



## Roger Whitten Swanson

April 1, 1931 - November 16, 2025

Roger Whitten Swanson, 94, of Golden Valley, MN, passed away Sunday, November 16, 2025. Born April 1, 1931, in Minneapolis. Preceded in death by parents Alvin and Dorothy Whitten; partner Kathy Stouvenel; and first wife Mary Swanson. Survived by son Dr. Paul Swanson and daughter Susan Jensen (Corey); grandchildren Shaylee Kalivoda (Brandon) and Tanner Jensen (Reed); and great-grandchildren Knox and Banks Kalivoda, and Palmer and Halston Jensen. Also survived by special family Brooke Dubray (Jean Pierre), Jennie Stouvenel (Chuck), and Wyatt Stouvenel.

Roger grew up at 50th and Chowen and attended Southwest High School, participating in track and cross country and serving as captain in both. He placed 2nd in the state championship in the quarter mile and also ran at the University of Minnesota. At the time, he was the youngest student to ever earn a letter at Southwest. Roger began as a stock broker at 23 and at 30 was made a full partner of Piper Jaffray and Hopwood, a remarkable achievement at a young age. He retired at 86.

Roger created friendships everywhere he went, with restaurant workers, medical staff, or retail clerks, young and old alike. Known for his quick wit and one-liners, he kept his caregivers laughing until his last days. He had a resilient nature and a positive, hopeful outlook, often saying, "I won't complain-so many have it worse."

Roger had a deep love for his family. He spent many years attending his grandchildren's sports events and was proud to be a great-grandfather four

times. His presence was felt by all who knew him. He will be deeply missed.  
A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.  
with visitation one hour prior at:  
[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)  
Edina Chapel 952-920-3996  
5000 West 50th & HWY 100

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

## Celebration of Life

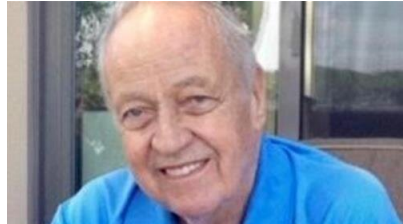
DEC 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Celebration of Life for Roger Whitten Swanson in memory of Roger Whitten Swanson



Washburn-McReavy - November 24, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ Tom & Karen Erickson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Roger Whitten Swanson.



Tom & Karen Erickson - December 07, 2025 at 09:13 AM