



## James "Jim" Andrew Swanson

June 19, 1939 - December 11, 2024

James "Jim" A. Swanson, age 85 of Glendive, Montana, passed away at his home on Wednesday, December 11, 2024. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Moose Lodge in Glendive with Pastor Chuck Rushing officiating. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Jim Swanson was born to Elin & Andrew Richard Swanson on June 19, 1939, the 6th child in a family of 8. As a young child growing up in Forsyth, MT. Jim loved spending time at the local pool where he eventually became a lifeguard. Jim also spent a lot of time with his best friends, Bob Tweety and Butch Schulemberg where they spent countless hours forming companies like B.J. Construction (Bob & Jim) Construction. Growing up in that era allowed them to have a fun and free childhood. Jim also participated in sports, he loved basketball and football and excelled at them in his high school career; as well as 1 year playing basketball at Miles Community College. Jim called crews in high school to make extra money and eventually became a timekeeper for a steel gang in North Dakota.

As a junior in High School, a cute blonde named Carol Seliski caught Jim's eye. Jim made up his mind right there that this is my girl! Jim crashed her 15th Birthday Party and the love affair blossomed. Much to the chagrin of her parents....Jim & Carol were married on January 20, 1963.

While serving in the National Guard, Jim continued working for the railroad until his position was abolished. Shortly after that Jim was hired as the

insurance salesman for the National Farmers Union Insurance Company in Glendive where he worked for 45 years. He was very successful and built many long-lasting relationships.

Jim & Carol bought their first home in June 1968 and have lived there since proudly raising their family. Jim spent his entire life giving back to the community, serving on numerous boards and volunteering for many organizations. Some of which include, Scottish Rite Mason (10 years), Royal Arch Mason (25 years) Friends of Makoshika (over 25 years), Al Baedo Shrine Club (40 years), Kiwanis and the Glendive Masonic Lodge (over 50 years of service). He also served many years on the GMC Hospital Board and the Montana State Fund Board (8 years) and Eastern Montana Development (where his vision and hard-work helped get the highway from Alzada to Ekalaka built).

Jim & Carol spent their free time traveling the world (over 60 countries), the most frequented visited country was Sweden, so he could spend time with their beloved family. Jim & Carol also enjoyed cruise ships, where Jim captivated friends and strangers alike and regaled them with inappropriate jokes and wild tales from Eastern Montana. He also adored his 5 grandchildren, whom made his life complete, as well as his numerous friends that are too numerous to list.

He's preceded in death by his parents Elin & Andrew Swanson; and his siblings, Carl (Fortina) Swanson, Bob (Shirley) Swanson, John (Luann) Swanson, Lucille (Clint) Brown, Karen Maker & Elinor Swanson.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Swanson and his 2 children and 5 grandchildren. His children include his son Scott with his wife Lisa (children include Jena Swanson, Samantha (Cam) Paisley and Tristan Swanson of Glendive, MT. As well his daughter, Sandy with her husband Jasen Johnson (children include Allison & Alex) of Billings, MT. He is also survived by his siblings, Bill (Janet) Swanson of Forsyth and Shirley Clifford of Forsyth, as well as 17 nieces and nephews.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: [www.silhaf](http://www.silhaf)

[uneralhomes.com](http://uneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

Loyal Order of Moose  
415 N Merrill Ave  
Glendive, MT 59330-1729  
(406) 377-2611

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Deb Roeslein lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson*



Deb Roeslein - December 18, 2024 at 10:10 PM

JG

“ *Sorry about your loss Carol. Jim will be dearly missed. Corinne and her family lived next door to Carol and Jim from 1960 to early 1970's. A true friend.*

*I got to know him then. Me and Jim were in Kiwanis together. He was always ready to help when we had Kiwanis functions. Always had something to say. Good or bad he said it.  
Rest in peace.*

*Corinne & Jerry Glaser.*

Jerry & Corinne Glaser - December 18, 2024 at 01:55 AM

MC

*Was not aware of this until today. Sorry I missed the funeral, but was oughta town. He was a true friend and will miss Jim.  
Bruce Clausen*

Mr. Bruce Clausen - January 20, 2025 at 08:20 PM

LS

“ *Carol & Family,  
My thoughts 🕊️ & prayers 🙏 are with your family at this difficult time in your lives*

Laura Sevier - December 18, 2024 at 12:58 AM

JG

“ Corinne & I have known the Swanson family for some time. Corinne and her family were neighbors to the Swansons from the 60's to the early 70's.

