



## Lowell C. Drager

April 7, 1946 - September 30, 2020

Lowell C. Drager, 74 year old resident of Swanville, MN passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at the Swanville Lions Park Building in Swanville, MN with Rev. Bruce Miller officiating. Burial will be in Springbrook Cemetery in Swanville, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. on Friday at the Swanville Bible Church in Swanville and from 10-11 A.M. on Saturday at the Swanville Lions Park Building in Swanville, MN. Funeral arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN.

Lowell Campbell Drager was born on April 7, 1946 to Herbert Otto Drager and Clara Mabel (Campbell) Drager in St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, Minnesota. He was named by his Grandmother Clara (Edden) Campbell who chose his first name Lowell after her first cousin, Lowell Swindell, and his middle name Campbell after her husband's side of the family. Lowell attended school in Swanville, graduating from Swanville High School in 1964. From sixth grade through his senior year in high school he worked evenings and weekends at the Swanville News office. At the news office he did every job from proof reading to typesetting, page composition, casting, job press, printing, paper folding and mailing. He also worked part time in the summers at the First State Bank in Swanville as a teller. He attended four years at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, graduating from there in 1968 with

a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Speech, Theatre and English. While in college, he worked as an office assistant in the Speech and Theatre Department under Mary Gwen Owen, the department chair. He also served as the House Manager for the department's theatre productions during his years at Macalester. In the fall of 1968, he began teaching at Swanville High School, where he taught for 31 years, retiring in May of 1999. He taught English, Speech and Theatre, and directed numerous school and community theatre productions. Lowell enjoyed directing theatre, collecting, gardening and traveling. He made 17 trips to London and Europe, including 13 with his mother. He was also able to travel and visit 44 of the 50 states. He was a member of the Minnesota Historical Society, the Morrison County and Todd County Historical Societies and the American Numismatic Association, as well as a life member of the National Education Association. As a member of the Swanville High School Alumni, he helped plan and organize five All-School Reunions between 1986 and 2010. He was one of the shareholders of Granny's Cafe in Swanville and was the Cafe's P.M. (printing man) in charge of printing menus, gift certificates, coupons, signs, etc.

Lowell is survived by his brother, Curt J. Drager; sister-in-law, Lila (Thompson) Drager; niece, Vicki Green; nephews, Steve and Scott Drager; grand-nephews, Tanner and Taylor Drager; grand-nieces, Erin Kipka, Autumn Drager and Lacey Solbro; children of grand-niece and nephew, Isabella, Noah, Liam Solbro and Kayzlee Zimmerman-Drager; special friends, Eric and Jamie Landowski, Eric, Jr. and Skyler.

Lowell was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert and Mabel Drager; brother, David Drager; grand-nephew, Eric Kipka and his father, Keith "Doug" Kipka.

# Cemetery Details

## Springbrook Cemetery

Swanville, MN 56382

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Swanville Bible Church  
301 Berkley Avenue  
Swanville, MN

## Visitation

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Swanville Lion's Park  
401 DeGraff Ave.  
Swanville, MN 56382

## Funeral Service

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lowell C. Drager*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Lowell it was a pleasure knowing you while we were at Macalester*

**BRUCE E YODER** - February 02, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ *Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Lowell C. Drager*



**Claudette Moran** - October 07, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ *He was a great teacher. He knew speeches were way out of my comfort zone and he gave me an A in the class and did not make me give all of the speeches. Juli*

**Juli DeVriendt** - October 07, 2020 at 12:28 AM



“ *To the Drager Family, Lowell will be greatly missed by all of us here in Swanville. He did a lot of historian paper work, cemetery plot information for St. John's Catholic Church, and paper work for Granny's Cafe, etc. He took great pride in his projects. My sympathy goes out to you. Sandie*

**Sandie Klimmek** - October 06, 2020 at 08:20 PM

SL

“ *SANDY LANGE lit a candle in memory of Lowell C. Drager*



**SANDY LANGE** - October 06, 2020 at 05:22 PM

CE

“ *Collette Ehrenberg lit a candle in memory of Lowell C. Drager*



**Collette Ehrenberg** - October 06, 2020 at 03:02 PM

SJ

“ *Scott Jackson lit a candle in memory of Lowell C. Drager*



**Scott Jackson** - October 06, 2020 at 01:40 PM

HE

“ *Lowell spent his whole life in Swanville. He was proud of his hometown and spent his adult life giving back to Swanville and it's people. He will always be remembered for his love of community. Rest in peace. 🕊️ 🙏*

**Helen** - October 06, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of the passing of one of my favorite teachers. I always enjoyed "Mr. Drager's" classes (except for when we had to give speeches!). He was a great leader of the theatre department, and participating in plays and the Thespians led to some of my favorite high school memories. "Good bye" to a generous and caring person.

Kay Maher - October 06, 2020 at 08:02 AM



“ Lowell was a fine teacher and a good guy. He will be missed!

Kyle Loven - October 05, 2020 at 08:47 PM



“ Linnie Tousignant lit a candle in memory of Lowell C. Drager



Linnie Tousignant - October 03, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ Lowell was my teacher and a distant cousin I really enjoying being friends with him and loved his house a christmas time

Linnie Tousignant - October 03, 2020 at 08:27 PM

WW

“ Wendy Waltman lit a candle in memory of Lowell C. Drager



Wendy Waltman - October 02, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Prays and thoughts are with your family. Lowell was such a kind person❤️

Susan Pearson - October 02, 2020 at 06:56 PM

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“ Always with a smile on his face, he'd be seen walking to the mail, store, etc... All the beautiful Christmas decorations, opening his home to share it when the candles in the window were turned on.... Theater...the plays...what fun! Town "Historian"...the keeper of lives. Will miss you!



Natalie Holmgren - October 01, 2020 at 10:54 PM