



Mr. Jerome Barry Swanson

September 21, 1941 - July 31, 2018

Jerome "Jerry" B. Swanson, age 76, passed away early in the morning on July 31, 2018 after a brief battle with cancer. Born September 21, 1941 in Chicago, IL to Mildred (Kumpula) and John Swanson he resided in Green Bay, WI with his wife Connie.

Jerry spent his childhood back-and-forth between Chicago and his beloved Sebeka, Minnesota. He would tell stories about spending time on his mother's family's farm and speaking Finnish when he was younger.

His favorite spot was when he was fishing along the Crowing River. He attended Lutheran school in Chicago and after high school was drafted into the U.S. Army. He spent time in Germany during the Vietnam War, learning to drive tanks and speak the German language.

In the early 1980s he met coworker, Connie, at Fluor Daniels in Chicago and eventually talked her into a date. They were married in September of 1982 and they had just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in combination with Jerry's 76th birthday in Las Vegas this past fall.

Jerry was a long time employee at the Kewaunee Nuclear Plant where he made many close friends and was happy to get up early to go to work each day as it meant being home when his girls got home from school each day.

Jerry was an avid Chicago Bear and Cubs fan and fought with his Wisconsin friends vehemently about the best teams. He loved travel and photography and got a great fill of both when he visited Japan in 2005. He'd encourage anyone he knew to not be afraid to travel and see the world, and to make sure to tell him all about it when they got back. He was a person who found friends easily, full of Swedish humor, and a gourmand, music, art and book lover.

In his last years he loved to spend time with his grandchildren and see them grow, attending swim lessons, birthday parties, and special events in their lives. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him, but they will all take heart knowing he's free from the pain of this world and telling jokes with passed loved ones in heaven.

He is survived by his wife Connie, daughter Hillary (Andy) Krahn, daughter Hannah (and special friend Paul Heath), grandsons Charlie Krahn, August Krahn, granddaughters Henley Starksen, Grace Krahn, Sister Judith Schmitt (special friend Bruce Brunshwiler), Sister Ida (Don) Snyder, Brother Thomas (Jo-Ellyn) Swanson, Brother-in-law William (Betty) Roseberry, nieces Kristy McCullah & Kirsten Roseberry, nephews Eric Schmitt, Benjamin (Kirsten) Snyder, and Christopher Snyder

Preceded in death by parents Mildred & John Swanson, in-laws Charles & Flora Terrell, niece Jennifer, and nephew Kurtis.

Family and friends may visit at Zion Lutheran Church, 8378 County Road W, Greenleaf (Wayside) beginning at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 11, 2018. A Memorial Service will begin at 11:00 AM with Pastor Austen Welter officiating. Full military honors will follow.

Tribute Wall

SH

“ My name is Sue, my mother was Viola Kumpula Davis. We spent a year living at the old Wirkkala-Kumpula homestead outside of Sebekka MN. I enjoyed visiting at Ralph Kumpula's home in Sebekka and hearing stories of early days. Mildred was often mentioned. Jerry's sense of humor left a smile on everyone's face. He will be remembered by me with a smile also.
Susan Davis Harju

Sue Harju - August 05, 2018 at 08:31 AM

HS

“ Dad I am so thankful that God made you my dad! You always made me laugh even when I didn't want to. I could sit for hours and listen to the stories you had to tell. I will miss you everyday! But I also know you will always be watching out for us! I can't wait till that day that I will see you again!

Hannah swanson - August 03, 2018 at 03:29 PM

JS

“ JB you were my big brother who taught me much about life and living it to the fullest. I will be forever grateful that I could be here for you to say farewell God's peace,go in Grace...I will miss you until we meet again. Jude

Judy Schmitt - August 03, 2018 at 07:02 AM

CS

“ This man was my best friend!! He was my husband for 35 years. He was a wonderful DD, husband, brother, son and uncle. I am lost without him.

Connie Swanson - August 02, 2018 at 08:57 PM

GO

“ From our first meeting -- at JOAnn -- I have treasured my various associations with Jerome Swanson! He is a "people person" personified! When stepping into his space one is welcomed with warmth, kindness and ebullient humor! To know Jerome Barry Swanson is to love him! It has been my privilege to share various Swanson family gatherings which always explode with wit, sensitivity and love. The joy Jerome Swanson gifted my life will remain a living breathing entity forever... As the mother-in-law to Jerry's "little sister" I have been honored to enjoy the entire Swanson family and consider those experiences a treasured memory! Thank you Jerome Barry Swanson, et al...Rejoice, you are loved!

Gini Owen - August 02, 2018 at 04:02 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Mr. Jerome Barry Swanson.



August 02, 2018 at 03:42 PM

MO

“ Mary V O. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. Jerome Barry Swanson.



Mary V O. - August 02, 2018 at 01:13 PM

GO

“ *Gini Owen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Jerome Barry Swanson*



Gini Owen - August 02, 2018 at 11:41 AM

IS

“ *My Dear Brother....My heart is broken. You were taken too soon. Knowing you are at peace and no longer in pain comforts me. Until we meet again know I love you so much. "Babe"*

Ida Snyder - August 02, 2018 at 06:01 AM