

God saw he was getting tired,  
And a cure was not to be,  
So he put his arms around him,  
And whispered....  
"Come With Me"

With tearful eyes  
We watched him suffer,  
And saw him fade away.  
Although we loved him dearly,  
We could not make him stay.

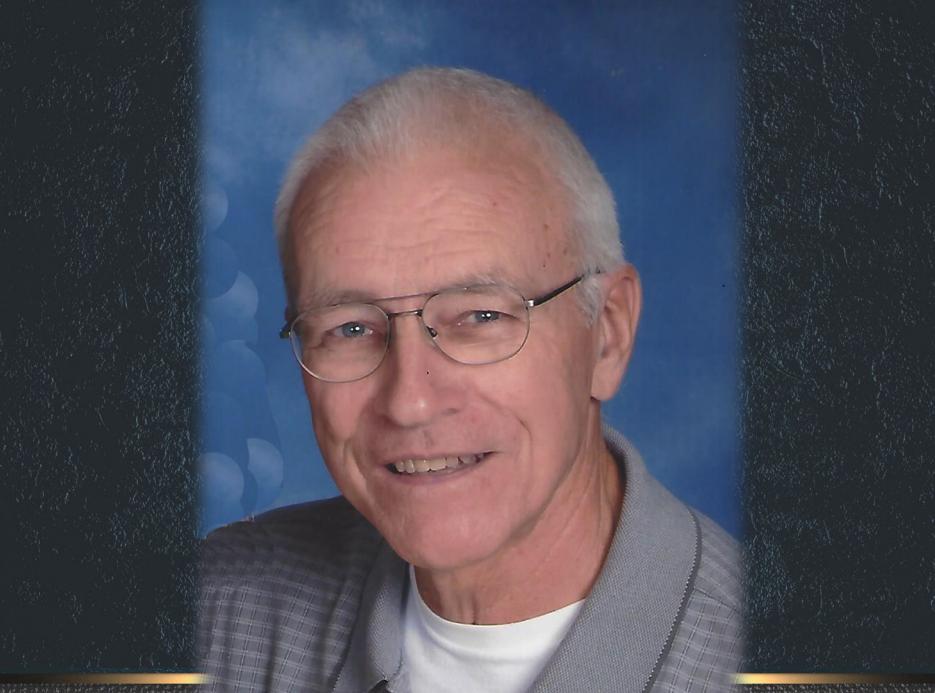
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands to rest;  
God broke our hearts  
To prove to us,  
He only takes the best!!



Immediately following Richard's committal service at St. Martin Cemetery, the family extends you the warmest invitation to join them for refreshments and fellowship at the funeral home.



*In Loving Memory*



*Richard Swanson*

February 25, 1942 - December 1, 2023

**R**ichard Henry Swanson was born on February 25, 1942, to Roy H. and Julia (Konshak) Swanson in Huron, South Dakota. He attended St. Teresa Catholic grade school and graduated from Huron High School in 1960.

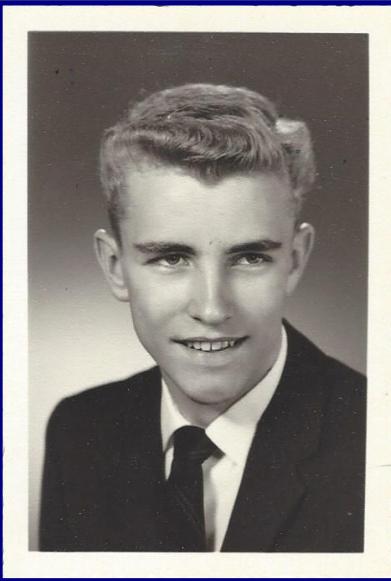
On October 25, 1969, he married Sherry Lee Hofer at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Huron and they continued to reside in Huron. Rich had various jobs through the years—Raven, Kasperson Ford, and Hurd Alignment. In 1974, he opened his own automotive repair shop. When autos became too computerized, he closed the shop and began a 20-year career as a dispatcher for Huron State Radio retiring in December 2008.

He was a former volunteer fireman with the Huron Fire Department and a certified EMT with the Huron Ambulance.

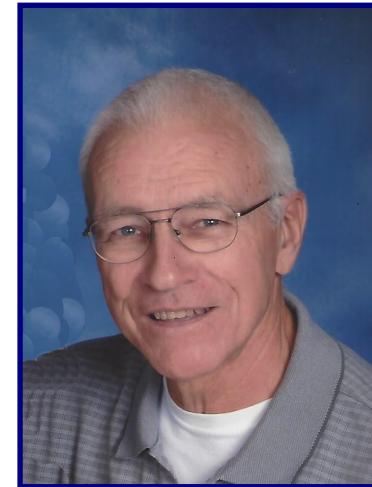
Rich was a Jack-of-all-Trades. He was able to build, repair or fix almost anything, including building his shop and their home, and was always willing to give a helping hand.

He is survived by his wife Sherry; siblings, Margaret Greschke of Sioux Falls, Lyle (Janet) Swanson of Huron and James Swanson of Janesville, WI; sister-in-law Phyllis Swanson of Brandon and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, brothers Roy, Thomas, and William; sister Mary Kuhns; brother-in-law Ed Greschke; sisters-in-law Betty Swanson and Helen Swanson and his parents-in-law Melvin A. and Pearl E. Hofer.



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## **GRAVESIDE SERVICE**

11:00 A.M., Saturday, December 9, 2023  
St. Martin Catholic Cemetery  
Huron, South Dakota

## **OFFICIANT**

Deacon Bill Kappeler

## **PALLBEARERS**

Lyle Swanson ~ James Swanson ~ Robert Swanson  
Terry Greschke ~ David Kuhns ~ Bryan VanScharrel