



## Odell Leo Bratland

October 22, 1927 - September 19, 2023

Dateline: Chanhassen, MN

Odell Leo Bratland, age 95 of Chanhassen, and formerly of Spring Grove, MN passed away on Sept. 19, 2023 at St. Francis Regional Hospital in Shakopee, MN.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1927 in Wilmington Twp., rural Spring Grove to Albert and Hannah (Solberg) Bratland. He was a Spring Grove High School graduate, and served in the United States Navy.

He attended the Dunwoody Industrial Institute and graduated in Auto Mechanics and was employed by the Evenson Bros Chrysler-Plymouth Dealership Spring Grove. In 1953 he moved to Minneapolis where he worked for the Pentel Auto as an auto mechanic. On Feb. 20, 1954 Odell married Margie Esch. He was employed by the Dunwoody Industrial Institute where he taught Auto Mechanics. He joined their International Services Division in 1965 and went with the Dunwoody team of instructors to Sudan Africa as advisers to their government setting up a Senior Trade School in Khartoum under the help of U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). His wife Margie accompanied him to Khartoum, Sudan. He returned to United States in 1967 and was employed by the Chrysler Corp. as a Service Representative. In 1971 he went with Dunwoody Industrial Institute with their team for two years

under the World Bank as an adviser to the Korean Ministry of Education. Odell and his wife returned to the U.S. and he was employed by the Hennepin County Technical School in Eden Prairie, MN. as an instructor in Auto Mechanics. In January 1975 he was employed by the Arabian American Oil Company in Saudi Arabia where he worked in the Training Department as Assistant Superintendent in the Job Skills area.

Odell retired from Saudi Aramco in 1985 to their condo on Singer Island, FL where for 10 years he volunteered under AARP for seniors. He also prepared a volunteer program for the Area Agency on Aging, doing minor repairs for seniors in their homes. In his leisure time he enjoyed golfing. He was a member of the American Legion, the VFW and the Elks Club. In 2013 he and his wife returned to Minnesota. Odell loved Minnesota, proud to be Norwegian, and especially his home town of Spring Grove. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his brother and sisters-in-law, Kenneth (Gladys), Burnell (Louella), Roland (Ann), Glenn (Elvina), Vernon (Pauleen), and sister and brother-in-law, Harriet and Oberlin Newgaard, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spring Grove.

Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier will officiate.

Burial will be in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, with military rites provided by American Legion Post #249 of Spring Grove. Friends may call on Monday at the church from 9:30 a.m. until time of service. In his memory donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Spring Grove or St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

Roble Funeral of Spring Grove is assisting the family with arrangements.



# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

Hwy 44  
Spring Grove, MN 55974

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 25. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
203 E. Main St.  
Spring Grove, MN 55974  
trinity@springgrove.coop

## Service

SEP 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bratland was one of my favorite vo tech instructors. He was smart as a whip and pushed me to think farther and try harder. He was a man of great character. I miss his 59 Chrysler!*  
*Marlowe Peterson*

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**Marlowe Peterson** - November 03, 2024 at 09:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Odell Leo Bratland.*



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September 22, 2023 at 02:33 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Odell Leo Bratland.*



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September 22, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Odell Leo Bratland.*

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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Odell Leo Bratland.



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September 22, 2023 at 12:17 PM