



Richard A. Swanson

July 28, 1924 - June 14, 2012

Richard M. Swanson Sr., 87, of Iron Mountain, died Thursday, June 14, 2012, at the Aurora Bay Care Medical Center in Green Bay, Wis.

He was born July 28, 1924, in Kingsford, son of the late Mark and Florence (Bouffiou) Swanson. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1942. Richard served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He served in the European Campaign and was stationed in Italy where he was at the U.S. Embassy.

He met and married his wife, Ortensia "Vera" Doria, on May 15, 1954, in Venice, Italy. Richard was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with Oak Clusters, and Italian Cross of Valor.

He traveled the world while in service and retired in 1966 after serving his country for 24 years. Richard finished his career as a draftsman for the J. M. Melin Co. He enjoyed hunting and fishing while his sons were young and later on he enjoyed the casino with his wife, Vera.

Richard is survived by his wife, Ortensia "Vera" Swanson; his sons, Richard (Jane) Swanson Jr. of Crystal Falls, Mark (Coveny) Swanson of Raliegh, N.C., and Michael (Evelyn) Swanson, also of Raliegh; a daughter, Kristen Swanson of Green Bay; his brothers, James (Janet) Swanson of Kingsford and Arthur

"Butch" (Darlene) Swanson of Detroit; his sister, Lois (Roger) Rochon of Kingsford; six grandchildren, Richard (Larissa) Swanson III, Jessica Swanson, Katie Swanson, Brandon Swanson, Eric Swanson and Michaela Swanson.

Visitation will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow Friday at 1 p.m. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Richard M. Swanson Sr. online at ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

JUN **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Grapa from the Freezer ! First sorry for your loss and I hope vera is doing well. We miss and her her rav's so much. Everytime I went to pick up rav's I had to have some cherry grapa and Rich would talk a little about food over seas. God Bless*
Alan & Nancy Powers

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“ *Dear Aunt Vera, Ricky, Marc, Michael & Kristina and Families:*

OFFERING YOU MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE LOSS OF YOUR SWEET AND LOVING HUSBAND AND WONDERFUL DAD!. MAY YOU FIND STRENGTH AND COMFORT IN HIS BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES. I KNOW THIS IS A SAD AND DIFFICULT TIME FOR YOU, BUT KNOW THAT OTHERS SHARE IN YOUR GRIEF.

WITH MY DEEPEST AND SINCERE SYMPATHY TO OU ALL.

*Peace, Blessings and Love -
Paula Swanson Wedger from Eagan, MN
(Jim and Jan"s oldest daughter)*

Paula Swanson Wedger - Eagan, MN - neice to Dick Swanson - June 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM