



John Richard Swanberg

April 7, 1943 - February 21, 2023

John Richard Swanberg of Cadillac passed away, Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was 79.

John was born April 7, 1943 in Cadillac to Idoff and Gretha (Leander) Swanberg.

He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1961. From 1973 to 1976 John owned and operated John's Marathon until purchasing Breidenstein Oil Co. with partner Bill White. In 1998 John became the sole owner until his son, John I. Swanberg, purchased the business in 2005.

He had great times at "trout camp" on Hopkins Creek with his poker buddies and liked deer hunting as well. He loved taking his family for Sunday rides and picnics. John especially enjoyed the family trips with dear friends, Dean and Marge Witherspoon and family, Annie, Steve, Jan and Sandy.

On September 19, 1970 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac he married Max(ine) L. Finnerty and she survives him along with their children: John I. Swanberg (Julie) of Cadillac, Laurie (Duane) VanPolen of McBain, Rick (Kim) Swanberg of Tustin, Dr. Bridget (Mike Austin) Swanberg-Austin of Mesa, Arizona; grandchildren: Matthew Swanberg, Michael (Amy) VanPolen, Kristin Hamacher, Bethany VanPolen (Ethan Benson), Faith Swanberg, Kirstin

Swanberg (Casey Vela), Melissa Swanberg, Megan Swanberg, Jack Austin, Erik Austin; great-grandchildren: Teagan, Mason, Micah, Avery, Waylin, Bella, Danalia, Skylee, Logan; a brother, Chuck (Tam) Swanberg of Cadillac.

John was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter-in-law, Ronda Swanberg.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM, Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Pastor Scott Torkko officiating. Friends may meet the family Monday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **27**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral Home
205 E. Cass St.
Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-3411
info@petersonfh.com
<http://www.petersonfh.com>

Funeral Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Richard Swanberg.*



February 26, 2023 at 08:19 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. God bless.*

Ann Margret Olsson

Ann Margret Olsson Sweden - February 26, 2023 at 09:47 AM



With great sadness my condolences to John's family. I have known them for many years. God bless

Nancy Robb - February 26, 2023 at 06:23 PM



Thinking of you Johnny and Max

Nancy Robb - February 26, 2023 at 06:26 PM



*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Dawn Tumath (Simmons)*

Dawn Tumath - February 27, 2023 at 09:18 AM

MK

“ Sorry for your loss. God Bless. I have known, John for a while he always had a smile. He will be missed. God Bless to your entire family. Mike Kendziorski.

Michael Kendziorski - February 25, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of John Richard Swanberg.



February 24, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Richard Swanberg.



February 24, 2023 at 07:49 AM

SV

“ Max and Family... So sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you attempt to navigate life without John by your side.

All our love...Will and Sheila Vanderhoof

Sheila Vanderhoof - February 23, 2023 at 10:56 PM

HB

“ Prayers for comfort and strength now and in the day's ahead for the family. John was a great person with a good heart. Hal Ballew

hal Ballew - February 23, 2023 at 09:46 AM

EM

“ Sincere sympathy to Max and Family. John will be missed. I did not know him well but remember he could figure out a car problem and have it fixed in no time at the station. I admired that. Peace to each of you.

ELSIE L MOORE - February 22, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Richard Swanberg.



February 22, 2023 at 08:07 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Richard Swanberg.



February 22, 2023 at 08:03 PM

AW

“ *John was an exceptional neighbor and was like family to the 'Spoons. We had great camping times growing up and everything in between. We will miss seeing him out having one of his bonfires - We called him "Fire God". The neighbors next door are together again (with Dean & Marge). Until we see you again, we will carry on with the great bonfires! Love ya, Dad Swan! - Annie, Steve, Jan & Sandy*

Ann R Wilkinson - February 22, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John Richard Swanberg.*



February 22, 2023 at 05:16 PM