Theodore "Ted" James Lager, 68, of Gilman died July 4, 2016, surrounded by his family, after a recent battle with leukemia.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, July 8, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home in Newton. Memorials to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society may be left at the funeral home. If mailing, please add "Attn: Lager Family" to the envelope.

A Celebration of Life and military rites will be held at a later date.

Ted was born April 5, 1948, in Maryville, Mo., and raised in Clyde, Mo., on the family farm. He graduated from Jefferson C-123 in Conception, Mo. He served his country in the U.S. Navy, then later worked for Union Pacific Railroad for 23 years, based out of Boone. After he retired, he spent time camping with his wife, spending time with his grandkids, and working on his cars, and recently vacationed in Yuma, Ariz., with his wife and siblings. Ted enjoyed his Mustangs and fast cars, searching for unique rocks, and time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Joy Lager of Gilman; two sons, Jody Lager and Travis Lager; two step-daughters, Karen Kennedy and Kim Routon; 13 grandchildren; and siblings Mary, Jerome, Judy, Virginia, Joan, Gary, Donna, Tom, Louis, Juanita, Lucretia, and Jim; as well as many other relations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vincent and Anna Wiederholt Lager, and three brothers: Vincent, John, and Don.