



Raymond K. Loven

February 22, 1917 - February 10, 2013

Ray was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on February 22, 1917 to John and Ellen (Salley) Loven. The family moved to Swanville when Ray was young boy. Ray attended school at rural school district 79 through the 8th grade, then 1 year

at Upsala High School. In 1933 while living in St. Paul, he learned the trade of mechanics and welding at Dunwoody Institute. Because he failed a military physical due to a childhood illness, Ray felt that he could best serve his country by welding on battleships being built in the Seattle Washington Shipyards, so he relocated to Seattle in 1941. While in Seattle, Ray summoned and found work and housing for approximately 30 of his relatives and friends from Minnesota. On May 2, 1942 Ray married Delila (Dee) Johnson. Dee was "the love of his life". Royal was born in 1945 while in Seattle. In 1946, Ray, Dee and Royal returned to Minnesota where along with his brothers, started "Loven Brothers", a gas station, auto and body repair shop. In 1947, they celebrated the birth of Amber and together raised their family in Swanville. In 1952, Ray purchased the brothers shares and renamed the company "Loven's Service". Ray owned and operated the business until 1983 when he sold it to his son, Royal. Ray and Dee together enjoyed 69 years of marriage during which they loved to travel, eat out, dance and enjoyed spending time with their family. Ray loved the town of Swanville, and served on the Swanville Village Council, was a fireman, was a member of the Sportsman's Club,

and the SnoDrifter's Club, but the thing that brought him much pride was the Lion's Club. He was a charter member of this successful group where he was highly honored for his years of service and perfect attendance. Two years ago he was honored at the Swanville Carnival by naming the day as "Ray Loven Day" and again last year had the park building named in his honor. Gramps loved his family. He loved tradition and often spent hours teaching his kids and grandchildren about life. He was a great story teller and often had a moral to the stories he told. He loved to take his grandkids to The Sunwood Inn, deer hunting with handmade bows and arrows, and canoe/camping trips where it "never rained on the river". He was the eternal optimist and found the best in all people he was around. He loved life and often described himself as the "happiest man on earth". Left to mourn Ray's loss is his son, Royal Loven; daughter, Amber Brown; grandchildren, Kyle (Kari) Loven, Jay (Heidi) Loven, Michelle (Doug) Dahlberg, Stephanie (Rob) Fritz and Matthew (Anne) Brown; 13 great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, friends and Lions Club Members. Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Delila; daughter-in-law, Sandee Loven; son-in-law, Charles Brown; siblings, June Boerger, John Loven, Ed Loven, Earl Loven and Harold Loven. Pallbearers will be Kyle Loven, Jay Loven, Matthew Brown, Doug Dahlberg, Rob Fritz and Jim Loven.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Swanville Bible Church
301 Berkley Avenue
Swanville, MN

Visitation

FEB 14. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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301 Berkley Avenue
Swanville, MN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond K. Loven



Lemieur Funeral Homes - February 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Raymond K. Loven

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Loven family.##imported-begin##Leslie and Barbara Lyon##imported-end##

February 18, 2013 at 09:21 AM



“ I remember Ray as a kind hearted, gentle man always willing to lend a hand whenever he could help. He epitomized the heart and soul of Swanville with his enthusiasm and dedication to improving the life of those in his community. I am saddened to hear he has passed. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Bob Dulude##imported-end##

February 14, 2013 at 10:19 AM



“ Uncle Ray was a great guy. We will surely miss him. Our hearts are warmed knowing that Ray and Dee are together again on this Valentine's Day.

Lita and Vern Johnson##imported-begin##Lita Johnson##imported-end##

February 14, 2013 at 10:15 AM



“ he was a great uncle and will surely be missed by all, sonny.##imported-begin##hal umland##imported-end##

February 13, 2013 at 11:46 AM



“ We're sorry to hear about the loss of Grandpa Ray. He'll be missed by the entire community of Swanville! Lots of fond memories of Ray!##imported-begin##Roger and Linda Gates##imported-end##

February 11, 2013 at 06:00 PM