



## Richard 'Dick' Swanson

March 6, 1938 - July 13, 2013

Funeral services for RICHARD 'DICK' SWANSON, 75, will be held at 10am on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at the United Church of Christ in Lyman, Nebraska with Rev. Dr. Robert Smith and Pastor Cindy Bowker co-officiating. Burial will take place at the Valley View Cemetery in Torrington. Dick died on July 13, 2013 at the Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Visitation hours will be held at the Colyer Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 17 from 3pm to 7pm. Memorials may be directed to the Lyman Church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends are invited to send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com)

Dick was born on March 6, 1938 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska the son of Paul and Sylvia (Briggs) Swanson. He grew up and attended school at Morrill, Nebraska; graduating Morrill High School in 1957. Following graduation, Dick worked at GID and farmed near Morrill. He married Katherine Gabel on June 2, 1962. In 1969 the couple moved to Huntley, Wyoming where Dick farmed for many years; while running a 70sow/swine confinement operation. While in the Huntley area, Dick coached women's softball. Dick also worked at the University of Wyoming Experiment Farm and as a ditch rider for GID. He was also at Hiner Implement for a brief time. After Dick retired from GID he helped set up consignment and machinery auction sales for Madden Brothers.

Dick was a 4-H leader and served as superintendent of the swine barn at the

County Fair. He was also an Elder at the United Church of Christ. Dick enjoyed collecting model tractors; he loved having coffee with his friends, spending time with his dog, Max, and he really enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine of Torrington; his sons, Mike (Susan) Swanson of Torrington, and Corby (Desi) Swanson of Shickley, NE; a sister, Charlotte (James) Giles of Loveland, CO; brother Don(Linda) Swanson of Sun City, AZ; four granddaughters, Nichole Swanson and Courtney Swanson both of Torrington; Jeannie Hatterman and Micah Hatterman of of Shickley,NE; and two grandsons, Josh Swanson of Gering, NE; and Wyatt Hatterman of Shickley, NE. He was preceded in death by his parents.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 18. 10:00 AM (MT)

United Church of Christ  
Lyman, NE

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ Keith Whitney lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick" Swanson



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Keith Whitney - July 19, 2013 at 02:43 PM

TM

“ Kathy & Family,  
I was so sorry to read about Dick in the Telegram. My prayers go out to you all. He was a very friendly and kind man. He always made me smile when he would come into my office. I'm glad I got to know him better before he left this old world.  
If I can do anything to help, please let me know.  
Thank You,  
Tina Morrell  
Torrington Workforce Center

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Tina Morrell - July 18, 2013 at 04:47 PM

BF

“ Want to let the Swanson family know we are thinking of you folks in this time of sadness. We thought a lot of Dick and remember the days of 4-H when all the kids worked together and had so much fun. Dick will never be forgotten for all his kindness and great things he had done. Your Family is in our prayers. The Bob Adams family

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Bob Adams family - July 18, 2013 at 01:55 PM

SG

“ *Sandy Gabel lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick" Swanson*



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**Sandy Gabel** - July 17, 2013 at 08:11 PM

DS

“ *Kathy, Mike & Family & Corby & Family : So sorry to hear of Dick's passing . He always had a hug & a kind word everytime I would see him ! What a great guy ! He will surely be missed ! Our Prayer's are with you ! Doug & Lori Stall & family .*

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**Doug & Lori Stall** - July 17, 2013 at 11:34 AM

DS

“ *Doug & Lori Stall lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick" Swanson*



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**Doug & Lori Stall** - July 17, 2013 at 11:27 AM

 Pam Crawford

“ *Pam Crawford lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick" Swanson*



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**Pam Crawford** - July 16, 2013 at 09:52 PM

JL

“ Jackie Lippincott lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick" Swanson



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Jackie Lippincott - July 16, 2013 at 07:57 PM

Molly Willmsche

“ I have such vivid memories of Dick from when I was little. He was like an Uncle and I loved him.

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Molly Willmschen - July 16, 2013 at 07:19 PM

GB

“ I worked with Dick at UW for many years. He was a kind, friendly, hard working and generous man. He will be missed.

Ginny Becker

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Ginny Becker - July 16, 2013 at 07:58 AM

GB

“ Ginny Becker lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick" Swanson



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Ginny Becker - July 16, 2013 at 07:55 AM

SM

“ *Scott And Shelley Miller lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick" Swanson*



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**Scott and Shelley Miller** - July 16, 2013 at 12:17 AM

TF

“ *Todd And Kristy Weglin And Family lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick" Swanson*



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**Todd and Kristy Weglin and Family** - July 15, 2013 at 08:54 PM

DR

“ *Donna and I would like to express our sincere condolences to Kathy and the family of Dick Swanson. God has given him a new body, a better body, one that can never grow old, never know disease, never suffer pain, and can never die. God has also given you the memories of him. Remember how happy he made you and also how happy you made him. If life is measured by what's left behind... the life of Dick was truly a successful one.*

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**Dale Radford** - July 15, 2013 at 07:15 PM

BO

“ *Bob Otero lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick" Swanson*



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**Bob Otero** - July 15, 2013 at 06:19 PM

JA

“ *Kathy and family, so sorry to hear about Dick. He was truly a great guy and will be missed by all that knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time.*  
*Gene and Julie Alkire*

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**Julie Alkire** - July 15, 2013 at 04:33 PM

TW

“ *Todd & Leslie Woster lit a candle in memory of Richard 'Dick' Swanson*



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**Todd & Leslie Woster** - July 15, 2013 at 02:49 PM