



Vernon Swanson

January 5, 1933 - January 5, 2009

NIAGARA, Wis. - Vernon John Swanson, 76, of 501 Quincy St. in Niagara, passed away on Jan. 5, 2009, at Maryhill Manor in Niagara.

He was born on July 3, 1932, in Foster City, son of the late Gustav and Ellen (Oman) Swanson. Vern was a 1950 graduate of Felch High School. He served with the United States Army military police during the Korean War.

On Oct. 20, 1956, Vern married the former Joyce Lindgren at First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain. She preceded him in death on Nov. 3, 2007.

He worked for more than 30 years at Niagara Paper, retiring in 1993.

Vern was an active member of First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain and was involved in the visitation ministries of the church. When he wasn't working at the mill, he loved working in the woods and was a pulp cutter his entire life. Vern enjoyed gardening and working in his yard. He most enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by two sons, Paul (Tracy) Swanson of Iron Mountain and Peter (Brenda) Swanson of Niagara; his daughter, Rochelle (Larry) Lidbeck of Iron Mountain; a brother, Wallace (Carol) Swanson of Tennessee and a sister, Alice Tipton of Oregon; eight grandchildren, Heather and Andrew Lidbeck,

Aaryn, Caressa and Bryce Swanson, John, Michael and Joey Swanson and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Vern was preceded in death by three sisters, Marion Johnson, Anne McCormick-Riggs and Ruth Usrey.

Visitation will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain.

Memorial services will be Thursday at 12 noon. Rev. Peter Erickson and Rev. Karl Utzat will co-officiate.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Vernon John Swanson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

TR

“ *Such a humble man will be missed by all who ever knew him. His legacy will live on. Sincerely Yours, Butch & Tink Rugg*

Tinker Rugg - January 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *I wish to offer my sincere condolences to John's family. I had not see him or any of his sibilings for many years but I did grow up with him in Foster City. I was a classmate of his sister Ruth. Abbott E. Erickson*

Abbott Erickson - January 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ *Pete, Paul and Rochelle our deepest sympathy during this very difficult time. Your father put up a brave battle but now he can rest in piece with your mother. Vernon will be missed by many because of the very giving nature to those he gave of his time freely. May God bless and keep you all. John and Lynda Zanon*

John and Lynda Zanon - January 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I am very sorry to hear about Johnny's passing. I was reading an Iron Mountain News and saw the Obituary. It was to late to make it to the funeral but I wanted to send my condolences. I, also, didn't hear about your mother's death until several months later. Death is always hard (it's been 9 months since Errol died) but we will all see each other in heaven. My thoughts & prayers are with you. Judy Silverstone
John & Shari Silverstone & Family
Nancy & Mark Micallef*

Judy Silverstone - January 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Vern's passing and will pray that God's grace and peace sustain you at this time. May your memories of him and knowing that your dad is united with your mom, be a help to you now.

Alice and Gordy Reed - January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We want to send our deepest sympathy to John's family. I (Ruthie Johnson Solberg) grew up with John and his family in Foster City, and have many fond memories of our childhood. Let the happy memories replace the sadness in your hearts. May God give you comfort and peace.
Ruthie & Roger Solberg

Roger & Ruth Solberg - January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I had the opportunity to care for your father at Maryhill and I miss him terribly. He touched my heart and I consider it an honor to have known him. I know that he was a caring, well respected man just by seeing all of his company. He never complained and until his last day never turned anyone away. I prayed with him the day before his passing and I told him that his earthly presense will be missed but knowing that God is taking him home just means that heaven will blessed with another angel to look after us. God rest his soul. God bless all of you.

sharon weber - January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM