



Denis James Olson

December 19, 1940 - February 13, 2022

Denis James Olson, age 81, of Fargo, North Dakota, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2022, at his home in Naples, Florida. Denis was born on December 19, 1940, in West Fargo, North Dakota to Harriet and Everett Olson. In 1951, his parents moved the family to the farm south of West Fargo. Denis graduated from West Fargo High School in 1958, and on June 19, 1959, he married Linda Pederson. Denis graduated from Moorhead State University, where he earned a degree in accounting while raising a young family, playing football, and working full-time.

After college, he started his career at Foss, Engelstad & Foss Architects and Engineers, where he was an accountant and the company pilot. In the early 70's, Denis met his mentor, Warren Cowgill. Together they formed the Cowgill-Olson Agency, a Commercial Development and Management Company. During the 80's, Denis began constructing hotels across the US, with properties in Oregon, Washington, California, New Mexico, Arizona, Idaho, South Dakota, Indiana and Florida. In recent years, he downsized his properties and was currently developing his legacy project, Gateway, with EPIC Companies, located on Main Avenue, connecting Fargo, ND and Moorhead, MN.

Denis was a lifetime athlete, passionate about racquetball and golf. He enjoyed sharing his love for golf with the many friends he met along the way. Denis' other love was flying his plane, an Aerostar. He was a longtime

member of the Fargo Country Club, The Sons of Norway, and numerous other organizations.

Denis is survived by: daughters Carrie (Todd) Austin of Pelham, NH, Jill (Kevin Jacobson) Olson of Kindred, ND, and son James (Shannon) Olson, of Fargo, ND; seven grandchildren: Jon Brown, Brett Austin, Trent Austin, Lauren Austin, Denis Olson, Jacob Olson & Nicholas Olson, and by his sister, Renae (Mark) Beaton of Kindred, ND, and brother Duane (Kristi) Olson of Park Rapids, MN, and companion Denise Thompson of Fargo, ND. He is preceded in death by his wife Linda, his parents, and sister Beverly Houkom. A Celebration of Life will be in the Gathering Room at Quail West, Naples, FL, on Sunday, February 20, 2022, from 3:00 – 5:00PM.

Memorial service will be on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at 2:30PM at West Funeral Home, West Fargo, ND, with visitation prior to the service, from 1:00-2:30PM. A private family burial will be at Riverside Cemetery, Fargo.

The family would like to thank the Quail West staff for their friendships with Denis. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Denis' honor made to the Quail West Endowment Fund.

To sign his guest register or to leave on line condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **20**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Gathering Room at Quail West
5950 Burnham Road
Naples, FL 34119

Tribute Wall



“ *Denis James Olson*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Jeff, Brent, Michelle, and Jennifer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Denis James Olson.*



Jeff, Brent, Michelle, and Jennifer - February 16, 2022 at 03:27 PM