

Jere Lee Olson was born May 14, 1956, in Willmar, the son of Harry and Elaine (Ziehl) Olson. He was baptized and later confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Raymond. He grew up in Raymond where he attended elementary school and graduated from Raymond High School in 1974. He furthered his education at Willmar Vo-Tech where he studied to be a Diesel Mechanic. On December 5, 1975, Jere was united in marriage to Zoe Valentine at Kerkhoven Lutheran Church. They lived near Raymond shortly before buying their farm north of Kerkhoven. They were blessed with three daughters: Lora, Denice and Kimberly and nine grandchildren. Jere loved to spend time with his family, especially his grandkids. Every year he looked forward to hosting the Olson Sweet Corn Feed. Jere was a hard working farmer who had a fun-loving personality. Like many farmers he was a jack of all trades and had many part time jobs working as a mechanic, welder, milkman and mailman. He spent time going on motorcycle trips on his Honda Goldwing with his wife and friends traveling all over the United States. Jere and Zoe spent winters staying warm in Arizona. He also enjoyed playing cards, camping, and pontoon rides on Lake Scandi. Jere and Zoe recently treated their family to a Disney Cruise where many awesome memories were made. Jere was a loving husband, son, brother, dad, uncle, grandpa, and friend.

Jere is survived by his loving wife, Zoe; daughters: Lora (and Chad) Taatjes of Raymond and their children: Morgan, Jocelyn and Oliver; Denice (and David) Cortez of Sedalia, CO and their children: Braydon, Rebekah and Colin; and Kimberly (and Mike) Harkema of Kerkhoven and their children: Jay, Zoey and Henry. He is also survived by his mother, Elaine Olson and siblings: Roger (and Carol) Olson and Marjorie (and Brad) Ruppert; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Olson; brother, Randall Olson; sister, Audrey Lester; and son-in-law, Robbie Kosmalski.

Harvey Anderson
& Johnson
FUNERAL HOMES



Believe in Farming

I believe a man's greatest possession is his dignity and that no calling bestows this more abundantly than farming.

I believe hard work and honest sweat are the building blocks of a person's character.

I believe many of the best things in life are indeed free: the splendor of a sunrise, the rapture of wide open spaces, and the exhilarating sight of your land greening each spring.

I believe my children are learning values that will last a lifetime and can be learned in no other way.

I believe that farming, despite its hardships and disappointments, is the most honest and honorable way a man can spend his days on this earth.

I believe true happiness comes from watching your crops ripen in the field, your children grow tall in the sun, your whole family feel pride that springs from their shared experience.

I believe when a man grows old and sums up his days, he should be able to stand tall and feel pride in the life he's lived.

I believe in farming because it makes all this possible!



In Loving Memory of **Jere Lee Olson**

May 14, 1956
June 7, 2020

Service

Sunday, June 14, 2020 – 2:00 pm
Jere Olson Farm
Kerkhoven, Minnesota

Officiants

Reverend Darren Olson and Reverend Denise Fossen

Music

The Old Rugged Cross – Alan Jackson
Softly and Tenderly – Alan Jackson
How Great Thou Art – Morgan Taatjes

Scripture

Psalm 23; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 11:25-26

Casketbearers – Jere's Nephews

Michael Lester	John Lester
Jeffrey Lester	Darren Olson
Nathan Olson	David Olson
Kevin Olson	Matthew Adolphsen

Interment

Hillside Cemetery
Kerkhoven, Minnesota