

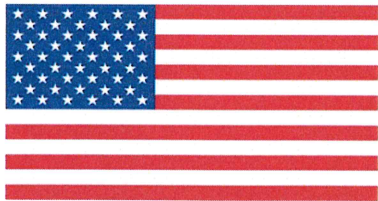
Revelation 21:1~4

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

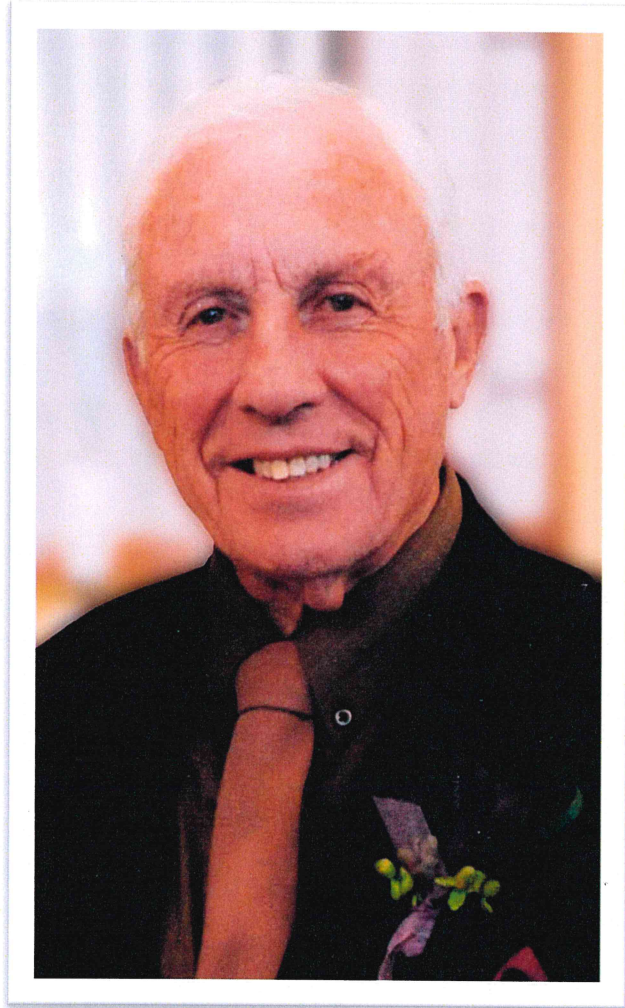
And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.



Celebrating The Life Of James Richard “Dick” Swift



November 20, 1931

May 21, 2023

In Loving Memory Of
James Richard “Dick” Swift

James Richard “Dick” Swift was born November 20, 1931, in Hawarden, Iowa to Irving and Frances (Lily) Swift. After graduating from Hawarden High School in 1950, he entered the US Navy, where he served as a gunner aboard the USS Orleck from 1950 to 1954. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Hawarden, where he met his future wife, Clarabelle Suedbeck. They were united in marriage on October 6, 1956.

Dick worked as a butcher for many years, eventually buying Hawarden Meats from Dean Martinson, where he continued to work, retiring in 1996.

Dick hated Iowa winters but loved the summers. You could usually find him on the golf course, and afterwards at a card table. He also enjoyed a little fishing. Poker nights were a weekly thing, with lucky Dick toting his big jar of quarters around, bragging to anyone who would listen.

Dick enjoyed watching his kids’ sporting events in his younger days and watching West Sioux Falcon sports on TV in his older days. He passed away on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at his home at the age of 91.

He leaves behind 7 children, Phil (Karen) Swift of Ankeny, Iowa, Matt Swift of North Liberty, Iowa, Mark (Lisa) Swift of Brentwood, California, Judy (Dave) Van Bruggen of Hawarden, Brian (Anne) Swift of Sioux Center, Iowa, Carrie (Kevin) Lewis of Dublin, California, and Tony (Audra) Swift of Virginia Beach, Virginia; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews, and of course, his loyal companion, Ruby.

Waiting for him in Heaven will be his wife, Belle; infant son, James, Jr.; sister, Patty Keiser and her husband Butch; daughter-in-law, LeAnn Swift; and his parents.

In Dad’s own famous words, “I’m out of gas.”

Until we meet again, Dad, rest in peace.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 25, 2023

St. Mary’s Catholic Church

Hawarden, Iowa

CELEBRANT

Father Roger Linnan

ORGANIST

Kathy Knight

CANTOR

Teresa Huenink

CASKET BEARERS

Phil Swift ~ Matt Swift

Mark Swift ~ Judy Van Bruggen

Brian Swift ~ Carrie Lewis ~ Tony Swift

MILITARY RITES

Two Oaks American Legion Post 254 of Hawarden

Navy Honor Guard

INTERMENT

Grace Hill Cemetery

Hawarden, Iowa

Please join Dick’s family for lunch and fellowship at the Eagles following the committal service.