

Robert Glenn Swanson was born on March 30, 1932, in Washington D.C. to Elmer and Ida (Peterson) Swanson. His father was a police officer in Washington D.C. and died in the line of duty when Robert was 3 months old. Ida and the family moved back home in Nelson, MN where Robert grew up between Nelson and Alexandria. Robert enlisted in the Army in 1951 until 1954 and served during the Korean War.

Robert was united in marriage to Marion Larson in September of 1954, and they were blessed with two daughters, Vicki and Laurie. Family made their home in Alexandria, where Robert became a police officer and worked with the Alexandria Police Department. Robert worked 2 years as the Police Chief in Parkers Prairie. Robert retired from the police department in 1973. After retirement, Robert drove truck and school bus which he really loved. On February 18, 1978, Robert married Marilyn Kern at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Robert built a log cabin by Lake Mary in 1987 where the couple lived. In early 2000, the couple moved to Wadena where Marilyn was from.

Robert enjoyed woodworking, building the log cabin, landscaping, flower gardening and fishing.

Robert died on Friday, October 13, 2017, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn of Wadena; daughters, Vicki (Joe) Schnitzler of Danvers and Laurie Morris of Madison, VA; grandchildren, Sara (Mike) McGee, Katie Schnitzler, Chap (Brandie) Morris and Amy (Mark) Arrington; great-grandchildren, John and Taylor McGee, Jordyn and Cole Bachman, and Pace and Tavner Arrington, and Will, Laureli and Quinn Morris; sister, DiAnn (Allen) Bakke; and many nieces and nephews. Robert is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Ida; brother, Eugene Swanson; sisters, Delores Johnson, Phyllis Jensen, and Judy Wilken.

*In Memory of*  
**Robert G. Swanson**

March 30, 1932



October 13, 2017

**Memorial Service**  
Anderson Funeral Home  
Alexandria, Minnesota  
Friday, October 20, 2017  
3:00 PM

**Officiant**

Reverend Father Arlie Sowada

**Music**

How Great Thou Art  
On Eagles Wings  
Amazing Grace

**Inurnment**

Fahlun Lutheran Cemetery  
Nelson, Minnesota



***I'm Free***

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.*