



Dave Swanson

October 23, 2005

Swanson, Dave age 68, of Fridley, passed away quietly after a valiant battle with colon cancer on 10/21/05. Dave was a long time agent with American Family Insurance. Preceded in death by parents and sister, Sharon. Survived by devoted wife, Marilee; children, Stephanie (Don) McFarling, Timm (Jennifer) Stephen, Ryan (Jody), and Melanie (Chris) DeLisi; grandchildren, Meghan, Merrick, Ryken, and Ethan; brother, Phil; sisters, Cindy and Terry; and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Allina Hospice or First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights. Private Interment will be held at a later date. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, 1PM, at First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights, 1555 40TH AVE NE. A gathering of family and friends will be held 1 hour prior to service at church and Monday from 5-8 PM at: Washburn-McReavy Columbia Heights Chapel 4101 Central Ave NE 763-789-4436

Tribute Wall

JT

“*Marilee and family, our thoughts are with all of you. Your family is the "gold standard" with as much love and compassion you show to each other and to friends through these very tough times. You are all truly amazing people, stay strong and positive as always. I will be one of thousands to miss Dave. Dave was always the veteran agent who took the time to guide us rookies and keep us plugging. I remember him saying "It just gets easier Trevis...it just gets easier," Then he'd follow that with, "I'm sure glad I'm not starting my agency now!!" I hope he bumps into my Dad, they are absolutely cut from the same cloth and I will love and miss them both forever. Here's to maintaining "The minimum acceptable standard." Dave, thanks for the great example for me to follow as an agent and a father.*

~

Jim & Lana Trevis,

Woodbury, Minnesota

Jim & Lana Trevis - November 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Dear Merilee and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Dave was a wonderful agent but more so a friend. Conversations with Dave would always end with family. He was very proud of his family and loved each of you dearly. May you take comfort in knowing that in this time of sorrow.

~

Gene and Nancy Doncaster,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Gene and Nancy Doncaster - October 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MP

“*Dave was the nicest most sincere man I have ever met. He was always smiling and looking for that KISS. He will be deeply missed by so many people!*

~

Mary Beth & Mitch Pitman,

Andover, Minnesota

Mary Beth & Mitch Pitman - October 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *May the Angels in heaven smile upon you as you smiled upon everyone who crossed your path. May the Lord our God keep you at his side and good grace. Your smile and kindness will be missed but your Legacy will be remember as you will live forever in our hearts and in every smile.*

Thank you for your kindness

~

Jean Pierre Pallais,

cottage grove, Minnesota

Contact Me

Jean Pierre Pallais - October 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I am so sorry for you loss. Dave was like a father to me. He was always someone I could talk to, no matter what.

I know his passing is hard, but please know that he will only be remembered with fond memories of his kind heart and warm smile.

I think of Dave and you all very often. You will all be in my prayers.

Much love, Dana

~

Dana Little,

Fridley, Minnesota

Dana Little - October 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BL

“*Dave was a very kind man who will be sorely missed by all. He was my favorite Uncle growing up as a little girl and I have fond memories of him during the Holiday Season. Even though I did not see much of Dave as I grew older I always kept in touch with him by phone and feel blessed that I last spoke with him in May when he was still feeling good.*

My heart goes out to his family in this difficult time and my prayers are with you all.

Sincere Regards

Dave's niece Beverly

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Beverly Logelin,

Rosemount, Minnesota

Beverly Logelin - October 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *Merilee and Family,
We will miss Dave so very very much. We will always imagine that
infectious smile of his when we think of him. I'm sure he's out at the
cabin puffing on his celebratory cigar and looking out at the lake
enjoying himself immensely.
All our love to you!!!!*

~

Lucy and Mark Royal,

Blaine, Minnesota

Lucy and Mark Royal - October 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JP

“*Dave's smiling face, sense of humor and positive outlook were always a day brightener for me with D56 & D74 at American Family - as well as the few times I was able to share the fairway with him! What a blessing it was to have known this kind, courageous and selfless man.*

Sincere and heartfelt sympathy, Marilee and Family.

~

Janine Palaia,

Andover, Minnesota

Janine Palaia - October 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Marilee~

The tears fill my eyes as I write this message to you. I've felt the pain your feeling, and the heartache of losing a best friend, soulmate, a wonderful husband. Ironically, both Dave and Randy left this world because of the same dreaded disease. My thoughts and prayers have been with both You and Dave since his diagnoses. Today, my thoughts and prayers are offered for You...I am hoping that God will give you the strength you need to get through these next few days, weeks, months, even years. You are a wonderful person and you deserved a wonderful man like Dave! Dave will be thought of and missed by all...never to be forgotten. I can honestly say that he was one of the kindest people I have ever met. Always smiling! The world is a better place because of him! May God Bless You and shine his love down upon you now and forever.

*Love,
TERRI*

~

Terri Thatcher,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Terri Thatcher - October 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DV

“*Marilee & Dave you have always been an inspiring solid couple, whom we've looked up to. You were our vision of an amazing couple! Wow! Now time will pass and some day you will be together again rocking the heavens with your inspiring smiles and cheerful solid love. Tears are flowing and our hearts broken.*

Hummmm...we bet the big guy who we ALL loved so much is looking down from heaven, smilin' with that big long stogie hanging front his lips, chuckling..

"What's all the fuss about? I'm on the ninteeth hole...and life was good!"

We will miss you so much Dave! We will always look up to you!

~

Dean & Wendy Villella,

Minnetrista, Minnesota

Dean & Wendy Villella - October 24, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Our prayers continue to be with your family. We are so sorry for your loss.

Love,
The Gerstler Family

~

Cheryl Gerstler,

Niskayuna, New York

Cheryl Gerstler - October 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JP

“*Dave had been my insurance guy as long as I have had a license. He was always a straight shooter and a good guy to talk to. He will be missed.*

My condolences to Marilee and the family.

~

JJ Plude,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

JJ Plude - October 23, 2005 at 12:00 AM