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KINGSFORD - I. James "Jim" Swanson, 76, of 109 N. Elizabeth St. in Kingsford. died, Monday, April 3, 2006, at ManorCare Health Care Services in Kingsford.

He was born Dec. 21, 1929, in Kingsford, son of the late Egnar and Beda (Larson) Swanson. Jim was a 1948 graduate of Kingsford High School and served from 1950-1952 with the United States Army.

He married the former Carmen Peterson on Nov. 28, 1953, in Iron Mountain. Jim worked for Red Owl grocery stores for 15 years. He then owned and operated Jim's Market in East Kingsford for nine years. Jim retired in 1992, after working in the personnel and production departments at Grede Foundry for 25 years.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and had been very involved in the United Way through Grede Foundry. He was a 10-gallon blood donor for the American Red Cross, was a past member of the Carpenter-Clash American Legion Post 363 and the Norway Moose Lodge. Jim enjoyed golfing, was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed his yearly bus trip to a Cubs game. He loved chauffeuring his kids and grandkids in "Papa's" taxi. Jim is survived by his wife Carmen; his children, Tim (Renee) Swanson of Kingsford, Sheryl (Paul) Strabavy of Whiting, Ind., Karen (Paul) Paupore of Kingsford, Pam (Dennis) Smart of Pembine, Wis. and Cindi (Brad) Strehlow of Kingsford and his grandchildren, Ellie and Morgan Swanson, Ryan and Kevin

Zurek, Paul Strabavy, Jessica (Craig) Recla, Buddy Paupore, Adam (Lean) Smart, Amanda Smart and Piper, Maggie and Clairice Strehlow.

Jim was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Swanson of Seattle, Wash.

Visitation will be Friday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The funeral service will follow at 5 p.m. at the church. Rev. Dr. Meredith Rupe will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of I. James Swanson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Pam,Dennis,Amanda, and Adam,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with  
you.

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**Angie Kyles** - April 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cindi & Family, So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Jim was a  
great guy with a sense of humor to match. He will truly be missed in  
this world. Our thoughts & prayers are with you during your time of  
sorrow. Please remember he is no longer in any pain and is  
watching over all of you.

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**Pat & Jennifer Flynn** - April 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM