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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Richard Carl Swanson on December 4, 2024. Richard was a beloved father, grandfather, and friend to many. Born on October 14, 1962, he leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and passion for life.

Richard is survived by his children, Kelsey Swanson and Kyle Swanson, and his cherished grandson, Grayson Wilhelm. He was also deeply devoted to his loyal dog, Rose, who was always by his side.

In 1991, Richard took over Green Value Nursery from his father and transformed it into a successful high-end retail garden center. Later, he relocated the business up north, shifting its focus to wholesale operations. Known for his unwavering passion for growing plants, Richard became a leader in the nursery industry. His reputation was built not just on his business success but also on his generosity, whether sharing with those in need or turning business relationships into lifelong friendships. Richard's authenticity and dedication earned the trust of everyone he met, and his company's success was a testament to his hard work and vision.

Beyond his professional life, Richard loved fishing and traveling. He

approached life with a joyful spirit, always finding ways to have fun and bring people together.

A visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Washburn-McReavy Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Shoreview Funeral Chapel, 515 Hwy 96 W, Shoreview, MN 55126. A funeral service will follow on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM (visitation 10:00 AM) at the same location. The service will be followed by a lunch and burial.

Richard's kindness, wisdom, and generosity will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy will live on in the memories of his family, friends, and the countless lives he touched.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Memorial Park

1800 Egerton Street
Maplewood, MN 55117

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Visitation

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Funeral Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Graveside Service

DEC **14**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Forest Lawn Memorial Park
1800 Egderton Street
Maplewood, MN 55117

Tribute Wall

SB

“ My condolences to the Swanson family for the loss of Rich who was an amazing, fun-loving human being who helped to carry a message of hope. A few years ago he handed me an "Rx prescription" from Akron, Ohio dated February 1937 that reads: 1. Trust God. 2. Clean house. 3. Help others. I keep that prescription in my wallet so I, too, remember to carry a message of hope to others. His booming voice and larger-than-life presence will be missed by many. Blessings to his friends and family.

SANDRA B. - December 13, 2024 at 07:43 PM

MW

“ Michael W. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Carl Swanson.

Michael W. - December 12, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.



December 11, 2024 at 05:56 PM

BS

“ He was one of my neighbors when I was a teenager. I remember me, my brother, my mom and her bf at the time would hang out with him and his kids by the fire or have a meal together. He will be missed

Brigitte Stack - December 11, 2024 at 01:54 PM

CW

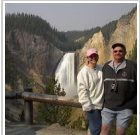
“ *He was one of my neighbors and I would remember hanging out by a bon fire or have a meal with him and our neighbors. He will be sorely missed*

Catherine Weaver - December 11, 2024 at 01:40 PM



“ *John 14:2 "In my Father's house there are many mansions". I know when it is my time to be called home, I will recognize Richard's mansion right away. His will be the one with the enormous bonsai trimmed tree out front, with a great variety of tree variants like weeping white pine and blaze-orange leaved aspen. All types of flowering bushes and plants. And when I walk out back, I will see him working on some project with Grandpa Bohrer. Love Dan Bohrer*

Colorado Bohrer - December 11, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ *We spent over 62 years sharing our lives. Too many memories*



Colorado Bohrer - December 11, 2024 at 10:46 AM

DB

“ Dan Liesel and Jacob Bohrer purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.



Dan Liesel and Jacob Bohrer - December 11, 2024 at 10:33 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.



December 11, 2024 at 07:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Carl Swanson.

December 11, 2024 at 07:35 AM

DN

“ Dean Nasifoglu purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.



Dean Nasifoglu - December 10, 2024 at 04:30 PM

KE

“ *Kirsten E. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.*



Kirsten E. - December 10, 2024 at 04:23 PM

AL

“ *Alex Shuda & DreamScapes Landscaping purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.*



Alex Shuda & DreamScapes Landscaping - December 10, 2024 at 11:30 AM

SW

“ *STMA Wrestling purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.*



STMA Wrestling - December 10, 2024 at 10:08 AM

AL

“ *Anderson Landscaping purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.*



Anderson Landscaping - December 10, 2024 at 09:20 AM

JG

“ Joe Grygelko purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.



Joe Grygelko - December 09, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.



December 07, 2024 at 05:07 PM

DC

“ I have so many memories of Rich, Kyle and Kelsey. We met many years ago as neighbors. I think Kyle was only 7. Every day when I and our neighbor Sean would get home from work Rich would be cooking and call us over for dinner and most often a bon fire. I built a walk around garden, Sean created the fire pit and Rich would bring in Hasta and trees to set around the patio. Kelsey and Kyle were always near and often times at my house coloring and drawing. I still have the beads Kelsey made for me. We stayed in contact all these years and I would see Rich once a month to cut his hair. Many memories and so much love for all of you. Thank you for being in my life. I will miss you my dear friend and will always stay close to your children. Love, Deb

Deb Campanaro - December 06, 2024 at 04:30 PM

KS

Love you Deb

kelsey swanson - December 06, 2024 at 04:47 PM

SE

Ah yes, Rich would always like to gather for sure. Whatever brought us together then.... Be it drama, shooting the breeze, or I just think Rich wanted us to gather and get along and have good moments! He was the plant man!

Sean - December 06, 2024 at 09:21 PM

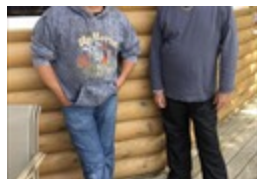
AN

I didn't know you but I was a customer of your business and I was so happy with everything that I got from the nursery and everyone was so helpful. You'll be planting flowers and shrubs in heaven.

Anonymous - December 09, 2024 at 02:33 PM

SE

“Brought Rich up to Canada a handful of times and he would trim the pine trees around to groom them up. And he was a great source of answers to the different types of pines around. You'll 'be missed and your in the photo albums. “Boss Man”



Sean - December 06, 2024 at 03:19 PM

KS

Won't ever forget cliff jumping and my dad proudly watching us- thank you sean

kelsey swanson - December 06, 2024 at 04:45 PM

SE

Yes he wanted you and Kyle to have fun. And buzzing around on the tube! I know it wasn't warp speed but it's the smiles that counted.

Sean - December 06, 2024 at 04:54 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Richard Carl Swanson.*



December 06, 2024 at 02:41 PM