



Alf Leon Bergerud, Jr.

April 16, 1947 - January 12, 2026

Remembering Lee

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Alf L. Bergerud Jr. (Lee) died at the age of 78 on January 12, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Lee was the beloved son of Helen B and Alf L. Bergerud Sr, and a cherished brother to his siblings, Mary and Jon. Lee grew up in the family home in Edina, MN; graduated from The Blake School and then went on to study history at Colorado College graduating in 1970. He returned to the Twin Cities where he spent the remainder of his life.

Lee was a dedicated son who served as the primary caregiver for his parents and older brother, Jon, during their declining years and until their deaths. He was also a devoted uncle to his nieces and nephews and their children. He took pride in his role within the family and the connections that mattered most to him.

Lee had a deep love of rock and roll music; of staying current on national, political affairs and of participating in large family feasts, simple pleasures that brought him genuine joy. He was curious about the world and enjoyed engaging in lively discussions about events happening around him.

Lee lived with significant mental health challenges, a condition that was part of

his life story but never the whole of it. He lived a full meaningful life defined not by illness, but by his relationships, his interests and his enduring place within the family. He was loved, he mattered and he will be remembered for the life he lived- not the challenges he faced.

Lee is survived by his sister, Mary B. Perkins and her husband Michael M. Perkins; nephew, Nicholas S. Perkins, nieces, Samantha and Natalie Perkins and their children, Caishen, Selene, and Nolan.

Lee's memorial will be held graveside at Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 6, 2026. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to: The National Institute of Mental Health/Gift Fund/6001 Executive Blvd, Room 7149, MSC 9655/ Bethesda MD 20892-9655.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408