



## Virgil D. Olson

February 26, 1919 - July 31, 2012

Son of Norwegian immigrants, the late Anton J. Olson and Cornelia Mallum who resided in Charter Oak, Iowa; father of Roger D. Olson (Gail) of Okatie, SC, Sydney J. Olson of Alexandria, VA and Douglas R. Olson (Diana) of Eugene, OR; preceded in death by his seven brothers and sisters; grandfather of Holly of Eugene, OR and Douglas D. (Peggy Anne) of Chevy Chase, MD; great-grandfather of Jack and Thomas; will be missed by many more family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to The Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund, 715 Broadway St. Quantico, VA 22134.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil D. Olson*

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Col. Virgil D. Olson, USMC Retired, was honored with final Taps on Thursday afternoon, December 13, 2012, with full military honors at the Old Post Chapel at Fort Meyr followed by inurnment ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. The founding commanding officer of the Marine One Presidential Helicopter Squadron, based at Quantico, Va., was honored with a flyover of four rotor craft. Among those attending the ceremony were Col. Jed Faircloth, cuurent Marine One commander, and former commanding officers Col. Jerry Glavy, and retired Cols. Ron Berube and Steve Taylor and Gen. Bill White, also retired. Col. Olson was eulogized by Ms.. Jodie Butler, Ankney, Iowa; Sam Richardson, Moberly, Mo.; and LTC Garry Thornton, command chaplain at the USMC base at Quantico.*

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December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *The HMX-1 squadron and the troops of Marine Corps Base Quantico, with family and friends, gathered in the post chapel 500 strong Wednesday to salute Colonel Virgil Donovan Olson one last time. It was both a glorious and tearful 90 minutes. Col. John Faircloth, Ole's current successor as squadron commander, presided at the ceremony. Col. Faircloth called Ole a legendary aviator and icon of the Corps. As recently as July 14, Ole drove Sydney to Red Lobster for lunch. The Saturday before he died he insisted on driving his new motorized scooter down the hall of the skilled nursing facility where he had just moved, ordering me not to follow him. Little did we know he would get on the elevator and find his way out to the driveway to check out the weather. He declined swiftly after that excursion and died ever so peacefully in his sleep at 3:45 a.m., Tuesday, July 31.*

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August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I sure have great memories of our families laughing, eating, partying together in our younger days. I've missed Jean's great laugh and now I'll be thinking of Ole's great smile. I regret that I haven't seen Ole or the rest of the Olsons for such a long time. I'm thinking of you now. Take care. Patti*

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August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Sydney, I knew your father through the books that I wrote about Crawford County Iowa. He was a joy to visit with, such a kind man. You are in your prayers during this sad time.*

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August 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Roger, Gail, Sydney and Doug, Virgil was a great person and will be missed by all that loved him. May your memories of him and your love and respect for him give you peace and comfort. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Linda DuVall*

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August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM