

Brown County native , KS

Robert Conrad Olsen, 94, of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Independence Village Fishers East in Fishers, Indiana. He was born February 23, 1928 in Hiawatha, KS, the son of Hans C. and Ruth L. (Ross) Olsen. Bob grew up on the family farm and shared many chores and fun times with his siblings, Claire, Vernon, and Doris.

Bob found his real passion to be designing and building electronic circuitry. He attended Kansas State University on an ROTC scholarship. His aptitude for electronic design and military connections led him to focus on radar and other surveillance equipment on military aircraft. Upon graduation, the military recognized his value and made him a civilian contractor with the Naval Avionic Facility in Indianapolis. Bob met Patricia Ann Wilkins at the All Souls Unitarian Church in Indianapolis. They were married there on October 1, 1961. Their son Doug Carl was born in 1962 and Anthony Conrad was born in 1964. We learned when we were adults that our initials AC/DC was partially due to dad's love of electronics. They were members of All souls for many years and served the church and community in many capacities. Bob's favorite task was serving on the sound system committee. It was a perfect match for his electronics knowledge.

Bob was very committed to his career and also to his family. The family went on many trips together to go skiing, sightseeing, and visiting extended family. He was interested in documenting these trips and so began his decades long passion to shoot home movies and take photos wherever he went. Bob's cheery disposition and love of humor endeared him to friends and family from young children to elders. He will always hold a place in our hearts and minds.

Bob is survived by his two sons, Douglas C. (Kathleen Cleary) Olsen and Anthony C. (Mary K. Mackey) Olsen; grandchildren, Kelsey, Ross, and Erika. He was preceded in death by his wife Patricia Ann Olsen; brothers, Claire Olsen and Vernon Olsen; and sister, Doris Eames.

A Celebration of Life will be held at All Souls Unitarian Church in Indianapolis on Saturday May 21, 2022. Time to be determined.

Leppert Mortuary – Nora Chapel, Indianapolis, Indiana assisting with arrangements. To share a memory or condolence, please visit www.leppertmortuary.com.