

## Lester Vanvig

Lester Vanvig, 82, Bemidji, MN, formerly of Grand Forks, ND, died Saturday, February 15, 2003, in Altru Hospital, Grand Forks.



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Lester Vanvig was born May 25, 1920 the son of Sievert and Martha (Veikamoen) Vanvig, in a sod house in Ranger, ND. His family moved to Sentinel Butte, ND, where he graduated from Golva (ND) High School. He attended Dickinson State College before entering the Army in February 1941. He served in the Pacific Theater until his discharge in September 1945. He returned to North Dakota and farmed with his brothers near Beach while attending Montana State University. He married Jacquelyn Mae Krenz on November 22, 1953 in Tolley, ND. They moved in 1960 to Grand Forks, where he began working as sales manager for Lockwood Graders. Jacquelyn preceded him in death on July 25, 1985. He married Dagny Haugen on October 8, 1966 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Grand Forks. In 1976 he opened V&V Sales, retiring in 1985. In 1997 Dagny and he moved to Lake Movil near Bemidji. Son of Norwegian immigrants, Lester enjoyed life on the farm, and returned to farming after retirement. Lester and Dagny blended their children into one large, loving family. He and Dagny have greatly enjoyed their last few years on the lake. His sense of humor and smile will be missed by all.

He is survived by his wife and children, Greg Haugen, Sioux Falls, SD, Susan (Tom) Ellenbecker, Orr, MN, Mark (Nancy) Haugen, Bemidji, MN, John (Jane) Vanvig, Sheridan, WY, Sandra Vanvig (Bruce Stowe), Fort Townsend, WA, Todd (Danelle) Haugen, Bemidji, MN, Elizabeth (Kevin) Thorie, Boyceville, WI, Anne (Jeff) Compton, Grand Forks, ND and James Vanvig (Rene Parenteau), Minnetonka, MN; 7 grandchildren; sisters, Gudrun (Bob) Hensley, Townsend, MT, Minnie Vanvig, Grafton, ND and Solveig Josephson, Washburn, ND; a brother, Andrew (Connie) Vanvig, Laramie, WY. He was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas.

**Memorial services:** 1:00 p.m. Friday in Gregory J. Norman Funeral Chapel, S. Washington St., Grand Forks, ND.

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**Military Honors:** Performed by members of the American Legion Post 157 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3817.