



Clifford "Sonny" Swanson

December 11, 1938 - June 21, 2017

Clifford F "Sonny" Swanson, 78, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls.

He was born on the family farm December 11, 1938, son of the late Clifford A. and Doris (Dauzy) Swanson. Sonny graduated from Kingsford High School in 1956 and was a lifelong resident of the area. He married Judy Turrie in September 1960 in Iron Mountain. She preceded him in death in 1992. Sonny farmed potatoes for many years, retiring from farming in 1988. He then worked for Michigan Consolidated Gas Company as a field technician, retiring in 2002. Sonny was a member of the Merriman Farmers Union and the United Sportsmen's Club. He enjoyed snowmobiling and raced cross country in his younger years. Sonny was an avid outdoorsman; hunting, fishing and raising horses on the farm were some of his favorite pastimes. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family.

Sonny is survived by his daughter, Sherryl (Tom) Weber of Niagara, WI; his two sons, Vaughn (Linda) Swanson of West Bloomfield, MI and Jay (Amy) Swanson of DePere, WI; a sister, Bonnie (Marvin) Herzog of Kingsford; grandchildren, Benett, Lexie, Torrie, Shelby, Chelsea, Gavin, Ryan and Austin; two great grandchildren, Benny & Briella; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Secrist and a brother, Raymond Swanson.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00am at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Memorial services will follow at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Rev. Walter Reichle will officiate.

The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the caregivers who helped Sonny over the years and made it possible for him to remain at his home.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Sonny Swanson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **24.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
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Memorial Service

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“ *I was truly saddened to hear of Sonny's passing. May the lord bless his soul and heal the families sorrow. Sonny will always be remembered for his smile and charming persona. Even during his difficult few years, Sonny made it a point to visit us at the Sarder camp, just a couple of years ago. Even then, he brought positive thoughts & his charm was still evident. He will be missed by all that knew him.*

Mike Sarder - June 23, 2017 at 11:48 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clifford "Sonny" Swanson.*



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Clifford "Sonny" Swanson.*



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“ *My condolences to Sherryl and Vaughn at this difficult time. My wife, Alice, and I enjoyed many visits to the Swanson home during many trips to the UP. Sonny and Alice had a very special relationship. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Jack O'Donnell

Jack O'Donnell - June 23, 2017 at 09:30 AM