



Eric R. Swanson

June 3, 1979 - March 7, 2025

Eric R. Swanson, 45, of Goodman, went to his eternal home on Friday, March 7, 2025 at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

Eric was born June 3, 1979 in Iron Mountain, the son of Robert D. Swanson and Linda K. LaChapell. He graduated from Goodman High School in 1997 and continued his education at UW Stevens Point where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. Eric started his career as a juvenile intake worker. He was employed by Forest and Vilas Counties for several years as well as the Potawatomi Tribe for a shorter time. Eventually he took a position as a social worker through a grant program where he split time between the Goodman, Pembine, Niagara and Florence School Districts. Most recently, Eric was employed as a guidance counselor with the Pembine School District. Eric loved the students he worked with and his passion was sports. He was a lifelong Notre Dame fan and also enjoyed watching the WI Badgers. He was a baseball umpire, refereed numerous basketball games with his dad and enjoyed golfing with his dad and brother. Eric coached basketball, baseball and football over the years at Northland Pines in Eagle River and for the Crandon & Laona/Wabeno school districts. He also played an instrumental role in organizing a golf fundraiser to support the Goodman & Pembine Schools Athletics. Eric loved spending time with his son, Aaron, watching his hockey games and enjoyed time with family, especially those times spent with his brother, Scott.

Eric is survived by a son, Aaron Swanson of Merrill, WI; his father, Robert Swanson of Goodman, WI; his mother, Linda (Dennis) Wilcott of Iron Mountain; a brother, Scott Swanson of Appleton, WI; his niece and Goddaughter, Ava; a nephew, Jack; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2025, from 9:00 until 11:00 am at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church In Armstrong Creek, WI. A funeral mass will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Fr. Soja Joseph will officiate. Burial will be in the Glenwood Cemetery in Goodman.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory. Donations may be made at: <https://gofund.me/b3dbc7ce>

The family wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to the staff at St. Vincent's Hospital and Unity Hospice for their loving care of our son Eric and to the dedicated volunteers and professionals who transported Eric to St Vincent Hospital.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

Ten Acre Road
Goodman, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 15. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St Stanislaus Kostka Church
521 US-8
Armstrong Creek, WI 54103-9701
(715) 336-2334

Funeral Mass

MAR 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Stanislaus Kostka
Highway 8
Armstrong Creek, WI 54103

Tribute Wall

AF

“ *Even with all of the time that has passed from what happened I will never forget you ever*

AUDEN FISCHER - April 15 at 03:40 PM

BG

“ *Hey mr Swanson its been a year since you passed away and I just want to tell u we miss u and that im doing alot better now and we love you and miss u*

Boo Gonzales - March 07 at 07:12 PM

XB

“ *I miss u a lot Mr Swanson god bless you praying for his son Aaron*



Xailynn Bozile - March 25, 2025 at 06:08 PM

BM

“ *My sympathy to Eric and his family so sad to go young. My prayers to all. Brigid Murphy*

Brigid Murphy - March 18, 2025 at 06:11 AM

~S

“ *~Sue~ lit a candle in memory of Eric R. Swanson*



~Sue~ - March 17, 2025 at 11:28 AM

AS

“ *The morning before everything happened Mr Swanson pulled me out of class to talk about my current grades and how I could improve. We both ended our talk on good terms and I assured him that everything was going to get done. He seemed very happy with my motivation and ever since I learned about his death all my school grades went up just like I promised him. Rest in peace Mr. Swanson.*

From Aidan Sprow

Aidan Sprow - March 15, 2025 at 07:40 PM

XB

He has left a ever lasting legacy in our school he has changed many of our life's never forget Aidan he will forever be in your heart

Xailynn Bozile - March 16, 2025 at 01:09 PM

XB

“ *You will never be forgotten*



Xailynn Bozile - March 15, 2025 at 12:12 PM

XB

“ Mr Swanson you may not be here any more but I need to tell you something you have changed my life for the best I will never forget the good times and the not so good times but I will never forget that you helped me out a bad spot in my life you will forever be my hero to me I love u I will me you rest in peace

Xailynn Bozile - March 15, 2025 at 11:37 AM

CH

“ The early morning before what happened he was substituting our class and what he told us that all he wants to do is to make a difference in the world and make a good impact on the kids at my school. I think he definitely made impact. He was so kind and always loved helping people. Rest in peace mr.swason I will never forget everything you have done for me.

Chloie - March 15, 2025 at 08:18 AM

PM

“ Mr. Swanson gave me money for a shake when someone stole mine out of my locker. He helped me so much when I needed him the most. He played soccer with us, we helped him, he helped all of us, and he was the best and funniest teacher I ever met!

Paige M - March 14, 2025 at 02:37 PM

AU

“ Rest in peace, Mr. Swanson, I will never forget you

Auden - March 14, 2025 at 01:51 PM

XB

His memory's will never be forgotten

Xailynn Bozile - March 15, 2025 at 12:11 PM

AU

“ One time, when I was in his class, we played a ball game in which you had to try not to drop the ball. When I did drop the ball, I got upset about it, and he came to me and said to me, "It's okay. It's okay to lose, but it is not okay to give up and be sad. You need to go on and finish the game.”

Auden - March 14, 2025 at 01:48 PM

GW

“ Always had that smile that made you feel good and was a gentle bear of a man! I'm sure so many young lives have been touched by him. Rest in peace buddy.

Gerald Wusterbarth - March 14, 2025 at 01:10 PM

XB

He has Diffently changed my life for the best when I needed it most he will for ever be in our hearts

Xailynn Bozile - March 16, 2025 at 01:12 PM

XB

Bye pembine school student

Xailynn Bozile - March 16, 2025 at 01:12 PM

VC

“ Social workers, coaches, teachers, and all of those working with children dedicate their lives to our future...our students. As a social worker, guidance counselor, and coach, Eric positively helped our students at Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine School. He will be greatly missed and I will miss making him laugh, even if we had a rough day with a student. His professional life was all about helping kids. “Some people change the world. And some people change the people who change the world, and that’s you.” — Kij Johnson

Vince Czahor - March 14, 2025 at 09:32 AM

AN

“ I spent some time talking with Mr. Swanson about life about a week before he passed. He told me to take every opportunity and to experience as much as I can and to cherish relationships. He was a great guy.

Alayna Neubert - March 13, 2025 at 11:13 PM

KL

“ I worked with Eric at BDP. He was always so nice and kind. May be rest in peace.



Kristen LaValley - March 13, 2025 at 12:23 PM

NB

“ Sobig , Linda, and Scott, are so sorry for the loss of such an incredible human. Eric made such an impact on so many & will be forever missed. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. ❤️ Love Bryce, Nancy and girls!!

Nancy Bird - March 13, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eric R. Swanson.

March 13, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eric R. Swanson.*



March 13, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ *Linda, Robert & Scott - Words can not express your loss. Our world lost a wonderful caring person. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. We are Blessed to have been able to have seen him growing up. I have never been more certain that our Lord has a wonderful place for him. His commitment to others is what God asks of each of us! Please know that Lisa and I will have you all in our prayers! May our loving God give you all the strength to deal with your great loss! God Bless - Ben & Lisa Janczewski*

Ben Janczewski - March 12, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We enjoyed seeing him at some Hortonville Polar Bear games. Holding you in our hearts, Scott & Jack. ~The Eidahl Family*

Nicole Eidahl - March 12, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *The Hylaszek Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Eric R. Swanson.*



The Hylaszek Family - March 12, 2025 at 09:05 AM

PG

“ We had the privilege of watching Eric grow from a little boy playing little league to a wonderful young man. A man that touched so many peoples lives in a positive loving way. I can't thank Sobig and Linda enough for letting us be a part of his short but fantastic life. All our love and prayers to you and your family.

your friends for life Denny and Patti

Patti Gardner - March 11, 2025 at 05:57 PM

SA

“ So very sorry for your family's loss. Eric was an amazing young man who always had a smile and was willing to help with anything. He was truly a role model to all. Heaven gained a good one.

Sandy - March 11, 2025 at 01:27 PM

BN

“ I had the privilege of knowing Eric during our high school years, where we were teammates, bandmates, and more importantly friends. No matter the setting, Eric had a rare ability to connect with everyone—bringing people together with his fairness, enthusiasm, and unwavering kindness.

He wasn't just a friend to some; he was a friend to all. He made everyone feel seen and valued, not for his own recognition but simply because that's who he was. His leadership, both on and off the court & field, was a reflection of the strong values instilled in him by his family—values he carried with him throughout his life.

His family should be incredibly proud of the man he became and the way he chose to live his life. I am grateful that I had the privilege of knowing Eric, the impact he had on me and those around him is lasting.

Rest in peace, Eric. Your kindness and spirit will not be forgotten. Sending love and light to Eric's family during this incredibly difficult and sad time.

Ben Nelson - March 11, 2025 at 12:11 PM

CG

Our deepest sympathy to all of Eric's family. We did not know him but know Linda and Sobig well. We have heard only great things about him which is a tribute to how he was raised. You should be so proud. Hold on to the many memories. They will help get you through these difficult times. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Charlie and Mary Grandaw.

Charlie and Mary Grandaw - March 12, 2025 at 02:23 PM

PL

“ Coached with Eric for two years, it was a very rewarding experience to see his relationship grow with the athletes on the team. He did a wonderful job!

Peter Liptack - March 11, 2025 at 10:09 AM

JD

“ Eric was my son's coach his first year. He was always so kind, positive and supportive. He was a wonderful man who was adopted by my and will be missed greatly. Sincere condolences from our family to his during this difficult time. We are so honored to have had him in our lives. He was a true blessing.

Jennifer DuValle - March 10, 2025 at 09:25 PM

WE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I worked with Eric at Forest County, always so kindhearted and his smile always made it a better day! RIP Eric. Patty & Warren Egan

Warren egan & Patty Egan - March 10, 2025 at 08:27 PM

DM

“ Through the school system and sports, Eric gave much to the community with his time and selflessness. He was a wonderful young man with a servant's heart. My sincere condolences!

Donna Swanson Martin - March 10, 2025 at 08:06 PM

KB

“ *Eric was one of the sweetest guy we ever knew. We have so... many memories playing softball. Always there to help do anything for anybody. RIP ERIC*



Kevin and Deb Brass - March 10, 2025 at 07:11 PM