

Randy S. Olsen

November 26, 1955 ~ August 4, 2021

If you are reading this epic tale, it means that I have passed on from this beautiful life and written my final chapter. Join me as I highlight my adventurous and meaningful life, full of infinite blessings.

I'll start with, "Wow, what a ride!" I was born in Murray, Utah, to Bob and Betty Olsen, in 1955. I met the love-of-my-life, Pam. I knew she was the perfect mate when I realized she was already an "Olsen." We embarked on a journey of unspeakable nature. Wherever we could get ourselves into trouble, we'd find it! Pam came with three bags of luggage named Adam, Sean, and Ryan, along with their four-legged friend Rex, who eventually pursued a career in the circus. In 1984, after two years of courtship, we officially merged our worlds and married. To be given the opportunity to "dad" our three boys, has been one of my greatest honors. Pam and I were later sealed for time and eternity in the Jordan River Temple.

Pam and I spent a large majority of our life in East Sandy, before hunkering down in our final destination, our Draper home. Draper is where we built our home, grew our long-lived friendships, continued to raise our boys, expanded our family with a few feral kids, and continued our adventures.

One of my passions in life was designing. Whether it was a simple railing, a "man cave", or one of my many beautiful custom homes. I had a talent for craftsmanship of the highest quality.

I loved my car collection. My GTO was "my baby." You could often find me out tinkering in the garage, surrounded by my bevy of metal piles. I could mold any scrap pile into the most streamlined racing car possible.

I loved the outdoors, but hunting was my ultimate passion. I was fortunate enough to travel the world to hunt rare birds in the Russian tundra, stag and tahr in New Zealand, or zebra in the African desert. My life-long passion of hunting and fishing, including a membership at the Ambassador Duck Club, where you'd find me bathing in mud, tucked in my blind, ready to greet the sunrise.

When I wasn't exploring every ounce of the globe, I enjoyed helping others. I was the "one call" if you needed anything, regardless of day or time. I enjoyed service to my fellow man and woman. My trailer was the ward U-Haul…just ask Pam.

I want to thank my beautiful wife for being the ultimate "sidekick" during this incredible journey together. I also want to thank her for the self-sacrificing love she showed me these past five years. She has been the very definition of an unconditionally-loving caretaker during my illness. She has the purest soul of anyone I know. I don't know how she has done it. I only know, I will forever be grateful to call her my partner. My love, I will be waiting for you.

I am preceded in death by my son Adam, sister Holly, and parents Bob and Betty Olsen. I am survived by my amazing kids Sean, Ryan (Danielle), Emily, Harmonee (Micah), Krystal (Rob) and Colton (Avion), and 13 carefree grandkids.

Some more interesting and fun facts about me include:
-I was extremely claustrophobic.
-I had an uncanny ability to jimmy-rig anything into functionality.
-In my early twenties I helped construct high-rise buildings in California.
-I loaded my own shotgun shells.
-If I whistle-get out of dodge!

Now, onto my next great journey.

Viewing will be held Monday, August 9, 2021, from 5-7pm, at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E Dimple Dell Road (10600 S.), Sandy, Utah 94092. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 10, 2021, from 11am-12pm at the Riverview 8th Ward, 288 West River Chapel Road, Draper, Utah 84020. A short viewing will be held at the ward from 10-11am, prior to the funeral services. For those wishing to attend remotely, funeral services can be viewed at the YouTube channel: River Chapel Road, 8th Ward.