



## Bradford D. "Brad" Olson

May 28, 1949 - June 1, 2012

Dodgeville - Bradford D. "Brad" Olson, age 63, of Dodgeville, passed away on Friday, June 1, 2012 at Upland Hills Heath in Dodgeville. Brad was born on May 28, 1949 in Dodgeville, a son of Melvin and Eddis (Berryman) Olson. He graduated from Dodgeville High School in 1967 and attended the University of Wisconsin – Platteville. Brad married Carolyn Ryan on February 14, 1976. She preceded him in death on August 7, 2011.

Brad was employed by the Iowa County Sheriff's Department for more than forty years. He started his career in law enforcement in 1969 as a part time dispatcher, promoted to full time patrol deputy in 1971. He worked as the Iowa County Child Support Director from 1987 -1988, returned to the Sheriffs Department and was then promoted to investigator in 1991. Brad remained in that position until January of 2001, at which time he was appointed as Chief Deputy, a position that he remained in until his retirement in 2003. He then worked as a bailiff for the Iowa County court system as an investigator for the District Attorney's office and returned to the Sheriff's Department in 2006 where he worked as an investigator until the time of his death.

Brad is survived by his son, Thaddeus (Christina) Olson, of North Mankato, MN; his granddaughter, Faith; his mother, Eddis Olson, of Dodgeville; his brother Brian (Sally) Olson, of Middleton; many nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his wife Carolyn; his father Melvin and his cherished German Shepherd, Buzz.

Funeral Services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville. Pastor Bruce Bennett will officiate. Burial will be held in Eastside Cemetery. Friends may call from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service on Sunday at the funeral home.

Brad will be greatly missed by his family, many friends and the numerous crime victims that he diligently worked for during his career.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bradford D. "Brad" Olson*

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM



“ *Our most deepest sympathys to the Olson family. I had the honor to know and work with Brad from 1989-1997. Brad always would be there to help if necessary. He always had time for you if you needed him He was a very dedicated & caring & smart man. I am glad to say I knew him on a professional level. He did teach me a thing or two over the years and I'm glad I was able to get the chance to work with such a wonderful person. He made Iowa County a better place to live. He will be missed by all.*Robie BlankenshipPolice Officer

Robie Blankenship - April 28, 2018 at 02:38 AM



“ *Our sympathy goes out to Brad's family. Brad will be greatly missed by so many people. Brad was a serious person when it came to his job which he was so great at. But if you knew Brad he also had a smile that was contagious. Brad is in heaven now with all those other great Cops/Investigators who spent most of their life time doing what the loved to do and were so good at. We will miss him dearly.* Dody Meudt Cockeram and Troy

Dody Meudt Cockeram - April 28, 2018 at 02:38 AM



“ *Thad,*  
*So sorry for your loss. As you know, your dad was a really good person. I consider myself fortunate for having known him.*

*Gregg Roberts*

Gregg Roberts - April 28, 2018 at 02:38 AM



“ *Thad and Chrissy-*  
*We are so sorry about your father passing, you know he is in heaven with your mom and they will both be watching over you from there. Please know that we are here for you if you need anything.*

*Love you guys,*  
*Carie - Tom - Kya & Kloey*

Carie Christiansen - April 28, 2018 at 02:38 AM

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“ You have my very deepest sympathy over the passing of Brad. I have very fond memories of him as we grew up together and went to school together for 12 years. My favorite memory is Brad inviting me to the 8th grade party! He was always such a nice guy and had many, many good friends. He was good, kind and lots of fun. I left Wisconsin in 1969 but will never forget my school class and the impact on my life. It was a great class and Brad was always part of everything that was going on. He will remain as a wonderful special memory in my heart. May the Lord be with Brad's son and the entire Olson family during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Sandy Schroeder Templeton** - April 28, 2018 at 02:38 AM

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“ *Thad and Chrissy (and Faith):*  
We are so very sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Even though we didn't know him very well, we know he was a great man and a wonderful father. Know he is now in heaven with your mom - they are together once again. Please also know that we are here for you - whatever you need. Love you guys.

*Craig and Laura LaPoint*

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**LaPoint** - April 28, 2018 at 02:38 AM

TJ

“ Oh Brad, how you missed Carolyn, now you are together again. I assume riding the Corvette in the sky. I remember just a couple of weeks ago going to training in Fennimore with you, Brad and Guentz. It was a good time and we had a lot of fun. You have taught me so much about my job. You will be missed. To Thad and family, take care, and if there is anything we can do for you let us know.

*Troy & Chawntelle James*

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**Troy James** - April 28, 2018 at 02:38 AM



“ I am a better person for having known and worked with Brad. He reminded me to "think outside the box." To Brads family and loved ones, I want to say, know that Brad and Carolyn are on my mind and in my heart.

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June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM