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DR. JAMES ALAN BERLIN

AGE: 60

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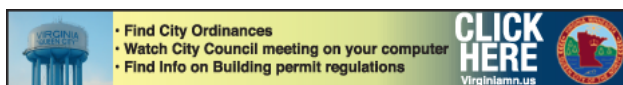
Dr. James Alan Berlin, formerly of International Falls, died Monday, May 14, 2007, at his home in Britt. He was 60 years of age.

Jim was born Dec. 31, 1946, in Virginia. He grew up in Buhl and graduated from Martin Hughes High School. He attended Virginia Junior College and graduated in 1966. He went on to attend the University of Minnesota and graduated with an English degree in 1968. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army. He graduated from Officer Candidate School and served three years. Jim was a Vietnam veteran. He returned to Minnesota to begin medical school at the University of Minnesota-Duluth School of Medicine. He graduated with a medical degree from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis in 1978. Jim completed his three-year family practice residency in Grand Forks, N.D., before joining the Falls Medical Center in 1981. He also served as the Koochiching County coroner, Falls Ambulance medical director, Kabetogama Lake First Responder director, and was on various hospital boards and committees. He was a member of the American Academy of Family Practitioners, Minnesota Medical Association, the Range Medical Society, Falls Memorial Hospital, and St. Mary's Duluth Clinic. As an emergency room physician he worked in International Falls, Virginia, Roseau, Ely, and Bigfork. He also had worked at the Bois Forte Medical Clinic at Nett Lake.

Jim was a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in International Falls, where he was a song leader. He was also a member of the Falls Community Choir and Northern Timbres, a men's a cappella choral group. Jim loved the outdoors and enjoyed time spent at Crane Lake and deer hunting at Clear Lake.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn of Britt; sons, Doug and wife Elizabeth Keeney Berlin of St. Cloud, Minn., and Nathan Berlin of Buhl; daughter Kelly Berlin of International Falls; sister, Laurel (Harmon) Badger of Grand Forks, N.D.; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Berlin and Adelaide (Grigg) Berlin.



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