



Lawrine "Swede" Thompson

March 21, 1925 - March 2, 2010

Lawrine "Swede" Thompson was born on March 21, 1925 in Debs, Minnesota to Albert and Bertha (Enger) Thompson. He grew up near Sandy Lake and attended school at Debs and Aure, Minnesota. In 1943 Swede joined the United States Army and was stationed in Hawaii until 1946. Following his Honorable Discharge from the service, he worked for many years as a Lumberjack in Oregon. Swede then worked as a depot agent for the Soo Line Railroad for several years. He was united in marriage to Norma Laxdal on December 30, 1950 in Gardar, North Dakota. The couple made their home in Bemidji, MN where they raised their two sons, Jon and Joel. In 1959 they moved to Onamia, MN where he was employed with Wheeler Lumber & Bridge Co. Swede then worked for the Crosier Seminary in the maintenance department for many years until his retirement. He was a hard worker who also liked to be outdoors riding his 4 wheeler and snowmobiling. He enjoyed taking a break with a good cup of coffee and being with his family and friends. Those who shared in his life include his wife, Norma of Onamia, MN; sons, Jon (Margaret) Thompson of Onamia, MN, and Joel (Jackie) Thompson of Mora, MN; grandchildren, Erin (Rick) Schlieman, Ashley Thompson, Amy Thompson, Joshua Callander, Emily Callander, and Jason (Heather) Callander; great-grandchildren, Blake Callander, and Eva Schlieman; sisters, Mavis Winger of Bemidji, MN, Opal Ehlers of Longview, WA; sister-in-laws, Barbara Thompson of Tacoma, WA, Jan Thompson of Castle Rock, WA; and many nieces and nephews.

Lawrine was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Bertha (Enger) Thompson; infant brother, Dennis; brothers, Alvin, Glen, Gordy, and LeRoy.

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Bethany Lutheran Church - Onamia
500 Lindquist St
Onamia, MN 56359

Service

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrine "Swede" Thompson*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Dear Auntie Norma, Jon & Joel,*

Love you guys.

Julie & Fred##imported-begin##Julie & Fred Allen##imported-end##

March 06, 2010 at 01:37 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. I have many good memories of Swede as he was Custodian at the old elem. school when I was teaching third grade. I'm glad I got to see and talk to Swede and Norma at Christmastime. May God greatly comfort all of you! I will not be able to come to the funeral as it is my weekend to spend with my mom. Know that I will be praying for you all.##imported-begin##Lynn Stalker##imported-end##*

March 05, 2010 at 03:24 PM



“ Dear Norma, Jon, Margaret & family,
So very sorry to hear of your loss. I have very fond memories of "Swede" from when I worked at Mille Lacs Academy. He was always smiling and so pleasant to chat with. I'm sure that you are missing him greatly, but also know that you have many wonderful memories that will keep him close, always. I am so blessed to have known him, as are you. God be with you all in this difficult time and may you find comfort in knowing that he is in a wonderful place and is watching over all of you & waiting for the day when he will see you again.
With Love & Prayers,
Cheryl Anderson###imported-begin##Cheryl & Gary Anderson--
Wahkon, MN###imported-end##

March 05, 2010 at 02:28 PM



“ Norma
My sympathy to you and your family. May God grant you comfort.
Bonne###imported-begin##Bonnie Faust###imported-end##

March 04, 2010 at 04:35 PM



“ Joel and Jackie,

Sympathies and prayers in the death of your father (in-law). May you find a measure of peace and comfort in your treasured memories of your Dad.

Loving thoughts - Colleen###imported-begin##Colleen Ann
Canavan###imported-end##

March 04, 2010 at 04:16 PM



“ Dear Norma, Jon and Joel,
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and your family.
It was always much fun to see you both. He was always such a nice
and loving and thoughtful and of course helpful guy.
I have a lot of good memories of him, and I am sure so will his
grandchildren. Keep those memories in your heart forever.

With all our Love to all of you.

*Kathleen and Clyde Holmes##imported-begin##Kathleen
##imported-end##*

March 03, 2010 at 04:13 PM