



## Fredrick Bruce Olsen

March 22, 1950 - February 6, 2018

Fredrick Bruce Olsen, age 67, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Fred was born on March 22, 1950, to the late Donald G. and Marie (DeBoer) Olsen. Fred's first wife of 36 years, Evelyn Mason Olsen, preceded him in death on February 3, 2005. On April 26, 2008, he married his surviving wife, Sally (Price) Olsen. Fred is also survived by his three daughters, Rebecca (Tracey) Sheats of Bridgewater, Amanda Hoeft of Tecumseh, Cara Olsen of Tecumseh, and one step-daughter, Krista (Jay) Zielke of Nashville, Tennessee. His family also included eight grandchildren, Evan and Lucas Sheats; Natalie, Brandon, and Drew Hoeft; and Karley, Alyssa, and Ryder Zielke. He is also survived by two siblings, Douglas (Sandy) Olsen of Dundee and Susan (Doug) Weber of Ann Arbor, and many nieces and nephews.

Fred treasured the time spent with his daughters and grandchildren in Michigan as well as the frequent trips to visit the daughter and grandchildren in Nashville. Fred enjoyed the out-of-doors – working in his yard, swimming in the pool with the kids, fishing, and recently, camping with Sally following the purchase of a small RV in 2016. He also enjoyed doing woodworking projects in his shop at home.

Fred had worked for over 25 years at Comshare, a software development company in Ann Arbor. In 2007, he joined the University of Michigan Ross School of Business Executive Education Department to continue his career as a Graphics Artist. He had retired from there on March 31, 2017. He made

many special friends made while at the University who often expressed that Fred's kindness and compassion made a significant mark on their lives. Everyone that met Fred felt that he was a such a nice, terrific guy who always thought of others first.

To honor him, his coworkers and faculty at the University of Michigan created a scholarship fund that will be awarded to a student graduating from Pioneer High School (formerly Ann Arbor High from where Fred had graduated in 1968) to continue his or her study in the highly acclaimed Washtenaw Community College Program in Graphic Arts. Because of their generosity, the scholarship fund has become an endowment that will enable it to provide a scholarship to a deserving student each year in Fred's name for many years to come. Fred was told of this scholarship at the end of last year and was very pleased to be honored in such a way. Fred's family would also like to give special thanks to Fred's boss and close friend, Cheri Alexander, Executive Director of Corporate Learning at the University, for being so thoughtful to have this scholarship set up. In lieu of flowers, Fred's family would greatly appreciate a donation being made to this scholarship fund. Donation cards and mailing envelopes will be available during visitation at the funeral home and St. Andrew Catholic Church. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline on Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and again at St. Andrew Catholic Church on Friday, February 9, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of Mass of the Christian Burial at 11:00 A.M. Fr. Francis Mossholder as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. To sign Fred's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

## Visitation

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewssaline.org/>

## Mass of the Christian Burial

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FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church  
910 Austin Drive  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://standrewsaline.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fredrick Bruce Olsen*

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October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear the bad news. I worked with Fred in executive education. He is always so kind and helpful, ready to help in anyway he can. Before he got retired, Fred shared with me the plan of buying a RV and travelling to all the state parks in Michigan that they had not got time to visit. I was really hoping that he can get plenty of time to do all the recreation activities he enjoys to do. Life is simply too short! Fred will be missed forever as a dear colleague.*

*Chen*

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**Wang Chen** - February 12, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ *Fred was a Great Friend and person to all who knew him. I have been a member of this wonderful family through marriage for 65 plus years. Our family has great feeling for the Olsen family. We send our thoughts and prayers to all of them and pray that the time of healing goes easily for all. Never saw Freddie without a smile on his face and will always fell the loss as well. We also are so sorry we could not make the trip to be with you all but the weather did not agree, God Bless Bob and Harriet Barr*

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**Bob and Harriet Barr** - February 10, 2018 at 12:47 AM

MC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. We worked together at Comshare for many years and he was always great to work with. He had a wonderful spirit and it was always clear how much he appreciated his lovely family.

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**Marge Cramton** - February 09, 2018 at 04:22 PM

JR

“ Fred was simply the best. I will miss him forever. Especially his laugh.

*Joyce Robbins*

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**Joyce Robbins** - February 09, 2018 at 01:21 PM

AS

“ We have known Fred since the late 70's, initially as co-workers, that rapidly turned into amazing friendships. Fred was always ready to step in and help with any project wether it was work related, remodeling the house, repairing car issues or maintaining his beautiful yard and gardens. He had a wealth of knowledge and love, that he shared unconditionally, as a caring husband, father and friend. It has been an honor to have known Fred and having him consider us as his friends. Fred will be missed but never forgotten.  
*Art & Marie Spinney*

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**Art & Marie Spinney** - February 09, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ Sally, I am so sorry for your loss. Fred was also so welcoming and friendly to both myself and Connor. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Kelly Wilson** - February 08, 2018 at 09:07 PM

NP

“ I had the pleasure of working with Fred at Ross Executive Education. I am so sorry to hear of his passing because he was a good friend. He was such a caring, friendly, considerate person who would help anyone when they needed it. I remember when he opened his home to our department & had the office picnic. What a beautiful home he had & everyone had so much fun. Fred will be missed by so many people.

