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age 74, Ottertail, MN, died from pancreatic cancer on October 25, 2006 in his home on Ottertail Lake under hospice care. Bob was born in Wadena, MN the son of Alfred E. And Frances A. (Hassler) Anderson. He attended St. Ann's Catholic Elementary School, Wadena and graduated from St. Thomas Military Academy in St. Paul, MN. After serving as a Corporal in the US Army during the Korean War, Bob earned a Bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Miami, FL. Bob and Janet L. Hemquist, married on August 3, 1967, made their home on Ottertail Lake. Bob is survived by his wife, Janet; nephews, Michael Anderson and Andrew Anderson, both of Bellingham, WA; and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Gerald T. Anderson and David J. Anderson. Public service in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1976 - 1996 was the highlight of Bob's professional career. The establishment of the Fergus Falls Veteran's Home, Glendalough State Park, and the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center rank among his proudest political endeavors. After retiring, he continued to be active in DFL politics, served on several boards, and was chairman of the West Central Emergency Medical Services board. Bob lived and died with dignity, humor, and courage. Many who knew him say, "He served us well". Memorials are preferred to: Mayo Clinic Cancer Research, Red River Valley Hospice, or St. Ann's Catholic Church. Visitation: 4:00 - 7:00 PM Sunday Oct. 29 with a 6:00 PM prayer service at Belmont Funeral Home, Henning, MN. Funeral services: 10:30 AM Monday October 30 at 15t. Ann's Catholic Church, Wadena, MN