

Darrell D. Sternberg, 57

June 5, 1940 - Dec. 12, 1997

OMAHA - Darrell D. Sternberg was born June 5, 1940 in Carroll, to Neil and Helen (Blum) Sternberg. He was baptized at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Audubon. He received his First Communion and was confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. He graduated in 1959 from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth.



Feb. 10, 1962, he married Gladys Erlbacher at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Defiance. To this union one child was born. Darrell was a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Omaha. He was active in the men's club at St. Joan of Arc, helped with their spaghetti dinners, sausage festivals and Christmas dinners and was active in their volleyball, bowling, softball and golf leagues. He was a coach for his son's little league basketball and baseball teams and was a Boy Scout leader. He was a member of Benson V.F.W. Post 2503. Darrell was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March of 1996. He died Dec. 12, 1997, at Bishop Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, at age 57 years, six months and seven days.

He worked in Omaha until he enlisted in the Air Force in 1961. During his years in the Air Force, they lived in Oklahoma, London, England and Michigan. While he was stationed in Vietnam, Gladys lived with their parents. When he returned to the states, they lived in Arkansas until he was honorably discharged in April, 1969. They settled in Omaha. He was a body and fender man for Atchley Ford when he died.

He was preceded in death by his mother. He is survived by Gladys, his wife of 35 years; one son, Jeff (Joyce) Sternberg of Omaha; his father, Neil Sternberg of Portsmouth; two brothers, David (Rose) Sternberg of Shelby; Neil Sternberg, Jr. of Mo. Valley; one sister, Sandy (Bob) Mraule of California; his mother and father-in-law, Irene and Jake Erlbacher, and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Dec. 15, 1997, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Omaha with Rev. Emmett F. Meyer celebrant and Rev. Paul Bianchi concelebrant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Omaha, with Rick Robino, Tom Tvrdik, Dennis Mihelich, Jack Roggenbach, Nick Colanino, Sam Campagna, Jerry Herold and Bob Lodes casket bearers. Full graveside military honors were provided by Benson V.F.W. Post 2503. Heafey, Heafey, Hoffmann, Dworak, Cutler, West Center Chapel in charge of arrangements.