

December 29, 2007

## **Clarence Swenson**

- The service for Clarence Swenson, 86, Aberdeen, will be 2 pm, Saturday, December 29, 2007 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Pastor Tony Haglund officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Clarence died on Wednesday, December 26 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital.
- Visitation: 1-7 pm, Friday at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 S. Main St. with family present from 5-7 with a prayer service at 7pm at the funeral home.
- Clarence Duane Swenson was born on August 13, 1921 in Werner, ND to Iver & Karen (Hunstad) Swenson. At the age of three his family moved to Gem Township. He graduated from Aberdeen Central High School in 1941. Clarence married Lucille Johnson on June 2, 1946 at the First English Lutheran Church in Groton. He farmed south of Bath from 1938-1984, and there they raised five children. In November 2005 the couple moved into Aberdeen.
- Clarence enjoyed woodworking , gardening, singing in the Barbershop chorus, and participating in bowling leagues. He especially took pride in his yard.
- He was a life long member of Scandinavia Lutheran Church where he held many leadership positions and taught Sunday School. He was also a member of the Gem Township board, NeSoDak Bible Camp Board, Bethesda Home Board of Directors, Brown County CO-OP Board of Directors, and a charter member of the Dakota Heritage Barbershop Chorus. Clarence was an ASC Seal Inspector, and he assembled machinery at Aberdeen Equipment for a number of years in the winter months.
- Grateful for having shared Clarence's life are his bride of sixty-one years, Lucille Swenson of Aberdeen, two sons, Philip (Joanne) Swenson, Rochester, MN; Howard Swenson, Bath, SD; three daughters, Sharla (Mark) Thompson, Thompson, ND; Rebecca (Dwight) Althoff, Waubay, SD; Crystal Swenson; Aberdeen; five grandchildren, Kristin Swenson, St. Paul, MN; Katherine Swenson, Minneapolis, MN; Susan Thompson, West Fargo, ND; David Thompson, West Fargo, ND; Gregory Althoff, Waubay, SD; and many nieces and nephews.
- He was preceded in death by his parents, Iver & Karen; two brothers, Harvey and Marlo Swenson; and one sister, Marcelle Kreitel.
- Memorials may be directed to Lutherans Outdoors in South Dakota in care of Augustana College Sioux Falls, SD 57197