



Kenneth Swan

December 6, 1944 - December 6, 2005

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Kenneth W. Swan, 61, of 723 East I St., Iron Mountain, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2005, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Ken was born Dec. 19, 1943, in Chicago. He was the the son of the late Aron and Margaret (Soderdahl) Swan. Ken graduated from Northern Michigan University with his bachelor's and then master's degree.

He married the former Cheryl Peterson in Kingsford on Aug. 14, 1971. Ken taught fifth and sixth grade for the Iron Mountain School System for 33 years, retiring in 1999. Most recently, he has been working in the toy department at Wal-Mart.

Ken was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church where he served as the choir director and AWANA youth director. He was also active in the community chorus and community theatre. Ken loved music and singing. He was extremely knowledgeable and had a special interest in United States history. He also enjoyed reading, Indy car racing, old cars and car shows.

Ken is survived by his wife Cheryl; four children, Shannon (Jesse) Hansen of Iron Mountain, Brandon Swan of California, Aron (Joy) Swan of Arlington, Va. and Jacelyn Swan of Iron Mountain; three grandchildren, Grace, Seth and Olivia; two sisters, Judy Henjun of California and Ann Miller Swan of Kingsford.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Elaine Rahm and Barbara Wold.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday at Immanuel Baptist Church in Kingsford.

Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory to Immanuel Baptist church.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Kenneth Swan online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Cheryl, I was so sorry to hear about Ken. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. We had some fun times together.

June

June (Thomson) Morgeson - January 10, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Mrs Swan & family: I was honored to be a student of Mr Swan's for 5th grade at East Elementary in 1971. He was a super teacher! He made learning worthwhile. I'm glad I knew him. I pray for God's comfort to you and your family.

Ellen Styberski Coogan - December 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I was one of Brandon's fellow classmates at Michigan Tech and just saw Brandon this past fall when he, Brian Olson, Corey Jenness, and others including myself went spelunking in the mines. Sorry to hear about your loss. Our family sends its prayers for Brandon and the Swan family.

Bill Pfund - December 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ My family and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. My sons Matthew and Michael Laurila had the opportunity to know Mr. Swan in one way or another. He will be truly missed. May God watch over your family in your time of need.

Kelly Laurila - December 08, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KQ

“ Dear Shannon & Family....I am extremely sorry and saddened to hear about the loss of your Dad!! You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers...

Sincerely

Kelly (Zambon) Quick

Kelly (Zambon) Quick - December 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I am an eighth grade student at Iron Mt Middle School and had Mr. Swan several times for a teacher. I really got to know him in fifth grade when he substituted for Mr. Mendini for several months. He was my favorite sub. He was a very nice man. I will never forget his storytelling during lessons, and his phrases "close but no cigar", and "close only counts in horseshoes". He will be missed by all of his students. I wish I could have had him as a teacher at least one more time. May God Bless your family.

Sincerely,

Jessica Nelson

"One of Mr. Swan's students"

jessica nelson - December 07, 2005 at 12:00 AM