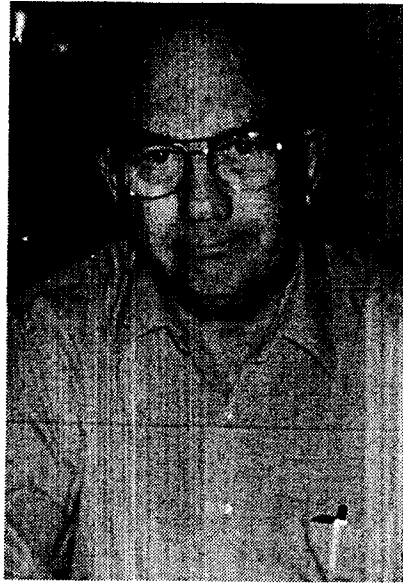


Adrian J. Gaard



Adrian J. Gaard, 64, of Austin, Minn., died suddenly on his birthday Friday, Sept. 14, 2007, in Austin.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, 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 Naeve Hospital in Albert Lea, Minn., the son of Marvin and Lorraine Clausen Gaard. He lived with his parents near Thompson, Iowa, where he started school. The family moved to a farm near Oakland, 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 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 automobile dealerships. He also enjoyed farming, 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 Grinnell; one daughter Lisa and one son Jason, both of Albert Lea, and five grandchildren.

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