

**Family**

Son: Edwin, Jr.  
 Daughters: Cindy Sparbanie  
 and Jennifer Verdoni  
 Grandchildren: 7



**Eddie OLSON, Sr.**

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**Proudest Achievements**

- Becoming a Board Certified Pedorthics at 42 years.
- I went back to Ball State University.
- I am still very active in my business.



**Career / Post High School Education / Military Service**

*Career:* Certified Pedorthist, Olson's Shoe & Pedorthic Service—Self-employed full-time  
*Post HS Education:* Ball State University, Pedorthics  
*Military Service:* U.S. Air Force, 1959-1964, attaining rank of Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class (E-4)

**Travel**

I was in the Air Force for 4 years lived at Roswell, NM. I settled down in my home town of Manhattan.

**Hobbies / Interests / Sports / Volunteer**

*Sports:* Bike riding  
*Hobbies & Interests:* Fishing  
*Volunteer:* Still volunteer for the Boy Scouts



**Town Memories**

- Worked for Farrell's Sinclair Gas Station
- Rode my Schwinn bike around town, Aggieville and to school
- Hunted with my Dad and Uncle
- Built my own hotrod with Ellis Simon and raced up and down Poyntz.
- Met my wife at Teen Town in 1958. We've been married since 1962. We work together with our son Edwin in our shoe store in Aggieville.

*From www.olsonsshoes.com:* In the late 1800s, Peter Olson opened Olson's Shoe Repair at 224 Poyntz. The business passed to Peter's son Samuel in 1913, the latter starting The Electric Shoe Co., owning stores in Aggieville and downtown. Samuel's son Clyde next ran the store until his health failed. His son Eddie Olson Sr., current owner of Olson's Shoe Service, ran the shop from 1964-84. In 1984, the Service moved to its present location, 1214-B Moro. Eddie's son, Edwin Jr., does the shoe repair work, continuing the 5-generation family tradition.