



Hazel M. Swanson

July 19, 1926 - July 1, 2022

CEDAR FALLS – Hazel Marie Swanson, age 95, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, July 1, 2022, at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

She was born July 19, 1926, in Cedar Falls, the daughter of Luther and Dora (Hodge) Southard. Hazel graduated from New Hartford High School in the class of 1944. On April 28, 1945, Hazel was united in marriage to Donald E Swanson in Belton, TX. This year they celebrated their 77th anniversary. Hazel was a housewife and mother to her three sons: Craig, Eldon and James. She also ran a successful catering business for many years. Hazel enjoyed cooking, baking, crafting, camping, writing letters, sending cards, and scherenschnitte (the German art of paper cutting).

Survived by her husband, Don of Cedar Falls; her three sons: Craig (Mary) Swanson of Independence, MO, Eldon (Vicki) Swanson of Hudson, and James (Janis) Swanson of Cedar Falls; her grandchildren: Tara Swanson, Tory (Melissa) Swanson, Amber (Dan) Megivern, Aaron (Andrea) Olson, Felicia (Andy) Baker, Stephanie (Brian) Kimball, Carrie Swanson, Lisa (Mike) Wallace, and Brooke (Ryan) Starling; fourteen great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Preceded in death by her siblings, Nellie Graham, Edith Drenner, Talmage Southard, and Delmar Southard.

Memorial services will be 10:30am Friday, July 8, 2022, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, in Cedar Falls. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 9:30 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

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Inurnment

JUL 8. 11:30 AM (CT)

Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 233-6136

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Hazel's family. Murry and I were so sorry to hear of Hazel's passing, but know she is in a better place. We watched her receive her wonderful recognition a couple weeks ago, she as all of you must have been so proud. What a send off, but then again she never did do anything halfway. You are in our prayers.*

Barbara Van Dyke - July 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hazel M. Swanson.*



July 07, 2022 at 03:20 PM

AB

“ Don,Eldon,Craig,Jim spouses and families.I send my sympathies.Don & Hazel were our oldest friends in Cedar Falls,we have been through a lot over the years some sad and many more good memories,I am glad I got to see you when I visited Iowa in the summers.It has been a Blessing to know Hazel and Don is my buddy for life.

One memory comes to mind is when we had a surprise Anniversay at camp in Decorah camping.Right down to regular glasses,tablecloth,flowers etc,And the walk along the stream,hazel really enjoyed that.

I am sorry I cannot be there for the service,and Craig knows better than anyone about open heart surgery and doctors limitations, And Don we will still bring that chocolate cake you like so well/and of course Hazel will get ANGEL FOOD cake on her day. Love to you and prayers for healing .Alvina BeyerFlorida

Alvina L Beyer - July 07, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Hazel M. Swanson.



July 06, 2022 at 06:12 PM

AG

“ I will miss Hazel dearly. Whenever we would go visit there was sure to be a laugh. Her and Don's relationship was such a joy to watch. She was an amazing woman. What a great honor to receive a Congressional Gold Medal for Civil Air Patrol Service. She will continue to hold a special place in my heart. I love you Hazel.
Angela Graham

Angela Graham - July 05, 2022 at 04:06 PM

SG

“ We will always remember Hazel!what a wonderful,loving and kind friend she was!She was always there when we needed a friend or help.So many good memories meeting Hazel and Don at the Amvets with all our friends!She offered to make our wedding cake and what a wedding cake it was!We will miss you Hazel!Thanks for all the great memories!Stan&Vicky (Stauffacher) Gorsh

Stan&Vicky Gorsh - July 03, 2022 at 02:09 AM

JW

So sorry for your loss of your Mom. Jim and family. You have our deepest sympathies. And in our prayers. James

James A Wahner - July 06, 2022 at 02:28 AM