



## Axel Swanson

March 29, 1927 - September 16, 2015

Axel Emil Swanson, 88, of Lake Villa, IL passed away on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 after a long battle with cancer.

Axel was born March 29, 1927 in Chicago, IL, the son of the late Axel Swanson and Ida Nyman. He graduated high school in Little Rock, Arkansas where he was a member of the Sea Scouts, and then joined the U.S. Army during WWII. Axel came home from the war, graduated from the University of Wisconsin, and married Arline Bjugstad in 1950. He worked as a carpenter until he got his permanent job at Abbott Laboratories where he worked for 32 years and finished his career as a Senior Scientist in particulate matter. He was a 58 year resident of Lake County, living in Waukegan and Lake Villa and serving as a volunteer policeman in both towns. Axel was a charter member of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst, IL where he served as President of the Church Council. He was also an usher, participated in the Tuesday morning men's 'Handy Andys' work group, and volunteered for the C.O.O.L. food pantry. Axel lived life doing what he loved: traveling, square dancing, and serving.

He is survived by his wife Arline; children Gary Swanson of North Carolina, Karen (Tom) Madsen of Lake Villa, and Wendy (Tom) Lord of Antioch; granddaughters Sarah (Tom) Stuebner and Rebecca (David) Dillon; and by his great grandson Finnegan Stuebner.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his only sister Dorothy Hopkins.

Visitation will be from 2 – 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, IL 60046. Funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2015 at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1822 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst, IL 60046. Additional visitation hours will be at church on Monday from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Burial at Warren Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Warren Cemetery

1495 N. Cemetery Road  
Gurnee, IL 60031

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **20**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-2146  
info@ringafuneralhome.com  
<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

SEP **21**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
1822 E. Grand Ave.  
Lindenhurst, IL 60046  
(847) 356-8140

## Service

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SEP **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
1822 E. Grand Ave.  
Lindenhurst, IL 60046  
(847) 356-8140

# Tribute Wall



“ *Axel Swanson*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Axel Swanson*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Carsten & Sally Ellison purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Axel Swanson.*



**Carsten & Sally Ellison** - September 18, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Axel Swanson.*



September 18, 2015 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Axel Swanson.*



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September 16, 2015 at 08:15 PM



“ *CAROL ENGLISH sent a virtual gift in memory of Axel Swanson*



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**CAROL ENGLISH** - September 16, 2015 at 07:19 PM



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**Sarah Stuebner** - September 16, 2015 at 06:35 PM