



Roger Swonder

March 27, 1933 - June 1, 2011

Roger Cheney Swonder passed away at home on June 1, 2011 at the age of 78. He was born on March 27, 1933 to Ruple and Naomi (Cheney) Swonder. Roger attended Central High School and graduated from Evansville College (U of E) in 1955. After graduation he served in the United States Army in post war Korea.

He worked for the IRS in both Terre Haute and Columbus, IN, returning to Evansville in 1964 to become President of Swonder Mattress Company and later Vice-President of Schoppe Motor Services. In 1975, Roger went to work for M.G. Industries retiring in 1995 after 20 years of service. Upon his retirement from M.G. Industries he worked part-time for 12 years at the Westside Schnuck's Grocery. He enjoyed wood carving and was a Master Gardener. Roger was a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church and over the years gave of his time and service to the Lutheran faith.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Marilyn (Heilman) Swonder; his son and daughter-in-law, Drew and Linda Swonder of Evansville; two brothers and their wives, Richard and Sue Swonder of Evansville and Randy and Linda K. Swonder of Columbus, IN; three grandchildren, Stephanie Swonder, Kellie (Jason) Clodfelter and John (Jennifer) Basham and five great grandchildren.

Roger was preceded in death by an infant sister, Judith Ann Swonder.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 308 N. First Ave., Rev. Arlene Okey officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 A.M. until service time on Saturday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Emanuel Lutheran Church, 308 N. First Ave., Evansville, IN 47710 or to the Visiting Nurse Association Hospice, P.O. Box 3487, Evansville, IN 47734.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

JUN 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM.

Emanuel Lutheran Church
308 N. First Ave.

Service

JUN 4. 10:30 AM.

Emanuel Lutheran Church
308 N. First Ave.

Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger Swonder



Pierre Funeral Home - June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Roger Swonder

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful man and I worked with Roger for years at Schnucks.

He was a wonderful christian and friend.

Richard, I am sorry I did not about your loss and apologize for not being there for you.

Charmaine##imported-begin##Charmaine Peters##imported-end##

June 07, 2011 at 10:25 AM



“ Marilyn, Drew, and Family -

Mike and I were so sorry to hear of Roger's passing. We always thought highly of him and feel blessed to have known him. We are sure, as you must also be, that he is enjoying this next phase of his journey. We are praying that God will comfort you and give you strength until you can all be together again in our Father's kingdom. Peace be with you.

Elaine and Mike##imported-begin##Elaine Musgrave##imported-end##

June 04, 2011 at 10:48 AM



“ I am sorry for your loss. I wish I would have found the time to see him before I left last week.

I always thought very highly of your Father. He was a quite strong family man. You should be proud to have been able to call him Dad.

Dale Hubregs##imported-begin##Dale Hubregs##imported-end##

June 04, 2011 at 06:28 AM



“ My condolences to the family. I grew up with Randy (my best friend). I am sure God has Roger in his loving arms.##imported-begin##Glenn Dickinson##imported-end##

June 04, 2011 at 01:51 AM



“ Dick: You have our condolences. We are thinking of you.

Tell Sue "hi" and to take care.

Sandy & Kenny Hunsaker###imported-begin###Kenny & Sandy
Hunsaker###imported-end###

June 03, 2011 at 10:06 PM



“ To the Swonder family...& Randy:

I am sorry to hear of the loss of your brother Roger.

I went to school with Randy & we lived on Tennessee St.

I remember seeing all the family at school functions & visiting on
your front porch after school.

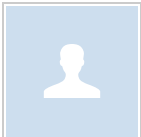
May the Creator watch over your family in your time of need.

Remember the fun times & some day you will be re-united again.

I send my prayers to your family today.###imported-

begin###Stephanie Price Schneider###imported-end###

June 03, 2011 at 09:20 AM



“ Drew and Linda, Will and I want you to know that we are so sorry to
hear of your dad's passing. We know how hard the upcoming days
will be, interspersed with moments of joyful remembrance, and then
tears. We want you to know that we are thinking of you, you will
continue to be carried in our thoughts, prayers and especially in our
hearts. We are so glad to have met your mom and dad, please tell
your Mom how sorry we are for devastating his illness, and her loss.
Love you both, Will and Pam Walden###imported-begin###Pam and
Will Walden###imported-end###

June 03, 2011 at 09:17 AM