



Donald B. Olin

March 13, 1942 - May 4, 2015

Donald B. Olin, age 73, of Brodhead, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, May 4, 2015. He was born on March 13, 1942 in Monroe, WI, the son of Ross and Thelma (Blackford) Olin. He married Brenda Strickland on July 15, 1967 in Rocky Mount, NC. Don graduated from Brodhead High School in 1960 and UW-Whitewater in 1964. He worked as a sales and service representative for Gardner Machine Co., South Beloit, IL from 1965 until 1973. He returned to Brodhead in 1973 and together with his father they formed Olin Oil Co., Inc. on July 1, 1976. Don was always pleased with the fact that he had been a part of the only single branded (Mobil) oil company in Green County that provided continuous service for 71 years. Don proudly grew the business to include 5 convenience stores. The first was Albany in 1984, followed by Footville in 1988, Juda in 1992, Brooklyn in 1996, Monroe in 2007 and completed a lifelong wish of a home town store with Brodhead's Trackside Mobil in 2013. His daughter Kristin has taken over the day to day operations of the business. Without the support of Rick Gretebeck and the Bank of Brodhead many of these achievements would not have been possible. Don loved to stay busy and was active in Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers, serving on several committees and as a director for two terms. He always wanted to be a part of the communities the stores were in and participated in the Brodhead Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce, Brodhead Foundation and the Congregational United Church of Christ. His efforts were greatly rewarded when he received the Melvin Jones Award (the highest

award given by the Lions Club) from the Albany Lions Club. He is survived by his wife Brenda of 47 years; two daughters, Kristin (Carlos) Olmedo, Brodhead, Dr. Lori (Randy) Rockwell, Whitewater, WI; two grandchildren, Roberto and Vanessa Olmedo; his AFS brother, Dr. Julio (Marissa) Rodriguez and family, Brodhead. Don and Julio spent many hours fishing together in Wisconsin and Canada. He also is survived by an aunt, Irene Blackford, brother-in-law, Joe (Judy) Strickland, and many cousins: Bill (Mary Ann) Blackford, Ron (Joanne) Blackford, Carol Condon, Cliff (Susan) Anderson, Dennis (Lani) Tierney, Nancy Tierney, Terry Tierney, Mary (Pudge) Kramer, Robert (Lavonne) Olin, Richard Olin, and Russell (RexAnn) Olin. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., at the Congregational United Church of Christ, Brodhead. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 9, 2015, at the church with a luncheon to follow. Rev. David Frey will officiate. Private family burial will be held at Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead, immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, gift can be made to the Brodhead Area Foundation or the Congregational United Church of Christ. Don has always been appreciative of the many services provided to him by the UW-Heart Failure Clinic and Mercy Clinic in Brodhead. The entire family is grateful for Dr. Johnson, Dr Kevin Bluemel and the entire heart-failure team with a special thanks to Bethany, Joan, and Laura, for their continued support. ♦ They kept me going for numerous years. ♦ and have become a part of our family. ♦ Brodhead has been good to us ♦

Tribute Wall

RK

“ So sorry. He was very good to us. I will miss him. Rest in peace Mr. DON.

Roger & LORI Koehn - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DW

“ Brenda and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. Don was always so ready to visit and talk about fishing for those big ones. We enjoyed his stories. May your many memories help you through this sad time. Again, our prayers go out to you.

Dean and Nancy Walters - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

GS

“ We were so sorry to hear about Don's passing. We were both classmates of Don's. He is going to be missed by all of us in this community. He left behind monuments in the form of his family and the businesses he built.

Gary and Marilyn Saunders - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

RV

“ My sincere sympathy to you for the loss of Don. He was a wonderful businessman who had the foresight and determination to meet the needs of Brodhead and surrounding communities, as well as providing for the future. I recall the last time I saw Don, I was going to use my Pig Points for gas, but did not understand procedure, since Hubie had always tended to this task. Don requested an employee go out and help me, still meeting others needs! He will surely be missed not only by his family, but by the community.

Rita Vickers - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

BF

“ We are saddened by the passing of Don. He has always been known as a kind, and gentle man. He will be missed by many. Our prayers are with your family during the days to come. He is celebrating in heaven with his loved ones, that I know. Let this bring your peace and comfort.

Brenda & Randy Fowler - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

RG

“ My prayers and condolences go out to Don's wife and family and to an entire community. Don was an Icon in the community and has supported Family Promise of Green County. I will always be grateful to have shared part of my personal journey with Don through the years. From the many families you have helped and never met, Thank you for your compassion and wisdom Don.

Rick Gleason - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

TW

“ Olin Family - So sorry to hear of Don's passing. I've had the pleasure of working with Don for 27 years through my job; and he is definitely one of the kindness person I know. He was always very appreciative and very proud we were both from Brodhead!! I will definitely miss his smile and sincere words - "Thank You Traci!"

Traci Gerber Weckerly - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

PS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Brenda and rest of family. Don was such a terrific guy. Very sad to hear of his death.

