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OLAF EMIL HALVORSEN, 76 of Sterling, Virginia passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, with his wife of 54 years, Rose Mary Halvorsen, by his side and holding his hand. Olaf was the best father anyone could hope for, and a caring husband who always put his family first before anything else in his life.

Eldest son of Olaf and Mary Halvorsen, little brother to his big sister Anne Marie and big brother to Mike, Gerard, Kathy, Kris and Ginny. Pop-pop to his amazing grandkids, Kailey, Dylan, Hunter and Logan, who he was so proud of and bragged about often. Olaf always had a story, and he wasn't afraid to tell them repeatedly and with the occasional embellishment.

Born September 20, 1949, in Chester, Pennsylvania, Olaf was the son of Olaf Emil Halvorsen II and Mary Halvorsen. Olaf was a Navy veteran who served on a Minesweeper during the Vietnam War. His expertise in electronics led him to a long and successful career in systems engineering with defense contractors and air traffic control systems.

He put himself through college at night school while working full-time and always being present for his family. He was admired by everyone who knew him and was often sought out by his work colleagues for his work ethic and engineering proficiency. Sports were always a big part of Olaf's life. Growing up he was a star baseball and football player-as he would tell you any chance he would get.

As an adult, he was active in his company's softball teams as their pitcher. And while never a speed demon on the bases, he did get the occasional hit. But his passion and real gift in sports was as a youth coach in baseball and soccer, a role which he enjoyed and excelled at for over 20 years.

Olaf was the coach every season for either Jason or Erik's Little League baseball team and also served as President of Lower Loudoun Little League. A position he held with pride for many years



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even after his kids had already graduated. One of Olaf's favorite pastimes was golf, an activity he enjoyed the most when it was with his sons and his father.

Some of his favorite memories were of summer vacations in Hilton Head with his parents and his family where they would golf every day and recount stories by night. Some of his golf accomplishments may have been exaggerated, but most of his bragging was about the amazing shots of his father and his sons.

Olaf leaves behind many to cherish his memory and tell his stories, including his wife, sons, daughter-in-law, sisters, brother, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. The family will receive guests for a memorial visitation from 12-1pm ET on Saturday, November 22nd at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Cir. SE Leesburg, VA 20175.

A celebration of Olaf Halvorsen's life will follow at 1pm ET. In lieu of flowers and in recognition of Olaf's service and support of our veterans, donations can be made in Olaf's honor to Gary Sinise Foundation (www.garysinisefoundation.org). Online condolences may be made to the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com



Events

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Memorial Visitation

- Saturday**, November 22, 2025
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET
- Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA 20175



Celebration of Life

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Michael Boswell posted:

I was on board the USS Illusive MSO-448 as a recommissioning crew with Ollie from 1971 to 1975. I was an Electronics tech in charge of my Sps-5 radar. I can't imagine this world without him and his pride in his work on board ship. He went golfing in the Philippines with another shipmate and while golfing the caddy looked up into the trees and took off running. Moments later a very large snake dropped on to the green and everyone ran! ET R3 M. Boswell

February 15 at 2:04 PM



Kelly Stillwell (Niece) posted:

You were the best Uncle always expressing how proud you were of me. It always meant something coming from you because of how admirable of a person you were. I looked forward to seeing you as a kid every family event and you never forgot a birthday or special accomplishment of mine. You sense of humor and bear hugs that felt so good will be missed immensely. I love you and will miss you.

November 22 at 8:03 AM



Ruth sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Halvorsen family.



November 19 at 6:02 AM



Virginia posted:

You were the best big brother!! I will miss asking for your advice, your Dad jokes, my yearly birthday card with three dollars in it and our monthly zoom calls. My grandkids thought it was so cool that your name was Olaf like the snowman in Frozen. Love and miss you every day!! Your baby sister

November 16 at 4:56 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Halvorsen family.



November 14 at 2:09 PM



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Kailey, Dylan, Hunter, Logan sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Halvorsen family.



November 13 at 12:57 PM



Kailey, Dylan, Hunter, Logan planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Olaf.



November 13 at 12:57 PM



Kathleen Poole posted:

What a wonderful big brother that i will miss. So proud of your strength and determination through this past year. We all live you.

November 8 at 11:11 AM



Kathleen Poole November 8 at 11:12 AM

Love you



Steve Souder, Faa Wjhtc posted:

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Olaf. He was a knowledgeable confidant, a passionate advocate, and a fierce friend to everyone at the Integration and Interoperability Facility at the FAA Tech Center in New Jersey. His dedication and warmth left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of working with him. Our thoughts are with Rose Mary and the entire family during this difficult time. May Olaf rest in peace, and may his legacy continue to inspire us.

October 27 at 9:45 AM



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Erik Halvorsen posted:

Love you Dad and will miss you always. I appreciate everything you did for me growing up. You were the best role model of what a father should be. You worked hard to provide for your family while going to night school for your degrees. But you always had time for Jason and I—Throwing the football or playing wiffle ball on the side yard or coaching one of our sports teams. For most things you said "Go ask your mother", but you were clear with us about how important character, honesty and effort was and that stayed with us as adults. Jason and I passed it on to our kids because of you. Will miss our conversations about football on Sundays and your fantasy football team strategy. Will miss your stories at the holidays but luckily I have heard them all so many times that I can recite them for others. I hope I made you proud. I know I will forever be proud to be your son. Love you and miss you Dad. Erik

October 25 at 2:05 PM



Johnston Family sent a Serene Retreat to the Halvorsen family.



October 25 at 7:59 AM



Johnston Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Olaf.



October 25 at 7:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Olaf by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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