



Richard Edward Swan

March 24, 1930 - February 20, 2015

Richard "Dick" Edward Swan passed away peacefully on Friday, February 20, 2015. Richard was born the son of the late George and Magdalene (Pond) Swan in Gary, Indiana on March 24, 1930. He was united in marriage to Charleen Fuhrman on June 20, 1953. His family moved to Clare in 1971 where he spent his energy enriching the lives of those around him while dedicating his heart and soul to his love of family, sports and education. He would eventually pursue his love of fishing full time. He built and created his own fishing charter and river guide and went on to produce his very own custom Noodle Fishing Rod. He touched the lives of many, but no one loved him more than his family.

He is survived in death by his wife of 61 years, Charleen; his four children, Cole (Angela) Swan, Jaymie (Barry) Martz, Kurt Swan and Jill (Kevin) Ripley; his six grandchildren, Kiley (Kasey) Beal, Kori Martz , Devon Ripley, Morgan Ripley, Seth (Heather) Story and Garrick Swan, along with all of his friends who loved and supported him throughout the entirety of his life. He was preceded in death by his brothers Jay, Jim, and Phil Swan and his sister Sharolyn Liedtke.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made out to MidMichigan Home Care and Hospice. A memorial visitation will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 4 -7 P.M. at the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RL

“ I met Dick over 30 years ago on the Big Manistee River. He came over and asked me who made my rod. I said I did. He then told me that he also made rods and we compared notes for a while and went our ways. The next time I saw Duck was at my business "THE WELLSTON INN " we had a steelhead tournament that weekend and he was in it. My condolences to your family and friends Dick was a great sportsman, father and friend.

Ronald Loguidice - April 01, 2017 at 10:05 AM

RH

“ I never met Dick Swan or had a chance to fish with him. But he was well known in the Steelhead Fishing scene for as long as I can remember. He made the noodle rod famous. My prayers are with his family and I'm very sorry for your loss. We all end up down stream sooner or later and I hope to see you one day on the stream above fishing for our beloved steelhead.

Roger Hinchcliff
Steelhead Manifesto

Roger Hinchcliff - March 11, 2015 at 07:31 PM

JF

“ I have many fond memories of Coach, I played high school football and basketball for him, I coached high school football with him, and basketball and baseball for him. He was my coach, teacher, boss, but most of all my friend. He always wanted the best for his players and coaches, and expected the best from them. His favorite saying "THINK BIG" was the thing he lived by, as he was always reaching for the top. My memories of those days are still very vivid and Coach influenced my life and coaching career of 49 years now. Coach, your friendship was always very special, I really looked forward to our phone calls and seeing you in May and August each year, I will miss you greatly, but never will I forget you. My heart goes out to Char and the family during this trying time.

God Bless,
Jim Fuller
Venice FL



Jim Fuller - March 04, 2015 at 11:05 PM

CT

“ I just heard about Mr. Swan's passing. In my mind, I can still hear the sound coming down Oakland Drive of him making another fishing rod. Such great memories of growing up on that street and spending time with the Swan family.

Love,

Chris Tracy

Chris Tracy - March 04, 2015 at 09:47 AM

LI

“ Sorry for your loss uncle Richard will be missed the Liedtke family

liedtke - February 26, 2015 at 09:11 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Edward Swan.



February 25, 2015 at 07:58 PM

SJ

“ I have fond memories of teaching with Dick at Beal City. I am so glad he had so many good years of doing the fishing that he loved, along with rod/reel crafting. He will be missed.
Sheryl Judd

Sheryl Judd - February 25, 2015 at 07:13 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Edward Swan.



February 25, 2015 at 12:01 PM

BK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Char. I appreciated the warm welcome into your home during the countless visits over the years. So many stories have come to mind, from the river to the boat and the numerous buffet trips, complete with Coach Swan's orders on what to eat! He was a great man and will be missed.*

Thank you
Brian Kelly

Brian Kelly - February 25, 2015 at 09:25 AM

ST

“ *Dear Char and family,*

My sympathy to you and your family on the death of Dick. Time goes by so fast. It seems as if it was only yesterday that we worked together at Bullock Creek High School. I remember Dick's friendly smile. God's peace to you.