Pat and Jon Schye - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

BM

“ My condolences to his family! He will be missed!

Becky Mason - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

PZ

“ I only know Don through his wonderful daughter, Lori, who has been our veterinarian in Kenosha, WI these past 3 years. Lori - I am soooo sorry for your loss. Even tho you see the end coming, it is not easy to accept.

We wish you and your family the best memories and the strength that comes the love you all obviously have for each other.

Pat & Larry Klein -- Fedral & Zoey - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

LT

“ Don Olin truly lived a life that mattered. We should all be so fortunate. There is no question that the world is a better place because he lived. Loving thoughts winging your way. Lani

Lani Tierney - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

SB

“ We could not ask for a better friend. He will be missed dearly!

Stacy@ Dawn Baumgartner - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

SM

“ Brenda, Kris & Lori,
Words can't express how grateful I am to have seen you all last week if only briefly. I love you all so much, Don was such a special part of our family and I will miss him.
Love to you all and hugs,
Sara

Sara Olin Malo - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

RF

“ Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of your loved one rest in peace.

Randy and Deb Thompson Family - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

TM

“ So sorry for your loss he was so good to always keep an eye out for Shirley Cartwright. Thank you and God bless

Troy melton - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JK

“ Brenda and girls:
So sad to hear of Don's passing. He was always ready to talk about his fishing. Our father above needs great fishermen, too. He will always be remembered as one of Brodhead's finest.

Judy & Virgil Keller - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JA

“ So very sorry for your loss! I don't know Mr. Olins family, I just want to say, he was a very generous, kind soul. Over 20 years ago, I was a single mother with three small children and I ran out of fuel oil. I called Mr. Olin, and he went out of his way to make sure my children and I stayed warm. He arranged to have fuel delivered, and refused to let me make arrangements to pay. He paid out of his own pocket. I will forever be grateful for this man's kindness!

Jane - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

KD

“ *What a great loss to all who knew him. With his big heart, savvy business sense and unmatched work ethic he was an inspiration to all of us. I will sorely miss his friendship and wry sense of humor. My deepest sympathy to Brenda, Kristin, Lori and all of his family in the loss of such a great man.*

Kim Davis - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JS

“ *Our deepest sympathy Brenda and family. We are sad for Don's passing but know that Jesus has welcomed a very fine man to his new home in heaven. His kindness that he shared with us will never be forgotten. Comfort and peace be with you all.*

Jim and Cynthia Streuly - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JT

“ *My deepest sympathies to your family, Don worked with me on electrical projects and became a friend over the years. He will be missed.*

Joy Trumble - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

RS

“ *The world lost a great man. Don will be missed. My sympathy to Brenda, Kristin and Lori who will miss him the most.*

Robyn Seymour - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

NT

“ Mrs. Olin and family,
I was so sorry to hear of Mr. Olin's passing. I will never forget when
y'all took
AFS student, Jenny Bullen, and me to Chicago! He was truly one of
the good guys! May your memories keep him close and may you
feel comfort knowing that he's in the loving arms of Jesus having
been welcomed to heaven by his mom and dad!

Nancy Timm-Farrell - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JF

“ Brenda and all of the family and those who loved Don. My deepest
sympathy to each of you as you grieve the loss of one who loved his
family and community. May you find peace and love surrounding
you. We were blessed as a community by the many kindnesses
showed us through his lifetime here. With love and prayers, Juanita

Juanita Flater - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to all of Don's family! May God
comfort you at this difficult time! He was such a caring, sweet soul &
brought so much generosity, compassion & a sense of pride to our
community! He will be greatly missed!

The Swoboda Family - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

CP

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. Greg and I were just starting
farming when Don would come and deliver gas to the farm-he was a
special person and know he will be missed greatly

Cindy Pryce - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

LY

“ *My deepest sympathy comes your way. It is so hard to see our loved ones leave us, the feeling inside is hard to bear. May fond memories help you through the days ahead.*

Laura Yurchak - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

AF

“ *Brenda & Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Adkins family - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

WN

“ *So sorry to hear of Don's passing. He used to deliver gas to Warren's station in Albany. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time.*

Warren and Penny Nipple - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

CA

“ *Don and I spent a lot of time together in the later 40's and early 50's. He was my first cousin and also a great friend. His parents often took me along on many fishing trips to northern Wisconsin and Don was my fishing buddy while uncle Ross was hunting Muskies. Susan and I believe Don was one of the kindest and most generous persons we have ever known and we will forever miss him. Our love and sympathy go out to Brenda, Kristen and Lori.*

Cliff and Susan Anderson

Cliff and Susan Anderson - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

YM

“ Lori,
We are all thinking of you and sending our LOVE! Glad you were there to be with him...so sad you had to say good bye...but he will always be near you... xxoo
Missing you and sending prayers your way... your girls from Wolf Merrick

Your Family from Wolf Merrick... - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JM

“ Our prayers and condolences to the family. We have patronized the stations for years and always walked away satisfied. Don was a great businessman.
RIP

