

Raymond A. 'Ray' Olson

Services for Raymond A. "Ray" Olson, 83, of Logansport, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday in Kroeger Funeral Home.

He died at 11:35 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2006, in Miller's Merry Manor.

Born Nov. 26, 1922, in Minneapolis, Minn., he was the son of Arthur O. and Jordina Olson. He was married on Dec. 5, 1942, in Minneapolis, to Elsie Larson, who survives.

Known for years as "The Ray of Sunshine," Ray retired as a radio announcer and chief engineer at WSAL Radio after a 40-year career. He had been with the station since 1949.

A former member of the Broadcasters Association, Ray traveled extensively with co-announcer Vic Tanguy to broadcast IU and Purdue games for WSAL. He also was the voice of Berries basketball and football games for the radio station. For years Ray delivered WSAL's "Noon News Notes" to area restaurants.

Ray was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in World War II.

He was a member of American Legion Post 60, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3790, Logansport Eagles and the Elks Lodge.

He enjoyed playing golf.

Also surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, John and Joni Olson, Brownstown; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Kevin Rose, Reno, Nev., and Linda and Steve Pearson, Logansport; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Sixteen brothers and sisters preceded in death.

The Rev. Keith Schreffler will officiate at the services. Burial, with full military honors, will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.