



Donald Swanson

July 15, 1925 - September 30, 2025

SERVICES POSTPONED DUE TO THE WEATHER*

Donald Edward Swanson, 100, passed away Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at Pinnacle Specialty Care in Cedar Falls following a stroke.

He was born July 15, 1925, in Pine Island, Minnesota, the son of Ivan and Dena (Bushman) Swanson. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School before serving in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1946. On April 28, 1945, he was united in marriage to Hazel Southard in Belton, Texas. He worked at Rath Packing Co. for 36 years before retiring in 1984.

Donald had a 100th birthday celebration at his favorite restaurant, Cedar Falls Family Restaurant, with many family and friends attending. He was honored by Post 49 AMVETS Riders who paraded past his house and individually, went up to shake his hand!

Donald is survived by his sons, Eldon (Vicki) Swanson of Hudson and James (Janis) Swanson of Cedar Falls; his grandchildren: Tara Swanson, Tory (Melissa) Swanson, Amber (Dan) Megivern, Aaron (Andrea) Olson, Felicia (Andy) Baker, Stephanie Swanson, Carrie Swanson, Lisa (Mike) Wallace, and Brooke (Ryan) Starling; numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, and daughter-in-law, Mary Swanson of Independence, MO.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel; son, Craig; and siblings, Robert, Gloria and Richard.

A celebration of his life will be held from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 29 with a sharing of memories at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Inurnment with military honors immediately following at Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens

Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 233-6136

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 29. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Tribute Wall

AB

“ There are just not enough words to convey all my thoughts and memories of Don for me He was that diamond in a rough that a person finds once in a lifetime.
We have been through ups and downs with Don & Hazel our life long friends,first meeting them when our moving van stopped at the gas station for an extra hand to help our unloading at the Shady Rest Motel.which we had just bought.and spent many a cold one ,,card games cook outs,camping etc.etc till I retired to Florida, treasured our visits whenever I got back to iowa in the summer from Florida where I lives for 30 years, Love you big guy.Alvina Beyer

Alvina Beyer - October 14, 2025 at 08:39 PM

DH

“ Don was a Great man. I remember him coming to see Jim @ Nippondenso (now DENSO) in Cedar Falls office.
He would always bring Jim Donuts! (I got to have one too). And he always had a smile and few good stories! He will be missed!

Dan Heinemann - October 07, 2025 at 03:28 PM

JS

Thank you, Dan!

Jan Swanson - October 13, 2025 at 09:49 PM

RH

I did not know Mr. Swanson, but turning 100 is a big deal! As a Navy Vietnam guy I salute him for his service to our great country. I know I would have liked him. RIP, Sir!

Ron Heth - November 24, 2025 at 10:24 AM