Nancy Patterson - February 08, 2018 at 04:47 PM

JE

“ I have also worked with Fred at Ross Executive Education. Fred was always a very kind and gentle person and loved to share a joke or a story. He was one of the most admirable, honest, sincere people I've ever met. He had all of the gifts of the spirit in one package and I was so very glad to have known him.

Jean - February 08, 2018 at 03:20 PM

ME

“ Michigan Ross Executive Education purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Fredrick Bruce Olsen.



Michigan Ross Executive Education - February 08, 2018 at 03:09 PM

CW

“ On behalf of all of Fred's Slauson Junior and Ann Arbor High school classmates and friends, our sympathy to his family and friends! Always respectful and kind to everyone, Fred was a wonderful example decency!! We all miss you and thank you for being our friend!!!! Rest in peace our dear classmate!!! Charles Edward Winkelhaus

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**Charles E. Winkelhaus** - February 08, 2018 at 02:43 PM

TM

“ To Fred's family - I worked closely with Fred for 20 years at Comshare, where he quickly captured my admiration for his amazing creative skills, calm demeanor, thoughtfulness, and strong work ethic. He was a friend to all, and always saw the good in everyone. He left a huge imprint on my professional life, as well as served as a true role model in my personal life. I know the world is a smaller place without Fred's big spirit. I'm so sorry that he left us so early, and hope that your pain is eased a bit by the wonderful memories you carry of happy times together.

Terri Merte

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**Terri Merte** - February 08, 2018 at 02:22 PM

YF

“ Your ADI Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Fredrick Bruce Olsen.



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**Your ADI Family** - February 08, 2018 at 12:06 PM

TT

“ Teresa Mayra & Paggy Taylor purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Fredrick Bruce Olsen.



Teresa Mayra & Paggy Taylor - February 08, 2018 at 11:30 AM

SS

“ It was an honor to know Fred and work with him at Ross School Executive Education. He was creative, dedicated, hard-working, and always open to tackling a challenge or a problem that someone asked him to solve. My prayers are with him, and for strength for his entire family. May God bless him and keep him safe forever more.

Scott Shawcross - February 08, 2018 at 10:34 AM

BJ

“ I had the opportunity to work with Fred for five years at the Ross School of Business and what I remember most is his willingness to help with anything that I needed. Even after I left the department, I could call Fred to help me with graphic design and he'd drop what he was doing to help. I always felt we had a special bond as fellow Pioneer High School graduates. I've attached a couple pictures of Fred during one our team outings. My prayers go out to Fred and his family.

God Bless,  
Bryan



Bryan Johnson - February 08, 2018 at 09:47 AM

GP

“ Fred was one of the good ones. He helped blaze computer photography and documentation through the formative years of the industry, Worked tirelessly through many Comshare conferences under tough conditions, but always with a smile on his face. I am sorry to here about his passing. Condolences to his family.

Geoffrey Perry - February 08, 2018 at 09:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fredrick Bruce Olsen.



February 08, 2018 at 09:17 AM

JF

“ What a lovely man Fred was! We worked together in Executive Education at Ross for many years and Fred made every day better for contributing in so many ways to our work and our workplace. He always went above and beyond with a smile on his face.

*I loved hearing about the family barbecues, pool parties, game nights, and trips that Fred and Sally frequently hosted and he so enjoyed. He will be greatly missed by all of us fortunate to know him but our lives are richer for his impact. To Sally and the girls, I so hope your many sweet memories will sustain you during these sad days.*

*Judy Fry*

Judy Fry - February 08, 2018 at 08:54 AM

BB

“ *My sincere prayers for Fred's family.*

*Betsy Lovell Blackmon*

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**Betsy Lovell Blackmon** - February 08, 2018 at 07:14 AM

BA

“ *My condolences to Fred's family. I had the pleasure of knowing him thru His Wife Evie who I went to high school with, May they rest in peace together. Prayers go out to all of you.*

*Bonnie Phillips Attar  
Lombard, IL.*

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**Bonnie Phillips Attar** - February 07, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Fredrick Bruce Olsen.*



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February 07, 2018 at 08:26 PM

SM

“ *To Fred's Family,*

*Fred was a caring, thoughtful and creative individual. He will be missed and thought of often. My sincere condolences to all of you.*