*Jim and I have been friends in Kiwanis for over 40 years. He was always ready to help when we had Kiwanis functions. I enjoyed visiting with Jim. He always had something to say. He also had a joke or two.*

*We will miss him.*

*Our prayers and condolences to the family of Jim.*

*Corinne and Jerry Glaser*

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**Jerry Glaser** - December 17, 2024 at 10:01 PM

EB

“ Carol, Jim's kindness and sage advice started literally my first morning in Glendive before the swim club at Comfort Inn. His devotion to Glendive, Eastern Montana, and all of the state has left a legacy the history books will need to tell and future leaders will need to reference. I will always be thankful that he was a part of my Glendive story. My condolences to you and your family for your loss.

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**Emilie Boyles** - December 17, 2024 at 12:14 PM

BJ

“ Bob and Dixie Justice lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson



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**Bob and Dixie Justice** - December 16, 2024 at 03:05 PM



“ 52 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Silha Funeral Home** - December 16, 2024 at 01:37 PM



“ *Kerri B. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Andrew Swanson.*



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**Kerri B.** - December 16, 2024 at 12:50 PM

CH

“ My two favorite Jim memories: First, on behalf of Kiwanis his sitting in the miserable heat and dust at the county fair gate or the many years prior he pointed that cane for parking cars. He was kind and smiled even though it could be a miserable moment of volunteerism. Second was when the Rotary Club had a "soup-to-go-against-polio" fundraiser. Jim thought he might need his own vessel so dumped out his office coffee pot and told us to just ladle into it. I laughed so hard, but here he had just tried to think of how to make it easier on us. Jim always seemed to want to "do something because it was the right thing to do". And always with that infectious smile and wit. Carol and family, your hearts are surely aching but how honored and grateful you must feel to have been such a big part of his. I feel the community is grateful to having residence in Jims heart as well.

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**Connie Hilger** - December 15, 2024 at 07:36 PM

MK

“ Carol and Family, You gave Jim such loving care, and my heart aches for all of you! I always enjoyed seeing Jim and appreciated all he did for our community. I pray that you find comfort in the knowledge that he is not suffering any more. Blessings to you.



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**Myrna Kintz** - December 15, 2024 at 05:27 PM

GK

“ Grace Koffler lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson



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**Grace Koffler** - December 15, 2024 at 11:19 AM

CW

“ Carol Wolff lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson



Carol Wolff - December 15, 2024 at 11:08 AM

JD

“ Jodi and Bob Dobson sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" Swanson



Jodi and Bob Dobson - December 14, 2024 at 02:50 PM

JL

“ Janette Legato lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson



Janette Legato - December 14, 2024 at 02:21 PM

ET

“ Carol and family we are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was such a dynamic person and involved in the betterment of Glendive. Jim will be missed by many his smiling face , sense of humor and all he has accomplished will long be remembered.



ED and Noreen Turnquist - December 14, 2024 at 01:21 PM

KM

*Jim was a great guy, and such a great contributor to our community!*

**Kevin McGovern** - December 15, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Andrew Swanson.*



December 14, 2024 at 07:29 AM

AA

“ *Dear Carol, You and Jim have always been a part of the "Glendive scene". His presence will be missed in the community. He always had a big smile and a funny line when I had conversations with him. You will miss him. God's comfort in this difficult time. Peace, Avis Anderson*

**Avis Anderson** - December 14, 2024 at 12:31 AM

KS

“ *Dear Carol and family. We are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing and will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Know that he is no longer in pain and watching over all of you until you meet again. 🙏🌟🌹*



**Karen and Noren Shanley** - December 13, 2024 at 11:41 PM

WM

“ Carol and Family, I'm so very Sorry to hear of Jim's Passing. I've know Jim for over 40 years and considered Jim a Very Good Friend . Jim will missed by Many.

