



## Floyd Olesen

March 15, 1935 - November 10, 2022

After a sudden severe illness, Floyd Olesen, 87, of Petersburg, Illinois left this life November 10, 2022, to join his beloved wife, Sue, in his next life. Floyd was born March 15, 1935, and married the love of his life, Sue Sperry Olesen in 1955 and they had a strong and loving marriage until the date of her passing on May 10, 2009. Floyd and Sue were exemplary role models to their children and others on the meaning of marriage, on how to live a life full of goodness and kindness and on the importance of family.

Always loving to his family, Floyd, during his last days, was able to fully express his pride in, and love and hopes for, his children and grandchildren during touching conversations he was able to have with each of them individually, an opportunity his family has called his "Farewell Tour," and which was so perfectly done by Floyd that we joked he must have secretly been binge watching the Hallmark Channel. He passed away without struggle, at his home, surrounded by family under a very brief hospice care.

Floyd was always proud and thankful to be a resident of Menard County for 50

years. Floyd and Sue referred to Menard County as “God’s Country.” He touched the lives of many people during his work as a truck driver, grain elevator operator and driver for Menard County Seniors and through his many acts of kindness and helpfulness, even when not asked first. It was said that Floyd “gave the best hugs” and his humor and quick wit brought smiles and laughter (and some eye rolls) to many and he will be remembered for his never ending “Floyd-isms” and all of his “advice,” whether solicited or not. Floyd could have been (unofficially was) the “Public Relations Director” for PORTA and Menard County. He was a loyal and vocal supporter of Bluejays Sports and, at times, the in-the-stands stats keeper, as well as the “coach” from the bleachers or field, quick to make suggestions on what he perceived as needed adjustments.

Floyd especially touched the lives of his family. He was a devoted and loving husband to Sue (or “Honey” to Floyd) who preceded him in death by too many years. Floyd was a man of simple pleasures, with activities with his family, and the well-being of his family, always his priority. His eye never left that ball, and we knew it and felt it. His family is so grateful to have had him as Dad and “Pa,” and a role model, for as long as we did.

Floyd is survived by his adoring children Debbie Boeker (Tom Owen) of Tallula, Cheri Olesen of Petersburg, Peter Olesen and wife Judy of Petersburg, and Kathy Olesen (Lois Adams) of Petersburg.

Floyd is also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren to whom he is "Pa." His surviving grandchildren include Rachel Boeker (Jimmy Lenhart), Krista Boeker, Stowe Olesen (Alexis), Jay Basso, Jodi Neptun (Dan) and Molly Gambrel (Ben). His great grandchildren include Eli Eberle, Morgan Neptun, Frankie Neptun, Cali Gambrel, Ty Gambrel and Anthony Eberle. A funeral service will be held for Floyd on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:30 AM at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2022, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM also at the funeral home. The burial will be held at Rosehill Cemetery in Petersburg. Memorials may be made to the PORTA Sports Boosters or the Menard County EMS. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com) Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

Petersburg, IL 62675

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral

NOV 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ So sorry to hear of Floyd's passing. Even sadder that we were unable to make visitation and funeral. It was one I did not want to miss. My condolences to the entire Olesen family. He and Sue were like family to me when I first came to Petersburg. We would later joke about me being at their home for many dinners, weekends and events. I will miss him dearly. Floyd may you rest in peace , pain free, with the knowledge that you were loved by family and friends.  
Lew and Sue Hultgren

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**Lew Hultgren** - November 16, 2022 at 10:32 AM

MF

“ I am so sorry for your family's loss. Floyd was a wonderful person. I'm glad to have had the privilege of knowing him. Floyd was one of the first neighbors I met in Petersburg. His cookies and kindness made our family feel welcome. He will truly be missed.

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**Margaret Ferguson** - November 14, 2022 at 10:48 AM

JH

“ Gene & I are so sorry to hear of your loss. His obituary described him well and those that knew him know how true those statements are. He will be missed by all that knew him. Gene & Jackie Horn

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**Jackie & Gene Horn** - November 13, 2022 at 11:57 AM

PB

“ Patricia McKinley and Stephen Becker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Floyd Olesen.



Patricia McKinley and Stephen Becker - November 13, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Floyd Olesen.



November 12, 2022 at 12:35 PM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Floyd Olesen



Larry and Mary Hundt - November 12, 2022 at 10:03 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Floyd Olesen.



November 12, 2022 at 08:22 AM

DH

“ *What a super friendly person. Great memories as a senior citizens van driver, always made our trips fun and safe. Thanks Floyd.*

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**Donna Hitchcock** - November 12, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Floyd Olesen.*



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November 11, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Floyd Olesen.*



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November 11, 2022 at 02:45 PM

CW

“ *To the Olesen Family -- So very sorry for the loss of your Dad. What a great guy! He was a pleasure and enjoyable to be around. He was always supportive of his family and generous to all. He will be missed.*

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**Charlotte Wohler** - November 11, 2022 at 02:29 PM