Shirley Thurlow

Shirley Thurlow - February 24, 2015 at 10:23 PM

CL

“ *Sending our Condolences to Char and her wonderful family. The mark of a man is his family and good friends. Dick had the best of both. (I can't help but remember all the great times we had Char - Area School, BMS and all of our MRA trips & presentations.) Hugs & love to all. Christie Lozen-Looney & Chris Looney*

Christie Lozen-Looney - February 24, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Richard Edward Swan.*



February 24, 2015 at 05:08 PM



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Greg Ganz - February 24, 2015 at 04:49 PM



“ *The Hosfords purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Edward Swan.*



The Hosfords - February 24, 2015 at 12:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Edward Swan.*



February 24, 2015 at 11:20 AM

GG

“ *Very sorry to hear of Dick's passing.. He was one of my fishing mentors and I read many of his fine articles over the years.. Wrote him a few letters years ago and he was always gracious by writing back....I would see him every summer when he would come back down to Indiana, to fish charters out of Michiigan City... He will be missed... Condolences to the Swan family... Greg Ganz.. Valparaiso, Indiana*

Gregory Ganz - February 24, 2015 at 10:11 AM

SH

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Char, family and friends. Big hugs and love. Jerry and Sally Hicks*

Sally Hicks - February 24, 2015 at 08:04 AM

JJ

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Jim - February 24, 2015 at 06:55 AM

EC

“ *Edna Cizauskas purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Richard Edward Swan.*



Edna Cizauskas - February 24, 2015 at 06:02 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Richard Edward Swan.*



February 23, 2015 at 02:14 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss! What a great guy! I met Dick and his kids back in the 70's at school. I didn't get to know Char until many, many years later as a volunteer in the H.O.S.T.S. Program. Such a great family....so many wonderful memories. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend visitation since I'll be out of state visiting my daughter. Please know that each one of you is in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time. May you feel God's comfort, and be soothed by many happy memories.*

Pam

Tom Pam Weaver - February 23, 2015 at 10:02 AM



“ *With Sympathy from Egon and Chris Peters. Dick was a great man and mentor; who will be missed by many. We share many memories and stories gathered over the past 25 years of time spent on the Manistee and surrounding areas. The knowledge and techniques gained while helping Dick at the fishing shows will continue to be passed on. We are both still using fishing rods custom made by Dick.*

You are all in our thoughts.

EGON & CHRIS PETERS Windsor, Ont - February 23, 2015 at 09:44 AM

TA

“ *Sincere condolences to Char and the entire family.*

Tammy and Scott Chaffee

Tamara - February 23, 2015 at 09:25 AM

DC

“ *My condolences. Dick was a giant within the sport fishing fraternity and will be greatly missed. I'm going to miss him even more.*

Darryl (Cronzy) Choronzey

darryl choronzey - February 22, 2015 at 06:36 PM

ST

“ *My Deepest Symphony goes out as he was a Wonderful man and will be sadly missed*

Sandra (Cunningham) Turley - February 22, 2015 at 04:34 PM

BH

“ *Your families will be in my heart during this difficult time. You will feel this loss, and then the memories of all of the smiles and laughter will come to fill your thoughts.*

Bruce Hales - February 22, 2015 at 04:34 PM

KB

“ I'll never forget meeting him his first year at Clare as AP...one of the first days of school I encountered him in the hallway outside Mr. Patterson's biology classroom...his size was so intimidating I knew from that day that my teachers would have no problems with me...and as I got to know him, I appreciated what a good, nice man and good father he was. My condolences to you all...praying that your memories will get you through this tough time.

Kevin Ballou - February 22, 2015 at 02:06 PM

BM

“ I couldn't have asked for a better father in law. Great guy. Always there for the kids, Jaymie, and I. Lots of great memories and stories. We will miss you always.

Love you
Barry

Barry Martz - February 22, 2015 at 12:47 PM

 Brian Godley

“ With Sympathy From The Godley Family, Sincerely Sorry For Your Loss. Love and Prayers, Brian and Diane

Brian Godley - February 22, 2015 at 09:07 AM

RP

“ Our deepest condolences to the entire family. You're in our thoughts.
Randy & Darlene

Randy Parrish - February 21, 2015 at 07:18 PM