Walter McKeen

Walter McKeen - December 13, 2024 at 09:36 PM

CC

“ Carol and family, sending our love at this sad time. Jim is now pain-free and in the hands of our Lord. You did such a good job taking care of him. God Bless you all.

Carol, Tom and Tommy Condon - December 13, 2024 at 07:10 PM

NM

“ Nancy Mischel-Keller lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson



Nancy Mischel-Keller - December 13, 2024 at 05:35 PM

GS

“ Condolences to Carol and all of Jim's family. I have considered Jim a friend for over fifty years. One of the memories I have was when some of us would go to a motel for an early morning swim. Jim could whistle beautifully. I remember him whistling some of the old hymns. One was "In the Garden". I think that this was a testimony of his faith. I will miss our conversations over coffee. I mourn with you the loss of Jim.

Love, George Skerritt

George Skerritt - December 13, 2024 at 01:35 PM

DL

“ DAVE & MICHELLE LUTTER lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson



DAVE & MICHELLE LUTTER - December 13, 2024 at 12:03 PM

RB

“ Carol & family, my sympathy to all of you! Jim was a nice man and a true Glendive supporter. May he rest in peace & May each of you have strength & peace in this time of loss of your husband, father & grandfather!

Rosemary Baldwin - December 13, 2024 at 11:55 AM

SO

“ Dear Jim, you will be truly missed. Always so kind, funny and sweet with a heart of gold.  
Love, your cousin Sofia



Sofia Olovson - December 13, 2024 at 02:33 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James "Jim" Andrew Swanson.



December 13, 2024 at 12:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Jim" Andrew Swanson.

December 13, 2024 at 12:08 AM



“ Denise Stoddart lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson



Denise Stoddart - December 12, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ Dear Carol, I am so sorry to hear of your loss of Jim. He and you were such good family friends when my parents were alive. It was always fun to be around you two. I can't remember for how long of time it was, but I remember Mom worked in his insurance office for a while. I know my parents appreciated that you employed her. Gosh, he was such an iconic Glendive personality! May God hug you tight in your grief.



Jo Anne Jonutis Herem - December 12, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ Dear Carol and family. Our condolences to all of you. Jim was a good man. He will be greatly miss in this community. Hugs and Prayers.

Cindi and Dennis Byron - December 12, 2024 at 06:19 PM

BT

“ *Becky Tipton sent a virtual gift in memory of James "Jim" Swanson*



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**Becky Tipton** - December 12, 2024 at 04:50 PM

RB

“ *Rick and Karen Berg lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson*



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**Rick and Karen Berg** - December 12, 2024 at 03:40 PM

MM

“ *Marla McCormick lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson*



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**Marla McCormick** - December 12, 2024 at 01:32 PM

AS

“ *Anita Spencer lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Swanson*



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**Anita Spencer** - December 12, 2024 at 12:15 PM

SS

*Sorry for your loss. So glad I got to see and visit with you at Karens memorial. Sending love and thoughts. Sharon Schaefer*

**sharon schaefer** - December 12, 2024 at 06:52 PM

CM

*Carol & family, We are so sad to learn about Jim's passing. Our condolences and sympathy to you and all of Jim's family. We cherished your friendship and support during the 10 years we lived in Glendive. One highlight was fishing in Canada with Jim & Scott. God Bless you and your family!*

*Calvin & Edie McRae and family*

**Calvin G McRae** - December 15, 2024 at 06:17 PM

MD

*We are sorry for your loss. Jim brought a great deal of energy and fun to whatever event he was attending. He was a great asset to Glendive.*

**Mike Dryden** - December 15, 2024 at 10:51 PM

LH

*Praying for you, Carol and family. I'm so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I have find memories of you all.*

**Linda Hallock** - December 17, 2024 at 03:39 AM