



Olen Glenn "Ollie" Runion

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Olen Glenn 'Ollie' Runion, 77, of Decatur, went to be with the angels at 5:31 am, Sunday, January 13, 2013 at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Ollie was born in Decatur on March 16, 1935 the son of Charles and Bessie (Austin) Runion. He built engines (racing) from the early 1970's to present and has always been a car/motor enthusiast. 'Ollie was the best engine builder in Decatur', per Butch Garner, Ollie's best friend. He was a race car driver from about 1955 to early 1970's winning many races at the local dirt tracks. Racing was his life. He was a member of Forsyth Baptist Church and an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan.

Ollie married Rebecca, who he called his baby doll, on Valentine's Day 1995. He was a kind hearted, easy going man who was respected and loved by everyone.

Surviving is his wife, Rebecca; son, Allen (Jan) Runion of Decatur; daughter, Debbie (Tim) Milhauser of Decatur; step-sons, William M. (Kerry) Dunn of Niceville, FL, and Rick Dunn of Decatur; step-daughter, Krystal (Chris) Lester of Arthur; grandchildren: Hilary, Colin, Ryan, Mimi (Jim), Isabella, Michael, Daniel, Tanner, Jakob, Carter, and Ricky. And brand new great grandson, Gus; sisters: Letha Hill and Alene Durbin.

Olen was preceded in death by his parents, beloved first wife, Ruby, brothers: Gerald, Mervin, Dale and Ivan; sisters, Dean Bracken and Elnora Stiles.

Services to celebrate his life will be 11 am, Thursday, January 17, 2013 in Forsyth Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm, Wednesday, January 16, 2013 in the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Forsyth Baptist Church.

The family wishes to thank the ICU south nurses at DMH for all their kindness and loving concern for Ollie and his family.

The family Olen Glenn 'Ollie' Runion is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. Share memories and send condolences to the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



Tribute Wall

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SG

Scott Glover posted:

WATCHING HIM AND ALAN ARE GOALIE AND HIS DAD WRENCHING KNUCKLE BUSTING IN HIS GARAGE NOBODY LIKE THEM CLASS ACTS OR ALAN FISH TAILING ON HIS KAWASAKI MAN WHAT A GAS

February 26 at 1:32 AM

SS

Steve Shreffler posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Olen Glenn "Ollie" Runion

August 20 at 5:31 AM

RR

Rebecca Runion posted:

My husband was one in a million I love him dearly and my heart aches in his absence I miss him so much. His wonderful smile every evening coming in the back door was soul lifting. He was and is the love of my life. He's been gone 10 months now and it still feels like yesterday. We had a wonderful 18 years I will always cherish. All of his friends and acquaintances that also thought he was wonderful can only imagine how wonderful a husband he was. One day closer to you baby!
Rebecca Runion

October 6 at 3:22 PM

DI

Denise Irwin posted:

So sorry for your loss, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Chuck and Denise Irwin

January 17 at 12:30 PM

JK

Joan David Kirkpatrick posted:

Send our deepest felt sympathy from the Melvin David Family. Joan David Kirkpatrick's and Carl David Families. The last time I saw Ollie, he was at his shop, enjoying his passion. Motors!!!! He did the heads on my Chrysler. What a great mechanic he was. My dad Melvin David would take Carl and I on a bike ride and we would end up sitting on the Charley Runion's front porch visiting. Time sure does fly..

January 17 at 9:24 AM



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JS

John And Shelly Scoggins posted:

So sorry to here of Ollie's passing. He was one of my favorite customers when I worked at Jan's East End Grill. Prayer's to his family!!!Shelly and John ScogginsKnoxville, TN

January 16 at 3:14 PM

BM

Brian Mclemore Sr. posted:

We will all miss the kindness,good hearted person that Ollie is. I will miss our Saturday morning breakfast at Steak n Shake. My family and I will miss a dear friend.May God be with the Runion family in their time of sorrow. Sincerley Brian and Ruth McLemore Sr. and family.

January 16 at 2:15 PM

TL

Tom Landers posted:

So sorry for your loss . He was one of the kindness and good hearted people a person could ever meet . Sincerley Bob an Tom Landers

January 16 at 11:48 AM

ND

Nichole Dunn posted:

he will truly be missed by many...such an amazing gentleman..rest in peace Ollie

January 15 at 6:50 PM

RH

Robyn Lea Hardy posted:

RIP Ollie you will forever be missed!

January 15 at 5:48 PM

LH

Lavelle Hunt posted:

Ollie was a great man, always very knowlegable, helpful and just pleasant to talk to. Glad to have had the chance to know him and proud to be acquainted with him and Allen.

January 15 at 2:43 PM



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GY

Greg Yadon posted:

A note to the family, it is with great regret I will not be able to attend the visitation or funeral service. I am having rotator cuff surgery on the day of the visitation. I am sorry to hear of your loss, Ollie will be greatly missed. He was always willing to help me anytime I had a question about a car. I have fond memories of living next door to him and spending time around the race car. May God bring all the family peace and strength now and in days ahead !! My condolences, Greg Yadon

January 15 at 2:36 PM

LH

Lavelle Hunt posted:

Sent a gift in memory of Olen Glenn "Ollie" Runion

January 15 at 2:34 PM

MT

Mark Trebacz posted:

Ollie did a lot of machine work for me back in the day, he always took time to answer any questions I had even though he was busy. He will missed...

January 15 at 1:12 PM

RJ

Robert Jeppson posted:

Ive known ollie since 1957. Ruby, normie, and rosealee.were 3 of the best people I have ever known. We lived in their old house in Macon. Since then I have visited ollie every chance I got. I will surely miss him.He did a lot of work for my sonRest in peace ollie. Bob Jeppson

January 15 at 12:09 PM

KL

Krystal Renae Lester posted:

Thanks Tim!!!

January 15 at 10:15 AM

RH

Robyn Lea Hardy posted:

Ollie will be missed by so many people, he never meet a stranger, he was a very nice man!

January 15 at 8:02 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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