



## Earl Swanson

September 8, 1925 - July 7, 2006

Earl Norman Swanson, age 80 of Deer Creek, passed away on Friday, July 7th at the St. Cloud Hospital. Earl was born to his parents Nels & Olena (Julsen) Swanson on Sept. 8, 1925 on the family farm near Newman Grove, NE. He farmed in Illinois, Newman Grove and moved to his farm near Deer Creek in 1955 until retiring in 1986. Earl was united in marriage to Margaret Lucille Sjurson on April 14, 1947 at the Shell Creek Lutheran Church in Newman Grove. When Earl moved to this area he was known for raising Farmers Hybrid Hogs. He was also very active in his community. He was a member of the Deer Creek Rod & Gun Club, Community Action Council, member of the Board of Midland Coop & a school board member of Dist. 94 Compton Township. Earl also enjoyed playing cards, telling stories and jokes, hunting and fishing, spending time with his grandchildren and his children. Earl was preceded in death by his wife Margaret in 1999; his parents; brothers Melvin, Audren & Raymond; sisters Edith Patzel & Iola Warneke. He is survived by his daughter Nancy (Ron) Walz of Wadena; sons Robert (Linda) of Moorhead and James of Deer Creek; 7 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; brothers Arnold (Toots) of Fergus Falls and Leo of Newman Grove, NE; sister in laws Elfreda Swanson of Mission, SD and Evelyn Swanson of Newman Grove, NE. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, July 11th at 11:00 AM in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena with Rev. Del Moen officiating. Burial will take place in the Compton Lutheran Cemetery next to his wife Margaret. Honorary pallbearers are all of his card playing

buddies. Active pallbearers will be his grandchildren Joan Mertens, Greg Swanson, Tony Swanson, Kimberly Dailey, Brenda Walz, Ricky Walz, Bonnie White, Jack Dailey & Shawn White.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Earl was a great guy to work with. We will all miss his humor and smiles. May god bless you at your time of loss.*

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**Jennifer Butcher** - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *So sorry to hear of your Dads passing. This is a remembrance from many years ago .. I remember my dad commenting , what an honorable man Earl Swanson is.... Funny how, and what you remember about a person. Personally I remember he was a very big man with a kind and happy smile. Sorry about your Dad...*

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**Faye (Tranby) Harvey** - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *I knew Earl as the father of my friend Jim, his son. Earl was a great guy who always made you feel at home and welcome whenever you stopped to visit. I will always appreciate him letting me hunt deer on his property. My family's prayers go out to his family, and I expect to visit with him again one day in Heaven. May God rest.*

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**john eagleson** - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Grandpa,

*I will always treasure the time I spent with you. My children were privileged enough to have spent time with you. There will always be conversations about 'Big Papa'.*

*I am often asked where I get my dimples from. I am proud to tell them, "I get them from my Grandpa."*

*You will always be loved.*

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**Brenda Walz** - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My sincerest condolences to you all.  
May God bless...*

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**Cheryl Whitley** - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *I am so sorry to you, the family, that Earl has died. I enjoyed playing pinochle with him in Z & W years ago. We always had friendly, humorous chats whenever we met on the street. He will be missed very much. My deepest sympathies to all of you.*

*Deanna Lietz*

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**Deanna Lietz** - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ It was sure by most one off the greatist things I have ever did getting to know Earl .I will miss him dearly .God has truely blessed me as earl was one of greatist persons I have ever met.I have a 3 year old son named after Earl .his name is Vincent Earl Dialey.LOVE YA EARL MAY GOD WATCTH OVER YOU.

Jack Dailey - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Every time I see those pink mint candies, I think of Earl and Lucille. He was a really great guy. I will miss Earl alot.

Tammy Kassahn - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ My sympathy to you Nancy, Jim and Bob in loss of your dad Margaret

Margaret Andresen - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Nancy,Jim, Bob and families my sympathy to each of you in the loss of you Dad.

Arlys Andrews - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Grandpa - thank you for all the memories, I will treasure each day that we shared. God, please take care of this guy and look out for him as he looked out for each of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Make room at the pinochle table and let him cook you a fried chicken dinner. Grandpa, I will always love you.

Jack, Kim and Vincent Dailey - July 07, 2006 at 12:00 AM