



## Charlie Olsen

February 12, 1926 - December 25, 2020

Charlie Olsen, 94, went home on December 25, 2020. A long time Villages resident and Blauvelt NY prior, Charlie was a WWII vet, self-taught harmonica player, avid golfer, and an all-around simple, fun, non-judgmental guy. He will always be remembered for his wit ("Popisms"), love of family, and ability to fix anything! He leaves behind his loving wife Louise of 71 years, 8 children and their spouses: Helen (John), Christina (Mark), Charles (Debbie), Virginia (Pat), Kenneth (Pia), Steven (Arlette), Edward (Jackie), Thomas (Vicki), 26 Grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Charlie was born in the Bronx on February 12, 1926. He retired after 26 years from Otis Elevator as a Mechanical Supervisor. Longtime friends recall his ability to pull out his harmonica and just start playing whether it was at a party, on a bus, in the subway or in the shopping mall. Among the many fond memories of Pop, his grandchildren recall him dressing up as Santa every Christmas and walking around the neighborhood singing carols. He had many tricks up his sleeve and was quick to baffle the grandkids with magic paper, blowing up his muscles with his thumb, along with teaching them all about the tools in his workshop and making things. When we smell machine oil, Listerine, or Stetson we will always think of Pop.

A private visitation will be held for family at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake. A Mass of Christian Burial w/ Military Honors will take place on

Thursday, December 31st at 8:30 am at St. Timothy Catholic Church in The Villages. He will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in Charlie's honor to Operation Homebound, a ministry of North Lake Presbyterian Church (352) 409-0562 w [www.northlakepc.org/ministries/operation-homebound](http://www.northlakepc.org/ministries/operation-homebound), St. Jude's Children's Hospital [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Olsens, Louise, Virginia, Pat etal,

*Charlie was a remarkable guy and you can know that he is with Our Lord, enjoying His warm, loving embrace. Learning of the passel of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD!!? WOW! Please know in your consolation that we are praying for him -- that he will look over you and serve as an ambassador for God to smile on ALL of you -- from Louise, all the way down to his GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD! God Bless Charles and God bless all of you!!*

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**Brian & Kate Clair** - December 29, 2020 at 12:31 AM