



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
***Melvin Sidnore Swenson***

WHO WAS BORN

March 19, 1927

Watertown, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

April 12, 2019

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, April 18, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Watertown Christian Church

Watertown, South Dakota

OFFICIANT

Minister Gerald Volk

MUSICIANS

Nancy Maynard, Organist

Kim Folk, Vocalist

Larry Tietjen, Vocalist

CASKET BEARERS

Shane Swenson Steve Swenson Paul Sayler

Eli Swenson Levi Swenson Lance Swenson

Jordan Wollschlager Tory Wollschlager

Caden Wollschlager Joe Cruz

HONORARY BEARERS

Fred Lundburg Bob Tuttle Paul Peterson

Les Bloem Lane Lindquist

INTERMENT

Bethany Baptist Cemetery

Strandburg, South Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home

Milbank, South Dakota

"God sent his Son into the world not to judge the  
world, but to save the world through him."

John 3:17



***Tack För Allt***

*Melvin's family is grateful for your attendance at  
this service. Your expressions of kindness and love are deeply  
appreciated. Following the service, please join the family for  
lunch and fellowship in the church dining room.*



**M**elvin Signore Swenson was born on March 19, 1927, in Watertown, SD. He was the son of Eskil and Amy (Dahlberg) Swenson. Melvin grew up on the family farm near Strandburg. He attended school in Strandburg and graduated with the Class of 1945.

Melvin was drafted in 1946 into the United States Army. His basic training was at Camp Lee in Virginia. Melvin served in the finance department for the Occupational Army, working at First National Bank of New York in Yokohama, Japan.

Melvin returned to South Dakota. He began his career in farming, first working for his parents, then later on his own. He was united in marriage with Margaret Louise Nowick on October 28, 1950. They were married at the parsonage of Bethel Baptist Church in Strandburg.

Melvin served on the Grant-Deuel School Board for nine years and served on the Multi-District Board in Watertown. He loved baseball! He proudly played catcher on three different teams (Strandburg, South Shore, and Revillo) for 20 years. Farming was his passion – he especially loved tilling the soil. He raised cattle and grain crops and never really retired until 2017. Melvin said he always felt the best while he was on a tractor!

Melvin Swenson is survived by his wife, Margaret; his children: Rick (Cindy) Swenson of Milbank, SD; Terry (Nancy) Swenson of Elkton, SD; Debra Stanton of Sioux Falls, SD; and Tammy (Chuck) Wollschlager of Revillo, SD; 15 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; six step great-grandchildren; and one brother, Elmo Swenson of Strandburg, SD. He was preceded in death by his parents: Eskil and Amy; son, Larry; and his sister and brother-in-law: Arlene (Orville) Johnson.

## *Treasured Seasons*

*To everything there is  
a season, and a time  
for every purpose  
under heaven:*

*A time to be born and  
a time to die; a time to  
plant, and a time to  
pluck up that which is  
planted;*

*A time to kill and a  
time to heal; a time to  
break down and a  
time to build up;*

*A time to weep, and a  
time to laugh; a time to  
mourn and a time to  
dance;*

*A time to cast away  
stones, and a time to  
gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and  
a time to refrain from  
embracing.*

*A time to get, and a  
time to lose; a time to  
keep, and a time to  
cast away;*

*A time to rend, and a  
time to sew; a time to  
keep silence and a  
time to speak;*

*A time to love, and a  
time to hate; a time of  
war and  
a time of peace.*

