

LaVern V. Steinke

LaVern V. Steinke, 76, 13674 93rd Ave., Chippewa Falls, town of Eagle Point, died Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Cornell Area Care Center in Cornell after a long struggle with Alzheimer's.



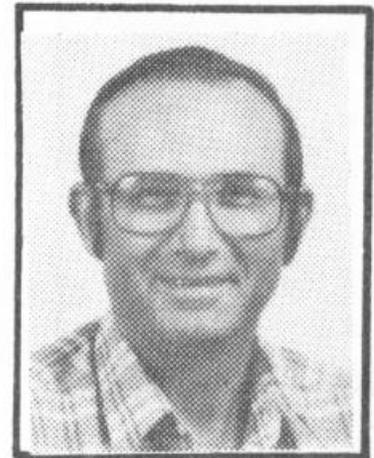
He was born March 11, 1934 in Mondovi to Erna (Banks) and Victor Steinke. He graduated from Mondovi High School in 1952.

LaVern married Phyllis L. Strehlau on April 28, 1956 at St. Katherine's Lutheran Church in Menomonie.

He served in the U.S. Army at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, San Antonio, Texas and also served in the National Guard getting called up to Ft. Lewis, Wash. during the Berlin Crisis in 1961.

LaVern was employed at Peter's Meats in Chippewa Falls, Armour's in Eau Claire, Eau Claire Technical College and then worked as a salesman at Weigand Ford Sales in Chippewa Falls for many years. He was a hunter and a fisherman who took fishing trips to Canada with his brother-in-law, Gordon Strehlau and nephew, Duane Patridge. He loved to dance, watch the Packers and travel.

Survivors include: his wife, Phyllis; proud father of four children, Deborah Falch of Eau Claire, Darlene (Mike) Champeau of Owatonna, Minn., Michael (Geri) Steinke of Chippewa Falls, Patricia (Dave Gensing) Steinke of Eau Claire; seven granddaughters who were the joy of his life, Lisa (Dave) Mihm of Eau Claire, Kelly (Jimmy) Harbal, Stacy Champeau all of Owatonna, Minn., Krista and Kayla Williams of Eau Claire, Nicole and Ashley Steinke of Chippewa Falls; two great-granddaughters, Bevin and Adria Mihm of Eau Claire; four sisters, Lois (Larry) Sobyak of DeForest, Marlene Rud, Kathie Steinke



both of Eau Claire, Elaine (Don) Miller of Chippewa Falls; he is also survived by brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Arnold and Mary Strehlau, Ervin and Bernadine Strehlau, Gordon and Sharon Strehlau; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Bert and Eva Strehlau; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Virginia and Pat Philen Sr.; niece, Connie Hillsgrove and a nephew, Pat Philen Jr.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, May 3 at Central Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls with Rev. Rick Hoyme officiating. Interment will be in Lake View Cemetery in Eau Claire.

Friends may call from 4-7 p.m., Sunday, May 2 at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel in Chippewa Falls and one hour prior to the service, Monday, at the church.

Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel, Chippewa Falls is serving the family.

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