Jan & Dean Markee - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DE

“ Brenda,Kristen,Lori I'm so sorry for your loss. Don was an awesome boss. You know when Don walked in the store you better be busy or he would say" If you have time to lean you have time to clean" he installed a great work ethic in me and I will be grateful for that. I will miss him coming into the store and checking things out making sure things were up to his standards. He will be missed by everyone

Denise - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

BG

“ We were so grateful to be able to get to know Don and work with him the past 11 years. We cannot thank him enough for all his help words of wisdom and advice he provided to us. He helped us out and we will never forget what he has done for us. He always said that was how he was brought up. He will be truly missed but will always be watching down over you. Keep all the joyful memories in your hearts and hopefully this will ease your sadness. We will always remember him.

Brad & Sheryl Goodspeed - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

FB

“ Brenda, Kristin, Lori, and family, Such a blessing to have had this wonderful man as husband, father, and grandfather. We too have been blessed knowing Don and having him as part of our family. We lift each of you up with our prayers and love.

Frances Coltharp Brown - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

TT

“ GRANDMA'S GARDEN TABLE BASKET was sent by Todd Thompson. Our deepest sympathies from Todd and Fiona Thompson and Altria Group Distribution Company.

Todd Thompson - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

KB

“ Lori, Kristin, and Brenda
So sorry for your loss. Your in my thoughts and prayers.

Kymerly Brennan - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

RI

“ Great guy , in Bussiness and friendship ...RIP

Richard Hirsch -Cornwell Hirsch inc - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

PW

“ we are sadden to hear of Don's passing,we had a lot of fun over the 10 yrs at Juda,he gave me a great job, sorry I can't be with you on Fri/Sat I'm having eye surgery on Thur. but will remember Don and your familys in our thought & prayers

Phil & Luann Wolden - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

KJ

“ We just learned of Don's passing here in FLORIDA...such sad news. We extend our deepest sympathy to Brenda & family. We were so fortunate to have spent time with Don & Brenda at our Class Reunion last September...he will be missed.

Kent & Sandra Joranlien - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

KE

“ Brenda,

So sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you during this sad time.

Kathy (Siegenthaler) Eisenberg - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

CM

“ PEDESTAL ARRANGEMENT was sent by Chad Monty.To Don's family and friends,
our sincerest condolences.
From Jack, Bill, Chad, and staff
of Lakeside Oil Company

Chad Monty - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DM

“ We are so sorry for you loss. We thought a lot if Don. You are in our prayers. With Sympathy Kim and Denny

Dennis and Kim Matzke - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

CZ

“ Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Don will be missed by many, he always had a ready smile and a good story to share. May the memories you shared be close in your hearts and bring you comfort in the days and weeks ahead. We know he is in a better place with our Heavenly Father.

Carl and Susan Zweifel - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

WS

“ Our deepest sympathy to Brenda and family. Don will be greatly missed. May memories help you through this time.

Wendy and Randy Schupbach - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

DP

“ Brenda and Family,
Just to say my Condolences and prayers are with you seem inadequate
for a leader like Don. My your memories comfort and sustain you.
There is
only a very few true "Muskie" fisherman left! We WILL miss his council!
Dean Pawlisch

Dean Pawlisch - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JA

“ Our condolences for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Always remember the smiles, laughter, stories, and fun times to get you through.

Jim, Chris & Kaylyn Albert - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

BM

“ Brenda and family,
If no one knew what to do, "Ask Don". If knowledge is power, Don was a powerful man. These patriarchs come along so seldom, they are cherished and remembered with honor. Our hearts and prayers go out to you all. Love, Bruce and Amy

Bruce and Amy Mills - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

PK

“ Brenda and family, So sorry to hear about Don's passing, He was the first man when I came to Brodhead in 1991 to offer me a job and always took great care of our church. I had the honor to perform both your daughters weddings and your family has been very special to Donna and Myself. We cant come back home since we moved to Michigan to retire but our thoughts and prayers will be with you and the girls today and into the future days. God Bless you we love your family. Pastor Dave & Donna

Pastor Dave & Donna Krohn - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

CB

“ So sorry to read about Don. I always enjoyed talking with him when I worked at Dick Lindemann's office. Sincere sympathy to your family.

carolyn bauman - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM

JA

“Brenda, I'm so very sorry to hear of Don's passing (I just found out by accident). I'm the daughter of Marcella Ross, who thought so highly of him and was very grateful for all the help he gave her. My mother and Thelma were good friends and when I came to town in the fall, Thelma hosted a lunch for me several times! Mom would often pick Thelma up for church. Don once drove us to Whitewater Lake to give Thelma "one last boat ride", as she called it, and look at the house where Lori lived while attending UW Whitewater. He was a very kind and caring person and will of course be missed by many. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Jean (Ross) Ware of Tempe, Arizona

Jean (Ross) Ware, Tempe, Arizona - May 10, 2021 at 11:11 AM