*Suzanne Morrison*

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**Suzanne Morrison** - February 07, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Fredrick Bruce Olsen.*



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February 07, 2018 at 07:16 PM



“ *I'm sorry to hear of Fred's passing. I worked with Fred at Ross and he was truly a wonderful colleague who raised the bar for professionalism and warmth. He was truly a good soul, and I wish his family peace at this sad time. Paula Caproni*

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**Paula Capronio** - February 07, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ *Fred and I were classmates back at AAHS. We graduated in 1968 as the last class from the now Pioneer High School. Rest In Peace Fred. Hate to see another classmate is gone Prayers to his family and friends*

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**Ron Wenk** - February 07, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ *Becky and family i'm so sorry for the loss of your dad,I didn't know him well.My thoughts and prayers are being sent your way. Linda Fuller*

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**linda fuller** - February 07, 2018 at 04:29 PM

DS

“ To Sally and Fred's Family,

*The Olsen family home backed up to our neighborhood. We knew them well. We watched as Fred and his siblings grew up. They were a wonderful caring family.*

*It comes as no surprise that Fred was a family man and that he conducted himself in such a way that he would inspire others to do their best. We are saddened that Fred has passed away leaving his family much too prematurely.*

*Love and prayers,*

*Dick and Norma Sarns*

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**Dick & Norma Sarns** - February 07, 2018 at 04:16 PM

CR

“ *Sending my love and prayers to all of you, especially Amanda and Cara. Your father was a good man and I enjoyed working with him at the University. May he Rest In Peace.*



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**Corey Rippey** - February 07, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Fredrick Bruce Olsen.*



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February 07, 2018 at 03:31 PM

ME

“ Fred was such a great guy and I will miss him very much. I so enjoyed our game nights and talks about wildlife and photography. We shared a love of birds and butterflies and I always looked forward to hearing stories of visitors to his birdfeeders. It was an honor and privilege to have known him all these years.

*Thoughts and prayers to Sally, the kids and grandkids. I know you have many wonderful memories to comfort you in this sad time.*

*Mary Eisemann  
Saline*

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**Mary Eisemann** - February 07, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Fredrick Bruce Olsen.



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February 07, 2018 at 02:07 PM

JC

“ Sending positive thoughts to Amanda and the rest of the Olsen family during this difficult time.

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**JW Charles** - February 07, 2018 at 01:41 PM

JD

“ I was blessed to know Fred and will treasure memories of him from our long association as office-mates in Executive Education. He was a gentle, caring, and compassionate listener as I went through my husband's illness and passing. My heart goes out to Sally, the kids and grandkids as they grieve the loss of their very special loved one.

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**Judy Dooley** - February 07, 2018 at 01:36 PM

SE

“ Fred was a great guy. Anyone who knew him knows they were blessed to have him in their lives. He was such a generous and caring soul. We will miss his presence.



*May God Bless You, Fred.*

*Sandy Ellinger*

*former Comshare employee where I met Fred. He was a pleasure to work with!*

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**Sandy Ellinger** - February 07, 2018 at 01:29 PM

AP

“ Fred Olsen was one of the finest people I have ever known. I've known him as a co-worker and a friend for 30 years. He was so caring, generous, kind, and giving. His love for his family and commitment to their well being was central to his character. I'm sure he got annoyed with many unreasonable workplace requests but I never saw him angry or heard him say an unkind word about anyone. I always felt like I had to behave a little better when talking to Fred about work situations. I will miss him so much but will cherish the privilege of knowing a truly decent man. My sincere condolences to his entire family,

*Alice Peoples*

*Comshare and Ross Executive Education co-worker and friend*

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**Alice L Peoples** - February 07, 2018 at 01:25 PM

AG

“ Anita Guinn lit a candle in memory of Fredrick Bruce Olsen



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**Anita Guinn** - February 07, 2018 at 01:22 PM

AG

*My sympathy to Becky and family and friends of Mr. Olsen*

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**Anita Guinn** - February 07, 2018 at 01:25 PM

TM

“ Becky and family  
Sending our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. So sorry for your loss. Tom and Elaine Masters.

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**Tom and Elaine Masters** - February 07, 2018 at 01:20 PM

MS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. Max & Sue Supica*

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**Max & Sue Supica** - February 07, 2018 at 12:59 PM

DW

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**Doug Weber** - February 07, 2018 at 11:49 AM

KS

*Awe, what a sweet photo. Kathie Solstad-Koski*

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**Kathie Solstad-Koski** - February 07, 2018 at 04:04 PM

CH

“ *Fred Olsen was a beautiful man who loved and cherished his daughters. He shared his many talents freely, asking nothing in return but a warm thank you . He will be greatly missed but forever remembered.....*

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**Carol Hoeft** - February 07, 2018 at 07:11 AM