

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou
anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Manfred Rudolph Swenson was born July 18, 1919, in North Star Township, Burke County near Bowbells, ND, the son of Carl and Ella (Samuelson) Swenson. He was raised and educated in that area.

He entered the United States Army on February 2, 1942 and served during World War II. He was honorably discharged on December 11, 1945 and returned to the family farm. In November of 1948, Manfred married Irene Torgeson. They lived and farmed near Bowbells and Manfred also custom combined for many years. In 1976 they moved into Bowbells, but he continued to farm until retirement.

Manfred was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the American Legion, Carl Oftedahl Post #127, both in Bowbells. Manfred loved hunting and fishing and enjoyed spending time with his good friends on the lake or in the field.

Thompson-Larson Funeral Home, Bowbells, ND

Manfred R. Swenson

Born July 18, 1919, North Star Township, Burke County, ND

Died September 6, 2008, Kenmare, ND

Memorial Service

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bowbells, ND

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 ~ 2:30 p.m.

Officiant

Rev. Mary Strom

Music

Domanick Gesvalli, vocalist

“Amazing Grace” and “How Great Thou Art”

Congregational Hymns

“In The Garden” and “Old Rugged Cross”

Clara Olson, organist

Honorary Bearers

Darold Hansen

Jim Herman

Junior Chrest

Allen Ryberg

Richard Swennes

Tom Dignan

Those Who Shared In His Life

His loving wife of 60 years, Irene, Bowbells; son, Glenn (Dorothy) Neil, Fort Mill, S.C.; two grandchildren, Martin Neil and Ginny (Billy) Hice; two great-grandchildren, Hunter and Colby Hice; brother, Elden Swenson, Bowbells; sisters, Arlene (Art) Eklund, Crosby and Gladys Pfeifer of Minnesota; sister-in-law, Marion Swenson, Bowbells; brother-in-law, Ron (Gyenelle) Torgeson, Bismarck; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins survive.

Manfred was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Ella Swenson; brothers, Bertil, Henry and Donald Swenson.

Burial

A private burial will be held at the Bowbells Cemetery, Bowbells, ND

Military honors accorded by members of the American Legion, Carl Oftedahl Post #127, Bowbells, ND.

Immediately following the service everyone is invited to join the family for coffee, bars and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.