

Palmer Gordon Bergner Jr. was born on March 17, 1939, in Starbuck, MN to Esther (Stahl) and Palmer Bergner Sr. He was baptized at East Moe and confirmed at Carlos Lutheran Church. Palmer graduated the class of 1957, from Central High School in Alexandria. He spent four years in the U.S. Air Force.

On November 21, 1964, he was united in marriage to Jalaine Zaviska at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Alexandria. To this union the couple was blessed with two sons and two daughters. Palmer enjoyed vegetable gardening, planting flowers, doing yard work, feeding the birds, fishing, music, playing cards, especially liking sports and playing in the Resorters and baseball. He worked at Alexandria Concrete and Alexandria Light and Power for years and then as an Insurance Adjuster for Red Wing, Fergus Falls and Dakota areas.

Palmer died on Monday, January 1, 2018, at Knute Nelson at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife, Jalaine Bergner of Alexandria; sons, Jeff (Jennifer) Bergner of Valley City, ND, Scott Bergner of Alexandria; daughters, Paula Bergner of Alexandria and Shelly (Ron) Nelson of Alexandria; grandchildren, Jason Winge, Kaityln Bergner, Shayla, Britton and Drayven Nelson; brothers, Charles (Jeanne) Bergner of Red Wing, James (Debra) Bergner of Olathe, KS; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Palmer was preceded in death by his parents, Palmer and Esther; and sister-in-law, Sandy Bergner.

*In Memory of*  
**Palmer G. Bergner Jr.**

March 17, 1939



January 1, 2018

**Funeral Service**

Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Thursday, January 4, 2018  
11:00 AM



**Officiant**

Reverend Kari van Wakeren

**Musician**

Kim Byrne

**Music**

Precious Lord Take My Hand  
Swing Low Sweet Chariot  
On Eagles Wings  
Precious Memories

**Casket Bearers**

Wade Bergner  
Jason Winge  
Julie Wilke

David Kroupa  
Brandy Bergner  
Kaitlyn Bergner

**Military Honors**

American Legion Post 87  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 936  
Flag folded by brother, Jim Bergner

**Interment**

White Garden Cemetery  
La Grande Township, Douglas County, MN



***I'm Free***

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,*

*To laugh, to love, to work, to play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,*

*I've found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,*

*Then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,*

*Ah yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,*

*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My Life's been full, I savoured much,*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,*

*Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,*

*God wanted me now, He set me free.*