



Donald James Swenson

November 29, 1948 - March 22, 2026

Donald James Swenson, 77, of Bloomington, MN, formerly of Barnesville, MN passed away peacefully at home, after a brief battle with cancer, on March 22, 2026 surrounded by his loved ones.

Don was born on November 29, 1948, to Eugene & Doris Swenson in Moorhead, MN. He grew up on the family farm in Barnesville and attended school in Barnesville. After his dad passed away, Don spent many years farming the homeland. He eventually attended Moorhead Tech and became an electrician.

On September 4, 1993, Don married the love of his life, Debra Klongerbo and they made their home in Bloomington, MN for their entire married life, first remodeling and then rebuilding their house.

Don involved himself in his nieces' and nephews' lives while they were growing up and was always willing to lend a hand if you needed electrical work done, family and neighbors alike. He was a problem solver and always liked to do the job right the first time. He and Deb enjoyed spending time at their lake home in Alexandria, especially in retirement and Don became a slave to their two cats, Suzy and Pippa. While he was a homebody and not much of a traveler, he fully supported Deb in her traveling and mission work in Kenya.

Donald is survived by his wife Deb, sister Marlene McShane (Blaine, MN), niece Jenny (Terry) Richie (Circle Pines, MN), nephew Scott Kissell (Blaine, MN), niece Kristin (Michael) Pennie (Moorhead, MN), nephew Jim Leach (Fargo, ND), niece Tara (Justin) Mack (Apple Valley, MN), niece Jenna (Paul) Kelly (Maple Grove, MN), nephew Troy (Sarah) Klongerbo (Sioux Falls, SD) and nephew Sean (Bekah) Klongerbo (Hermantown, MN), great nieces and nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and other loving family and loyal friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Eugene Swenson & Doris Swensen Ludemann, his two sisters Muriel Leach and Jody Swenson and niece Tiffany Wendt.

The family wishes to thank all the caregivers, family and friends that provided support and care to Don while he battled through his medical challenges this past year. A special thank you to the wonderful caregivers with Brighton Hospice - you all are very special people.

Memorial service will be held on Monday, April 6 at Washburn-McReavy Werness Brothers Bloomington Chapel, 2300 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN. Visitation at 10:00 am and service at 11:00 am followed by a luncheon.

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Werness Brothers Chapel 952-884-8145

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 West Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431

Memorial Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W Old Shakopee Rd
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service for Donald James Swenson in memory of Donald James Swenson



Washburn-McReavy - March 25 at 04:09 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald James Swenson.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald James Swenson.

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