



# James Dale Olson

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**J**ames “Dale” “Oly” Olson was born October 8, 1935, in a tiny corner of northeast Montana, where he would spend his formative years on the family farm in Dooley. He was one of seven children, and attended school in Comertown. He graduated as the salutatorian in a class of three. (He liked to leave the class size out when he shared his expectations with us.) Being a Comertown Coyote was definitely on the highlight reel of his life.

On July 11, 1959, Dale married Rita Meyer, and over the next 7 years, they had 4 children, Sandy (Russ), Shelley, Sherry (Kevin) and Jim (Debbie). Dale had 8 grandchildren, Chad (Danielle), Melissa, Jeff (Tara), Casey (Lara), Molly (Darren), Ben, Mitch and Zac. He also had 12 great grandchildren: Bryson, Addi, Callum, Chase, Riley, Ethan, Aubrey, Evan, Khloe, Silas, Leah, and Asher.

In 1962, he moved with his family to Anaconda, Montana to pursue a Norge Village Cleaning business, knowing that in a mining town, there would be lots of dirty laundry.

As his family grew, Dale decided to go to work in construction, so in 1967, he began a trade that grew into a very successful lifetime career that he loved. His handiwork can be seen in the many homes, cabins, and buildings in Anaconda and surrounding areas. During this time, he also mentored and trained many young men in the community to do things the “Oly” way, both in construction and life.

When you met Dale, you knew you wanted to see him again. He was so interesting because he was interested in others. His smile lit up a room; everyone who met dad said “I just love your dad,” whether they’d spent 5 minutes with him, or 5 days.

In 1995, after a fun class reunion cruise, Dale said good bye to the love of his life. He spent 23 years without mom, and in his last days spoke of how excited he was to be reunited with her.

Dale retired in 2003, and headed to Plentywood to be closer to his mom, four sisters



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and a brother. He spent the last 2 years of his mother's life having coffee with her every morning. Dad valued family over everything.

In 2009, he purchased a home in Tucson, a block from Sandy, and became a "snowbird." He loved the warmth of the sun, and he felt better physically. He would spend summers touring between Spokane, WA, Moscow, ID, Helena, MT and Plentywood, MT.

Dad lived through many health challenges, and in the end, his congestive heart failure combined with kidney failure, would not allow him to have the quality of life he desired.

Dad died peacefully in his Arizona home, and joined our mom in heaven on April 21, 2018. He is preceded in death by his parents, a younger brother, and many dear friends. Along with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, he is survived by his sisters Betty, Marge and her husband Luke, Vonnie, and Barb, and his brother Terry. Also surviving are mom's brothers Gene and Marv, her sister Charlotte, and sister-in-law Connie. Dad was a favorite uncle to many surviving nieces and nephews.


Please join us for a celebration of his life on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Anaconda, Montana. A luncheon will follow.





# Events

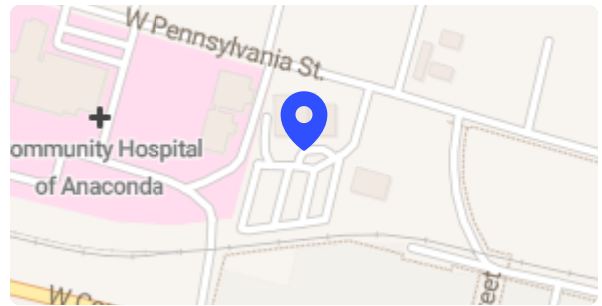
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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, May 12, 2018

 10:30 AM MT

 **Holy Family Catholic Church**  
217 W Pennsylvania Ave, Anaconda MT 59711





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**Susan Ferestad** posted:

No particular memory...just will ALWAYS remember our trips to Anaconda....hanging with Olson's on Hamburg Street...1809 if I remember right!!!! Love you all to pieces! Miss my auntie Rita and Uncle Dale.Hugs and prayers . Susie

May 9 at 7:47 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Olson family.



May 9 at 7:33 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Olson family.



May 9 at 5:46 AM



**Barb Cain** posted:

My Memories are all Good With My Brother !! We Had a lot of fun times Family Get Togethers , were special. He was A great story teller. He always kept in touch ;loved having us together . His Wife Rita was a special person to all of us. She was a Hoot, Always ready for fun !! they raised a wonderful Family , He taught them Well. special to all of us !! think of Him Everyday ! Always will !! Love that Man with all my Heart !! God Be With Him !

April 25 at 1:53 PM



**Shelley Olson** May 6 at 5:04 PM

Thank you Linda for your condolences. He's enjoying heaven with mom.



**Linda Hallock** April 30 at 6:12 PM

My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family, Shelley. I know how much you will miss him but you will also have so many fond memories.



**Shelley Olson** April 27 at 5:13 AM

Thank you for sharing Aunt Barb. See you the 11th for a big hug!



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**Jan Rasmussen** posted:

I've known Dale since before he was married and what a nice guy he was! I just never knew that he "walked on water" until I attended his 80th birthday party in Spokane! I am grateful to know his 4 wonderful kids and thank them for letting me join them on their "Oly" journey prior to losing him. Rest In Peace now with Rita, Dale, you will be missed! My deepest sympathy, hugs, love and prayers to his family. Jan Rasmussen

April 25 at 9:17 AM



**Shelley Olson** May 1 at 5:10 PM

Thank you for sharing Jan! We love you!



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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