Adrian J. Gaard

Adrian J. Gaard, 64, of Austin, Minn.,
died suddenly on his birthday Friday,

A funeral service will be held Satu-
day, Sept. 22, at Oakland Lutheran
Church, Oakland, Minn., with the Rev.
Peter Soli officiating. Interment will
be in Oakland Cemetery. Visitation
will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at
Bayview-Freeborn Funeral Home and
one hour prior to the service at the
church. The guest book may be signed
by going to www.bayviewfuneral.com.
Memorials may be made to Oakland
Lutheran Church, Oakland, Minn., or
to Oakland Lutheran Cemetery in lieu
of flowers.

He was born Sept. 14, 1943, in Naevæe
Hospital in Albert Lea, Minn., the son
of Marvin and Lorraine Clausen Gaard.
He lived with his parents near Thomp-
son, Iowa, where he started school.
The family moved to a farm near Oak-
land, Minn., in 1952, where he grew up
and spent most of his adult life around
Albert Lea and Austin, Minn., He
graduated from Albert Lea High High
School in 1961, then attended Austin
Community College and Winona State
University. He was a member of the
Albert Lea National Guard from 1966
to 1973. He was married to Freda Gari
in 1968 and they were the parents of
two children, Lisa and Jason. In 1992
he was married to Donna Nybo. He
enjoyed cars and owned several, and
was employed with several automo-
bile dealerships. He also enjoyed farm-
ing and had hosted an old plowing
exhibition at his farm near Austin. He
was farming with his parents at the
time of his death.

He is survived by his parents, Marvin
and Lorraine Gaard of Albert Lea; two
brothers, Sheldon Gaard of Camden,
Maine, and Lamoyne Gaard of Grinn-
ell; one daughter Lisa and one son
Jason, both of Albert Lea, and five
grandchildren.