

Gordon Alton Swanson, "Gordy," age 82, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 30, 2020 at home in Garfield, Minnesota.

Gordy was born on March 15, 1938 to Gustaf A. and Clara J. Swanson. He grew up in Argyle, MN, enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduating from High School in 1956. He was honorably discharged in 1957 and returned home to run the family farm with his brother Duane. In the Fall of 1966 he met Lois King in Virginia, MN and they were married in the summer of 1968. They lived in Oslo, MN where he farmed and they had their first child Geoffrey Allen. In 1973 they moved to Alexandria and purchased the Coast to Coast franchise. In 1974 they were blessed with a daughter Amy Jo. In 1983 he purchased the Ace Hardware franchise and owned it until 1993.

Gordy was "a jack of all trades" having the tools and the know-how to complete many projects. He was a skilled carpenter and cabinet maker and had designed and built many pieces that fill his family's homes. He was an electrician, a plumber and a mason and his engineering skills can be seen throughout the homestead. His passion was work. He took pride in starting and completing tasks, from his many "to do" lists. He loved to teach others, especially his Grandchildren of the importance of hard work and diligence and often strove for perfection. He enjoyed yard work, building projects and had a knack for organization. His grandkids loved working and playing alongside him, gardening, 4-wheeling, laughing, and just being together.

Gordy is survived by his wife Lois, son Geoffrey (Dana), daughter Amy Lamb, Tim Lamb, 3 adoring Grandsons, Spencer, Gavin, Owen, his favorite Granddaughter Larissa, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers James, Ken, Duane, sister Cleone and infant daughter.

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff--they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*

Remembering the Life of

Gordon Alton Swanson

March 15, 1938 † October 30, 2020

Memorial Service

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Garfield, Minnesota

Wednesday, November 4, 2020
11:00 AM

Officiating

Pastor David Gran

Organist

Margaret Kalina

Soloist

Sue Edwards

Burial

Bigwoods Lutheran Church Cemetery
Oslo, Minnesota

