



Theodore Swanson

January 3, 1939 - September 14, 2006

KINGSFORD - Theodore "Ted" Swanson, 67, formerly of 700 Elizabeth St. in East Kingsford, died peacefully and unexpectedly Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006, at Clement Zablocki Veterans Hospital in Milwaukee.

He was born Jan. 3, 1939, in Kingsford. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1957 and enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he began his career in electronics. When he received his discharge, he held a position as chief analyst, airborne navigational electronics with the Strategic Air Command.

Ted was considered one of the pioneer engineers in the cable and television distribution field. He began his cable career in Iron Mountain/Kingsford. As his expertise increased, Ted became co-founder/operator of the cable systems in Rhinelander and Stevens Point, Wis. Ted's next position was vice president of engineering for the largest cable system in the United States, which included more than 45 cable systems throughout the U.S. As his career progressed, Ted was involved in the construction of some of the larger cable systems in the U.S. which included the cities of Los Angeles, Albuquerque, N.M., Des Moines, Iowa, Reno Nev., Naples, Fla. and Indianapolis, Ind.

Due to health conditions, Ted's career concluded in West Palm Beach, Fla. In the next few years, Ted became very involved as a volunteer in the

Emergency Trauma Center at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach. One of the highlights of his more than 5,000 hours of volunteer work happened on the evening of March 13, 1997, when former President Bill Clinton was brought in with an injury and Ted helped with his care during his hospital stay.

Ted enjoyed remodeling, fishing, nature and life in the Upper Peninsula.

He married the former Faye Smeester in 1963, and she preceded him in death in 1980. He was also preceded in death by his father, Kenneth "K.O." Swanson.

He is survived by his son, Theodore "Ted" Swanson Jr. of Manitou Springs, Colo.; daughters, Fabia (Jay) Bracklein of Boone, Iowa, Sarita (Korrie) VanMaanen of Rock Valley, Iowa and Adora Thayer of Florida; his mother, Elsie Swanson of Kingsford; a brother, Gary (Roswitha) Swanson of Thomasville, Ga.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two nieces and many friends and relatives; his dearest friend, Marikay Henricksen of Wausaukee, Wis. and his princess, Maya.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association..

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ted Swanson online at www.e

rnashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

BQ

“*Ted, my family and I are deeply sorry for your loss. It was great to meet your father at your recent promotion ceremony. It sounds like your father was a great guy and a true patriot. If you need anything or just someone to talk to regarding your loss don't hesitate to get in touch.*”

Bob Quinn - October 03, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SC

“*Dear Marikay,*

Steve and I are so sad to hear of you losing Ted. What a shock. Remember we are just down the street if you should need anything.

God bless you through this difficult time.

Love, Steve and Samantha Coron

Steve & Samantha Coron - September 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DT

“*Ted Jr. & other family members: It was so nice that your father was able to be here in Colorado for your promotion just a short while back, & I bet he enjoyed the occasion immensely. We're all thinking of you! See 'ya when you return. /dt*”

DT - September 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GM

“*My family is sorry for your loss. Let me know if there anything I can do to help.*”

Greg Morgan - September 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *My family is deeply sorry for your loss. He was a great person and always fun to talk with. We will all miss him greatly. Please contact us if there is anything you need.*

Ken Sprinkle - September 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *To the family and friends of Ted...Ted will always be remembered as a super guy, with a great sense of belonging and humor-just like K.O and Elsie.
Will be unable to attend the services but will be there in spirit.
On behalf of all of the McDonough's, our love and condolences to all of you.*

colin mcdonough - September 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *Ted was a loyal customer of mine when I managed Mel's Diner. He always had a good word to say and a smile on his face. I am very sorry for your loss. I have moved from the Iron Mountain area and will not be able to attend services but your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Bobbi Dollar - September 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss.*

Jennifer Marshall - September 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ ALL OF US AT TIMBERS ASSOCIATION WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR CONDOLENCES TO TEDS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. TED WAS AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER FOR 12 YEARS UNTIL HE RECENTLY SOLD HIS SHARE OF PROPERTY. HE WAS A GREAT ASSET TO US ALL AND LEFT US ALL WITH A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE. WE ALL MISS HIM.

John Joan Williams - September 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Both I and the men and women of the 140th Communications Flight are deeply sorry for your loss. Please let me know if I can help you through this time in any way.

Bill Worrell - September 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM