



## Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson

July 2, 1949 - August 21, 2024

Robert Kenneth Olson  
1949-2024

Robert Kenneth Olson, 75 of Houston passed away August 21, 2024. Robert was born July 2, 1949, in Chicago, Illinois to Kenneth and Madeline Olson. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Luisa of 27 years of marriage. (Children) Doris, Travis and Darren, (Grandchildren) Michelle, Alex and Lleyton, (Siblings) Madeline, (nieces and nephews) Jeffrey and Carley.

Bob grew up in Chicago and graduated from Northern Illinois University and received a PhD in Geochemistry at Tulsa University. In his long exciting career, he lived in 5 continents and traveled to over 55 countries. Bob enjoyed golf, mentoring and teaching young geologists, and culinary arts. He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and attended their conferences throughout his career, even after retirement. He loved good food and great company. Bob will be most remembered for his big boisterous personality and intellect. Bob wanted to Make America Great Again.

A visitation beginning at 6:00PM and Rosary Service at 7:00PM will be held Tuesday August 27, 2024, at Dettling Funeral Home Funeral 14094 Memorial

Dr. Houston, TX 77079. Mass of Christian Burial will be the following morning Wednesday August 28, 2024, at 10:30AM at St. John Vianney Catholic Church 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail Houston, TX 77079 with reception to follow in St. Jude Hall. The family invites guest to attend burial at Woodlawn Cemetery following reception via police cortege.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Rosary

AUG 27. 7:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home  
14094 Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-2121  
david@dettlingfuneral.com

## Mass Of Christian Burial

AUG 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079  
(281) 497-1500

## Reception to Follow Service

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AUG 28. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney, St. Jude Hall  
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail  
Houston, TX 77079

## Graveside Service

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AUG 28. 1:00 PM (CT)

Woodlawn Cemetery  
1101 Antoine Dr  
Houston, TX 77055

# Tribute Wall

PG

“ I’ve known Bob since 1993. We’ve been friends throughout. Although he was one of the smartest people I’ve ever met, he was very unassuming and always kind. You will be missed old friend.



Phil and Griffin Gundy - August 28, 2024 at 06:01 PM

PG

“ Phil and Griffin Gundy purchased the Garden Bench - "Gone yet not forgotten..." for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.



Phil and Griffin Gundy - August 28, 2024 at 05:20 PM

PG

“ Phil and Griffin Gundy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.

Phil and Griffin Gundy - August 28, 2024 at 05:20 PM

EM

“ *Eunice M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.*

Eunice M. - August 27, 2024 at 02:51 PM

EO

“ *Ericka O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.*

Ericka O. - August 26, 2024 at 11:00 PM

YM

“ *You have my deepest sympathy. I worked with Bob at Amoco Research Center in Tulsa. He was a great guy.*

Yvonne Jefferson St Paul , Mn. - August 26, 2024 at 10:56 PM

FH

“ *Familia Alarcon - Pedro Haidee e Hijos purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.*



Familia Alarcon - Pedro Haidee e Hijos - August 26, 2024 at 06:07 PM

JS

“ *Judy & Bruce Smith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.*



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**Judy & Bruce Smith** - August 26, 2024 at 03:27 PM

MC

“ *Te vamos a extrañar mucho Tío Bob*



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**Melissa Contreras** - August 26, 2024 at 03:00 PM

MC

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Mario Armando Contreras** - August 26, 2024 at 02:22 PM

JC

“ *Julie, Mario, Mel and Albert Contreras purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.*

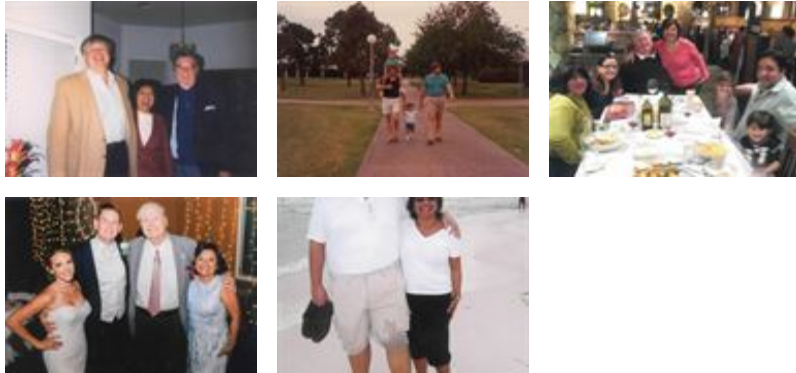


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**Julie, Mario, Mel and Albert Contreras** - August 26, 2024 at 01:49 PM



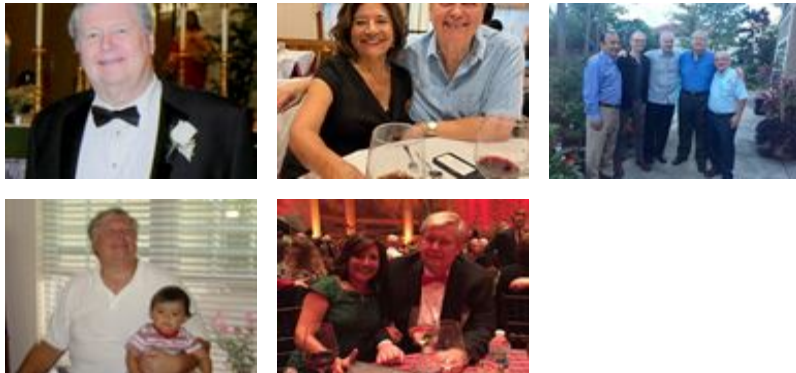
“ 42 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dettling Funeral Home - August 26, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ 118 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dettling Funeral Home - August 26, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Yolanda A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.

Yolanda A. - August 26, 2024 at 11:02 AM

DS

“ Doris S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.

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**Doris S.** - August 25, 2024 at 06:42 PM

TH

“Luisa and family: We are so sorry to hear about Bob’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I first met Bob in New Orleans during the early 80’s when he arrived as a “technology transfer agent” from Amoco’s research lab in Tulsa, OK. We were beginning to explore the deep water Gulf of Mexico and there was considerable risk in assessing the hydrocarbon and commercial potential. Bob brought insight and expertise to Amoco’s effort and helped assure management that the province was indeed oil bearing, source rocks were present, mature enough and deeply buried. When it was pointed out that the depths to the predicted source horizons were deeper than many salt floored mini-basins, he suggested looking below the salt or “sub-salt” as it is known today. This launched a whole new and different level of exploration that has born fruit across the industry. Later in the early 2000’s, Bob joined a small private oil and gas company as the Company Geochemist focused on identifying prospective basins and formations for horizontal drilling and completion. He helped to assess the hydrocarbon potential of all major oil and gas source rocks in North America. Additionally, he was a mentor and teacher to many young geologists and engineers that had never been exposed to petroleum geochemistry. His experience and knowledge prevented the firm from making numerous mistakes often fatal in the early stages

*of start-up companies. He kept the firm focused on the best plays and acreage for capital investment.  
Bob will be sorely missed by his friends, colleagues, and the industry he loved so much.  
With sympathy,  
Tom Harris*

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**Thomas G. Harris** - August 25, 2024 at 05:30 PM

MG

“ *Martin G. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.*



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**Martin G.** - August 25, 2024 at 04:38 PM

MG

“ *Martin G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.*

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**Martin G.** - August 25, 2024 at 04:38 PM

MG

“ *Martin G. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.*

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**Martin G.** - August 25, 2024 at 04:30 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.



August 25, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ Gunardi Sulistyo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.

**Gunardi Sulistyo** - August 25, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ Estela and David Bond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.

**Estela and David Bond** - August 25, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.



August 25, 2024 at 11:51 AM

EB

“ Erik Kvale and Angela Botzer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.

Erik Kvale and Angela Botzer - August 25, 2024 at 11:50 AM

EB

“ Erik Kvale and Angela Botzer purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.



Erik Kvale and Angela Botzer - August 25, 2024 at 11:50 AM

GL

“ Gretchen Alex and Lleyton purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.



Gretchen Alex and Lleyton - August 25, 2024 at 12:51 AM

VB

“ Valentina B. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.



Valentina B. - August 24, 2024 at 06:17 PM

JB

“ Joel B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.

Joel B. - August 24, 2024 at 06:08 PM

KS

“ Kim and Mike Sowder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.

Kim and Mike Sowder - August 24, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.



August 24, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.



August 24, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ Cab and Kelly Craig planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Bob" Kenneth Olson.

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**Cab and Kelly Craig** - August 24, 2024 at 02:14 PM