



Walter Swanson

November 7, 1917 - November 7, 2004

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QUINNESEC - Walter L. Swanson, 87, of Quinnesec, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, at Ingham Regional Medical Center in Lansing.

He was born Sept. 12, 1917, in Rickardsburg, lower Michigan, son of the late Victor and Emma (Carlson) Swanson. Walter graduated from Quinnesec High School in 1937.

He married Joyce Nelson on May 24, 1941, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. She preceded him in death on July 17, 2004.

Walter was a veteran of World War II. He was in the U.S. Army from August of 1942 until October of 1945, serving in the campaigns in Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe, and the first wave in Normandy.

He was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and sang in the church choir and played for fellowship. He enjoyed woodworking, music, and singing.

Walter is survived by two daughters, Suzanne (William) Long of Grand Ledge, lower Michigan and Penny (Karl) Struble of Lansing; a brother, Harry (Ethelene) Swanson of Quinnesec; a sister, Evelyn Piper of Lansing; two sisters-in-laws, Janet Michaud of Quinnesec and Maryellen Nelson of Ann Arbor, lower Michigan; eight grandchildren, Chad and Heidi Eaton, Michael Parrott, William (Deborah) Long Jr., Bryan and Aaron Long, Shannon (Mark) Martin, and Joshua Struble; nine great-grandchildren, Jordan Eaton, Kristin, and Aliyah Eaton, Jaylin and Caleb Cooper, Austin and Macon Martin, Sydney Long and Christopher Briggs; a special niece, Kathy (Deen) Michaud; many

nieces and nephews; and a special friend from World War II, Ray Grilli of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gregory Allan Swanson; two brothers, Gordon and John Edward Swanson; and two sisters, Isabelle Larson and Viola Nordman.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Quinnesec.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Rev. Jim Holmberg will officiate. Burial will be at Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial can be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church in Quinnesec in Walter's memory.

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

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