

Bernard Laufenberg

Alma Center, WI

Bernard Laufenberg, 83, of Alma Center, WI, passed away Wednesday, January 08, 2014, at Black River Memorial Hospital, Black River Falls, while under the care of Black River Memorial Hospice. He was born on November 15, 1930 in Alma Center, to Godfrey and Octavia (Ruth) Laufenberg.

Bernard was united in marriage to Dorothy Mayer, daughter of Tony and Georgia (Gillis) Mayer, on August 25, 1951, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Fairview, WI.

He farmed for many years in the South Alma area, did some custom work, and cut pulp wood.

Bernard was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a Knight of Columbus member since 1958. He was on the church board and a trustee, also the sexton of St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Coop director, and was a member of a bowling team.

Bernard and Dorothy moved into Alma Center in 1990.

He enjoyed playing cards, going to the Casino, telling jokes, going on trips and teasing his offspring.

Bernard is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy, children, Cathy Abendroth of Holmen, WI, Michael (Debbie) Laufenberg of Hixton, WI, James (Beth) Laufenberg of Black River Falls, WI, Bernard (Patricia) Laufenberg of Hixton, Peter (Jo Ann) Laufenberg of Alma Center, Caroline (Allen) Simonson of Humbird, WI, Theresa (Randy) Gilmour of Warrens, WI, Anne (John) Oliver of Alma Center, David (Tara) Laufenberg of Alma Center, Duane (Pam) Laufenberg of Alma Center, Mary (Eric) Frazee of Fairchild, WI, George (Tia) Laufenberg of Hixton, Nicole Laufenberg of Rosedale, IN; 30 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; brothers, John and Ronald Laufenberg; sisters, Teresa (Bruce) Spiegel, Ruth (Harland) Viner, Louise (David) Stephenson; sister-in-law, Sue Laufenberg; other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rose; granddaughter, Kari; parents, Godfrey and Octavia; both grandparents; brother, Edward; sister, Dorothy; son-in-law, John Abendroth; sister-in-law, Helen; nephews, Paul and David; nieces, Miranda and Maryann.

A Mass of Christianson Burial will be held Saturday, January 11, 2014, 1:30 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Alma Center, WI. Father Emmanuel Famiyeh will be officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Alma Center.

Family and friends are invited for visitation Friday, January 10, 2014, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., with a rosary beginning at 5:45 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Family and friends are also invited for visitation, Saturday, from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the mass at the church.

Memorials may be given to Black River Falls Memorial Hospice.

Jensen-Modjeski Funeral Home of Hixton is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences are available at www.jensenmodjeskifuneralhome.com.