

## **CARL HERMAN BEYER**

Carl Herman Beyer, 80, passed away at Spring Meadows on August 25, 2007 after a long, courageous battle with a progressive illness. He was born March 9, 1927 in Eldridge, North Dakota to Edwin Beyer and Minnie Schultz. Carl grew up in Jamestown North Dakota and graduated from Jamestown High School.

After serving time in the Navy, Carl married Gladys V. Nording on July 13, 1952. The couple moved to Bozeman in 1954, and Carl began a career installing carpet. In 1958 Carl and Gladys opened Serv-Ur-Self Furniture, now known as Bozeman Furniture. He owned and operated the store for 32 years before retiring in 1992, turning the business over to his son John Beyer. Carl respected his customers and many became his long-time friends.

Carl was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, the Algeria Shriners, the American Legion, and the B.P.O.E. Elks #463 of Bozeman Montana. He served as Exalted Ruler of #463 from 1971-1972, and as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Montana Central District from 1978-1979. Carl was one of seven members to sit on the planning and design committee for the construction of the Elks Lodge in 1973-1974. He was selected Elk of the Year 1986-1987. Carl served as a trustee for the Bozeman Lodge for 13 years and 2 terms as a board chair. He loved to compete in the Elks Ritual contests at the District and State levels, and he won All State Honors many times.

Carl was a charter member of Riverside Country Club. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, reading, attending Bobcat sporting events, and playing pinochle. People were

very important in Carl's life—his siblings, his children, his grandchildren, customers, and friends.

Those who preceded Carl in death were his wife of 52 years, Gladys, his parents, three sisters and one brother.

Carl is survived by his three children, Cynthia Redmond, John (Tammy) Beyer, and Jennifer (Russell) White all of Bozeman; his sister Helen Daily of Lebanon Oregon; his brother Robert Beyer of Millbank South Dakota; and eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Emily, and Sam Reinsel; Bridget, Jackson, and Thomas Beyer, and Kinsey and Kendyl White.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope Lutheran Church, 210 South Grand Ave., Bozeman, MT 59715; Bozeman Deaconess Hospice, 931 Highland Blvd. Suite 3200, Bozeman, MT 59715; Elks National Foundation, 2750 North Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-1889.