

Albert Peter Olson II

Died: March 2, 2005

Biff lost an 18-month battle with cancer on Wednesday morning, March 2, 2005. He was 66 years old. He was a native of Omaha, Nebraska, growing up there and returning to that city to practice medicine for many years before he died.

Biff went to Omaha Central High School, where he was on the student council and in the National Honor Society.

His daughter Susie Pellett, Class of 1987, delivered a eulogy at a memorial service after Biff's death, spotlighting his athletic talents in high school during the mid-1950's. At Central, Susie said, her Dad "was a standout in golf, basketball and especially baseball. He was a star pitcher who went on to play semi-pro ball for the Budweiser Team," and "was referred to in the Omaha sports pages as 'the Budweiser Ace.' "

"Dartmouth College broadened his perspectives and enlarged his special circle of friends that would mean so much to him throughout his life," Susie eulogized. Biff majored in Economics and was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, becoming its vice-president. He played baseball his freshman year.

Biff's ties to Omaha were strong indeed. The author, a classmate and fraternity brother of his, remembers once driving with Biff and fellow classmate Tom Allen, and one other mindless soul — in the course of one long weekend — from Hanover to Omaha and back, just to touch bases there. No reason, just to see if it could be done.

After Dartmouth, Biff got his M.D. degree from the University of Nebraska, and his specialized training in ear, nose, and throat (ENT) medicine at the University of Wisconsin. He served for two years thereafter as a medical corps major in the Ear, Nose & Throat Department at the Army General Hospital in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Biff then returned to Omaha to enter private practice, specializing in ENT medicine from 1974 for the next 30 years, until he became ill.

In her eulogy, his daughter Susie said "he was kindhearted, comforting and skilled," and "had a great manner with people. That's what I think people will remember."

Biff enjoyed bird hunting, model railroading, and fishing with his grandchildren. "Life has been good," Biff wrote for the 25th Reunion Yearbook

in 1986. Susie echoed those sentiments in her eulogy. “Dad always expressed a cheerful confidence that life would bring great things. It did,” she said.

Biff had two daughters, Susie, and Nancy.