

Charles A. Silbernagel, age 92 of Dent, MN, passed away on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at the Cambridge Medical Center in Cambridge, MN.

Charles was born on May 25, 1932 to Paul and Gertrude (Lederman) Silbernagel in Perham, MN. He attended school in the Dent area and joined the United States Army in 1952, and served until 1954.

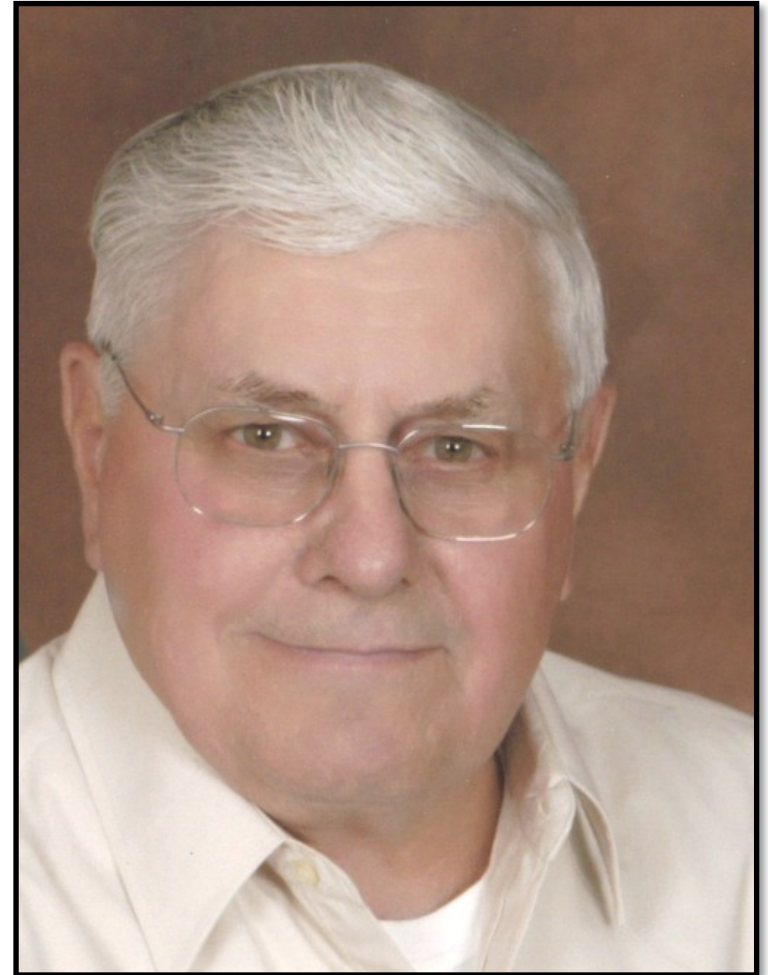
On June 21, 1955, Charles was united in marriage to Arleen Sazama in Perham. Together they had four children, Debra, Gary, Dale, and Nancy.

Charles' career was spent working 30 years as a railroad switch operator, starting with Great Northern and retiring with Burlington Northern. He enjoyed life by the lake and enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and riding his John Deere mower. Most of all, his favorite times were those spent with family.

Surviving Charles are his children, Debra Schultz, Gary (Kimberly) Silbernagel, Dale (Merri) Silbernagel, and Nancy (Mark) Pederson; his grandchildren, Gary Silbernagel Jr., Joe Silbernagel, John Schattschneider Jr., Erik Silbernagel, Mark Pederson Jr., Michael Pederson, Adam Pederson, Tonya Japor, Shauna Silbernagel, Holli Schattschneider, Charissa McGriff, and Bethany Zinken; several great grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his wife and best friend of 58 years, Arleen; his parents, Paul and Gertrude Silbernagel; and all of his brothers and sisters; and son-in-law, Mike Schultz.

In Loving
M E M O R Y



Charles Adam Silbernagel
May 25, 1932 - November 19, 2024

Funeral Mass

Monday, November 25, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Dent, Minnesota

Officiant

Father Tom Skaja

Musicians

Sacred Heart Choir

Diana Porath

Casket Bearers

Erik Silbernagel - Gary Silbernagel Jr.

Joe Silbernagel - John Schattschneider Jr.

Adam Pederson - Mark Jr. Pederson

Michael Pederson

Honorary Casket Bearers

Shauna Silbernagel - Holli Schattschneider

Tonya Japor - Charissa McGriff

Bethany Zinken

Interment

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Dent, Minnesota

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it:

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me,"



The Lord replied, "My son, my precious child, I LOVE YOU and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints.

It was then that I carried you."