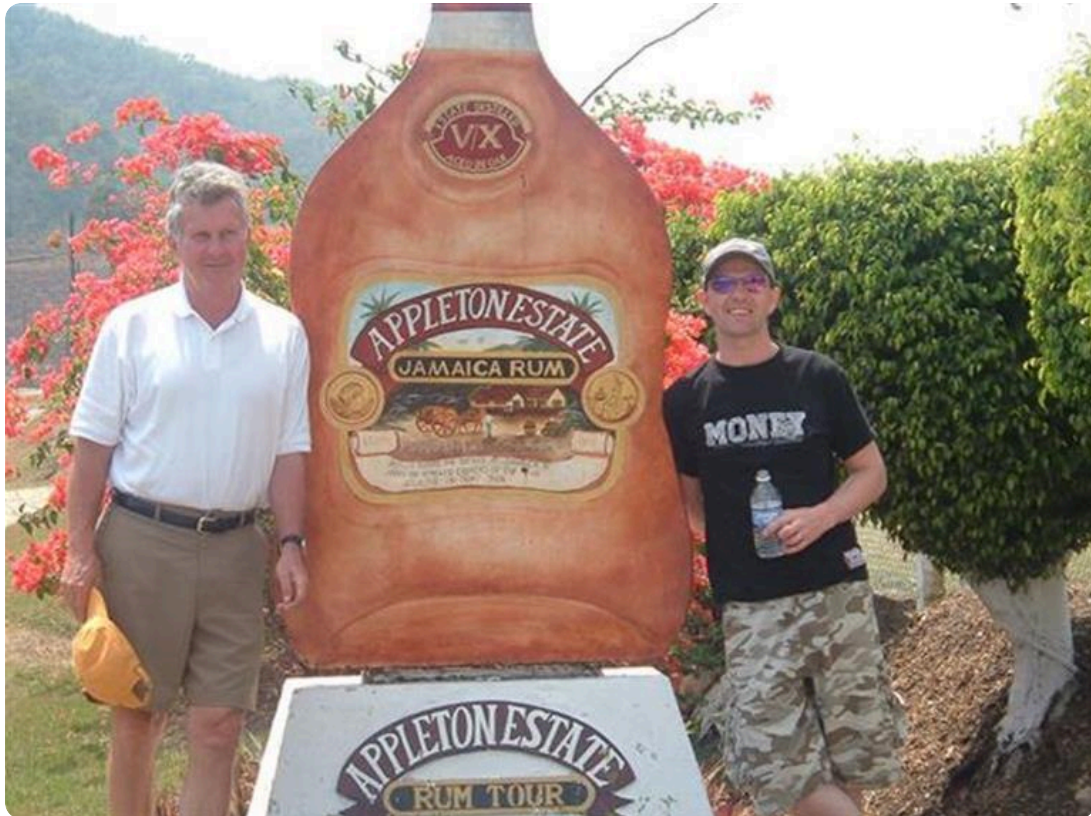
**Dick Haynes** June 30 at 2:55 PM

Mr. Olson was the shop teacher in Sabula when I was in high school, I have always loved woodworking thanks to him Dick Haynes



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July 4 at 2:33 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard "Dick" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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