



## Roger Swanson

January 7, 1925 - January 7, 2007

KINGSFORD - Roger D. Swanson, 82, of 124 Henford St., Kingsford, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, at his home.

Roger was born on Sept. 21, 1924, in Rhinelander, Wis., the youngest child of the late Oscar and Emma (Carlson) Swanson. As a child, the family moved to Kingsford where his father worked at the Ford plant and they resided at 712 E. Sagola St. in East Kingsford.

Roger graduated with the Kingsford High School class of 1942. After school, he went to Milwaukee to work for a year, and then to California working on radio equipment for the U.S. Signal Corps. After the war, he was employed by United Airlines in Sacramento, Calif., returning to this area in the early 1950s.

He married Frances "Babe" Coello in Calumet, on Oct. 16, 1954.

Roger was employed by Cochran Motors, General Controls, Lake Shore and at Edwards Chevrolet in the parts department, retiring in 1986.

In his earlier years, Roger enjoyed hanging out at K.O.'s gas station, hunting at Elmer's camp, fishing and golfing. Most recently, he enjoyed watching the Weather Channel and all sports, especially the Packers. He was an avid storyteller.

Roger cherished the time he spent with his grandson, Matt. He was a kind and wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle, neighbor and friend to many and will be missed very much.

Roger is survived by his wife of 52 years, Babe; sons, Michael (Teresa) and their son, Matthew, of Kingsford, Mark (Kim) of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Todd (Beth) of Marquette; his sisters-in-law, Ruth and Elsie Swanson of Kingsford and Johanna Gravier of Spirit Lake, Wis. and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, K.O. and Alton Swanson and four sisters, Lois (Elmer) Freeberg, Doreen (Vern) Josephson, Arlaine (John) McDonough and Ardith Swanson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate.

Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Babe  
So sorry to hear about Roger. May your good memories of him be  
an inspiration at this sad time. Sincerely, Norma Deyaert*

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**Norma Deyaert** - January 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *With great sadness, we send our condolences to all of you. Roger  
will be missed greatly by all of us who were lucky enough to come to  
know him.*

*With Love, Thoughts, and Prayers,*

*Kim and Rita*

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**Kim Novara** - January 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our sincere condolences go out to Mark and the whole Swanson  
family. Thinking and praying for you as you go through this tough  
time.*

*Lots of hugs sent your way. Alex, Tammy, Landon and Adele Kemp*

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**Tammy Kemp** - January 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Roger was a valued member of the Class of 1942 and will be sadly  
missed by his classmates. We will toast his memory at our 65th  
reunion this summer.*

*Everett Doehr  
Pres. Class of 1942*

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**Everett Doehr** - January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Michael, Teresa, and the whole Swanson family, I offer my sincerest condolences during your time of loss.*

*Dave & Mary Peters*

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**Dave Peters** - January 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM