



## Ted L. Swanson

January 27, 1942 - September 12, 2020

Ted L. Swanson, age 78, of Kearney, died on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Mt. Carmel Home – Keens Memorial in Kearney. Celebration of Life Services will be on Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Kearney American Legion Club. Masks are requested at the services. There will be no visitation. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Area Animal Shelter. Please visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements.

Ted was born on January 27, 1942 in Aurora, NE to Theodore and Hilda (Johnson) Swanson. He attended Aurora High School and graduated in 1960. Ted married Ellen Hawk on September 9, 1961 in Aurora. He began working for Consumers Public Power in Aurora out of high school and eventually retired with Nebraska Public Power in 1997 after 36 years of service. Ted enjoyed his yard, gardening and spending time with his family and his cat, Digger.

Ted is survived by his sons, Russell Swanson and his wife AJ of Kearney and Corey Swanson and his wife Nancy of Springfield, NE; daughters, Jodi Cordle and her husband Brad and Carol Swanson and Gene Freeze all of Kearney; sisters, Alice Johnson of Polk, NE and Lois and Ron Burns of Aurora, NE; 13 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Lindsay Swanson;  
brother in law, Gordon Johnson

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **19**. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Kearney American Legion  
1223 Central Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68847

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ted L. Swanson*

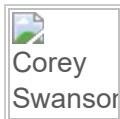
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“ *I got to know Ted through my employment with Dawson Public Power. In the middle eighties I was promoted to Metering Tech, about the time electronic came to use. Not only did I have to learn the old but also the new technology. My learning curve was pretty steep. I pestered Ted many times for his vast knowledge. He became a good friend and a very good meteor.*

*Lorin Bremer  
Metering Tech. Retired*

**Lorin Bremer** - September 17, 2020 at 03:55 PM



*Thank you for sharing Lorin.  
Swanson Family.*

**Corey Swanson** - September 17, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ *I remember Ted working for maylon hanson an setting pins at bowling alley an always setting double lines, hard work, I know I tried it myself.*

*RIP TED. DAN SALMON*

**Danny salmon** - September 17, 2020 at 01:11 PM



*Thank you Danny  
Swanson Family*

**Corey Swanson** - September 17, 2020 at 05:06 PM

“Ted” has always been a friend of mine since the early days of growing up in Aurora. Several things that come to mine are the days of our youth. Crazy things like when Ted took me to the Drive-In Theater in Grand Island and gave me my first Beer to try and drink. It took me most of the time the Movie was on to get it down but I made it. That was just one of the many times we had fun doing not to mention setting “Pins at the Bowling Alley for Tony”. As I remember, one night we had a man that was throwing the Bowling Ball so hard that the Pins were flying over our heads. We mention it to our Boss Tony but it must of went in one ear and out the other cause he kept on throwing it the same way. So, Ted said I'll fix him and decided to stuff some chewing tobacco in the thumb hole of his bowling ball. Needless to say, it didn't take long for Tony to come running back and jump all over Ted for doing that but Ted stuck to his Guns and it never happen again.

Another time that comes to mine is when Ted got burnt so bad and was in the hospital in Lincoln. His wife ask me to take her down to see him and I did. I couldn't believe my eyes when we reached the room that they had him in. He was wrapped in a cheese cloth from head to toe and laying face down looking at a mirror on the floor so he could visit with us. The poor man was burnt so bad that I never thought for a minute that he was going to make it home again. Little did we know that the Good Lord had other plans for him and his time wasn't up just yet. As we know now, Ted was a very strong man and he never let anything stop him from finishing what he started. I could go on and on about the many things I remember about Ted but I'm getting older as we are all and it's hard to put in writing what “Ted” meant to me as a Very Good friend. Sorry to say but I haven't had a chance to visit with Ted since the last time I saw him back in 1990 when he came to my fathers funeral in Polk, Ne. About two weeks ago I stopped at “Teds House” in Kearney and the Porch light was on but no answer to the “Door Bell or Knocking”. I really kick myself for not stopping by sooner now that I won't be able to visit with him ever again. “Rest In Peace Ted” we will never forget you as one of the Good Old Aurora Boys that lived South of the Tracks.....Fred Salmon

**Fred Salmon** - September 17, 2020 at 10:51 AM



Corey Swanson

*Great story Fred, he has told me that one a few times also. Thank you for sharing.  
Swanson Family*

**Corey Swanson** - September 17, 2020 at 05:02 PM

DB



**Dawn Buckingham** - September 19, 2020 at 08:31 AM

KJ

“ *I extend my Sincere Sympathy to the family of Ted Swanson. I graduated with Ted from Aurora High School, Aurora, Nebraska with the class of 1960. Ted was a very brilliant and personable guy and will be missed by everyone.  
Karen Mersch-Joyce-Tessman*

**Karen Joyce** - September 16, 2020 at 09:15 PM



Corey Swanson

*Thank you Karen  
Swanson Family*

**Corey Swanson** - September 17, 2020 at 05:05 PM

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“ Ted and I lived across the street from other, starting in the about 1949?.  
In high school Ted helped me find and install a front fender for my 1949 Chevy. We both graduated with the Aurora, Neb. class of 1960.  
We always have been friends through the years although we rarely saw much of each others until we retired. We did a lot of meals and just talking for the last twenty years.  
Ted was one of the sharpest people i knew. Straight good common sense. He also had an easy laugh and would reminisce about the our past history. One night i stayed with him and we went out to breakfast and drove around Kearney. He also kept me up with people we knew who were around Kearney.  
When my wife passed away he talked to me before she did about things to prepare for.  
After she passed he called once in awhile to just chat.  
I already miss him and will fondly remember him through the years.  
Ted was a great friend.

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**Ernie Powell** - September 16, 2020 at 03:50 AM



Corey Swanson

Thank you Ernie

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**Corey Swanson** - September 20, 2020 at 11:18 PM

JG

“ I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Jerame Gray** - September 14, 2020 at 05:51 PM