



Richard "Dick" L. Bergman

July 12, 1936 - November 29, 2023

Richard L. Bergman, 87 year old formerly of Brainerd, recently moved back to Anoka to be closer to family passed away at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN on November 29, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, December 11, 2023 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Anoka, MN. A visitation will be held from 10-11 A.M. on Monday, December 11, 2023 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Anoka, MN. Caring for Richard and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Dick was born on July 12, 1936 in Minneapolis, MN to the late Luther and Luella (Ford) Bergman and grew up in Minneapolis, MN. He attended the University of Minnesota and played hockey there. He met the love of his life Gerri Anderson in 1954. Their first date was graduation night. They married on November 26, 1955. He was in the National Guard for about 8 years. Dick worked at Dale Tile for 21 years before starting his own business Bergman Builders, building and remodeling houses. He also built the Nisswa Community Center. Dick loved fishing, hunting, card club, volunteering for the Nisswa Lions, collecting antique fishing rods & lures. He loved auctions and garage sales and spending time with family and friends. Dick received many awards from the Lions Club including the Helen Keller Award. Dick and his family were involved with the Two Rivers Boat Club for many years and have fond memories of camping, boating, water shows and developed another family of lifelong friends. Dick had a strong faith and loved his family deeply.

He was so proud of his Children, Grand Children and Great-Grandchildren.

Dick was preceded in death by parents, Luella and Luther Bergman; stepmother, Gen Bergman; brothers, Robert (Bob) and Charles (Chuck) Bergman and great-granddaughter, Vera Bernstein..

Richard is survived by wife, Gerri Bergman of Anoka, MN; children, Randy Bergman of Burnsville, MN, Debbie (Stan) Milbrath of Maple Grove, MN, Becky (Mark) Neuschwander of Stanchfield, MN, Sue (Bill) Linqvist of Anoka, MN and Jodi (Terry) Nelson of Little Falls, MN; sister, Marilyn (Don) Herman of Zimmerman, MN; grandchildren, Travis (Sheila), Jennifer (Fernando), Jamie (Brent), Jacki, Josh (Kayla), Dustin (Maddie), Catie (Scott), Chloe (Zach) and Wyatt; and 12 great-grandchildren with one on the way.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stephen's Catholic Church - Anoka
525 Jackson Street
Anoka, MN 55303

Funeral Mass

DEC 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard "Dick" L. Bergman*



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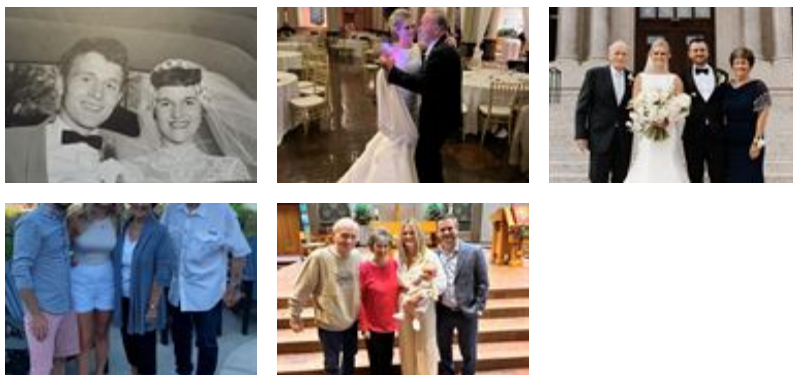
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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" L. Bergman.*



December 05, 2023 at 10:49 AM



“ *As a former classmate from Patrick Henry high school, I remember Richard and Gerry and wish to express my sympathy on Richard's passing. My condolences to Gerry and may your memories of good times ease the pain of grief.*

Floyd B Scott - December 04, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Jodi/Terry and Families so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace. God Bless you all.*



Debbie M Jelinski-Harakel - December 03, 2023 at 06:33 PM



So very sorry for your loss. I have known Dick since St. Bridget days.He was in a religion class of mine. It might have been confirmation.He was a great guy,so glad you have your nice family to be there for you. Mary Rice

mary rice - December 05, 2023 at 02:55 PM

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“ Light the Lamp

Richard “Dick” Bergman was a huge MN Wild and a hockey fan in general. He once said he’d raise enough kids to make a hockey team. He did, but 4 out of 5 kids were girls and they came from a generation prior to women’s hockey becoming common.

Outside of hockey, Dick was a successful carpenter, builder, and businessman. A favorite thing for a hockey scorer is to “light the lamp” which is lingo for putting the puck in the net. When it came to his work and raising a wonderful family, he did that and more.

During his last year on earth, Dick would regale me with plenty of stories from his days on the U of M hockey team, the football team, the players there and other non-sports experiences. How many remember Bronko Nagurski? He did and I was spellbound to be sure.

I know Dick always wanted to see his favorite team, the Wild, win the cup. That didn’t happen. I assure you that when they finally do, look at the fine print in the box score and see: “Richard Bergman: 1 goal and 1 assist”. Dick could always “light the lamp” and he did it his way.

Stanley Milbrath - December 03, 2023 at 04:53 PM

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“ Uncle Dick was not quiet, not boisterous but just right as you know when he spoke, he had something worth saying. I remember holidays when we'd gather at Uncle Dick and Aunt Gerri's home with all the uncles, aunts and cousins and watch family home movies and laugh. Here's to the good ol' days, being with family and gathering in love. My thoughts to you my beautiful Aunt Gerri. To Randy, Debbie, Becky, Sue and Jodi and all your spouses and families. The loss of your patriarch is hard felt. May you feel Dicks never ending love through Gods grace. ❤️ Gina

Gina Hohbein - December 02, 2023 at 06:51 PM