

## Deaths

### Bernard Lager

Bernard (Lucky) Lager, 51, 4831 Wesley Drive, died at his home Saturday morning of cancer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. The Rev. Mark Doyle will officiate. Burial will be in Pioneer Cemetery, town of Saratoga. Military rites will be accorded by Buckley-Baldwin Post 2344, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Lager was born June 25, 1930, in Wabasha, Minn., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lager. He married Janice Norton Sept. 26, 1956. She died Aug. 17, 1971. He married Marie Marcek Nov. 29, 1980.

He served in the Air Force from 1948 to 1950 and joined the Army in 1952. His tours of duty included Guam, Japan, two Jims, Hawaii and Germany. He was with the Army Security Agency and spent 2½ years as fire control platoon sergeant for a Nike-Ajax guided missile battery in Haines Corners.

In June 1969, he was assigned as station commander of the Army recruiting station in Wisconsin Rapids. In March 1968, he went to Vietnam for one year as a flight operations specialist before resuming recruiting duties. He retired from military service in August 1970. He received the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service in the Republic of Vietnam from March 1968 to March 1969.

Lager owned Lucky Lager's Tavern here since July 1971. He was a Boy Scouts cubmaster of Pack 179 for seven years and helped form the Wisconsin Rapids Independent Baseball League, in which he coached for 11 years.

He was a 20-year member and past commander of the VFW and a member of the American Legion since 1953. He was a Wisconsin Rapids Twins director for two years and a bowling league secretary.

Survivors include his wife, four sons, Gary, Lawrence and Michael, all at home, and Bernard, Port Edwards; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Dick and Mary Lager, both of Wabasha; and three brothers, Edward and Harry, both of Wabasha and Leo, Rochester, Minn. He also was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, one brother and one son.

Friends may call at Wilkinson Mortuary from 4 p.m. today until time of services Tuesday. A general funeral service will be at 7 p.m. today.



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