



Dr. Robert McLean Swanson Sr.

August 11, 1920 - November 22, 2015

Dr. Robert McLean Swanson, 95, Bloomington, Indiana, died on November 22, 2015. He was born August 11, 1920, in Corry, Pennsylvania, to Peter and Mary Swanson.

He graduated from Indiana (Pennsylvania) Teachers College and then enlisted in the Army where he served as an officer in the Signal Corps in England and France during World War II. After leaving the Army with the rank of Major, he married Marie Manda of East Orange, New Jersey, in 1946. He earned a doctorate from Columbia University and had a university teaching career which included Thiel College (Pennsylvania), Columbia University, and Ball State University (Indiana). He retired from Ball State University as a Full Professor after also serving as an Associate Dean in the College of Business. He was a co-author of a highly successful and popular series of high school textbooks, 20th Century Bookkeeping and Century 21 Accounting.

Robert was a devout Catholic who

served in church affairs and was a former president of the church council and also active in the retiree's group at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Bloomington, Indiana.

He is preceded in death by his son, Robert McLean Swanson, Jr. and his sister, Alma Bonney.

He is survived by his wife, Marie (Manda) Swanson; his sister, Edna Donor of Longwood, Florida; his children, Catherine Swanson of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mary Ann Swanson (Ian Horn) of Wales, UK, and Christina Swanson, DVM, (Allen Parkes) of Bloomington, Indiana; as well as his daughter-in-law, Dee Swanson, DNP, of Bloomington, Indiana. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Olivia Oleson (Jack), Christa Parkes, Jacquelyn Parkes, and Shea Parkes (Angelique); and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Bloomington, Indiana on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 11am with Father Thomas Kovatch officiating. The family will receive friends from 10-11 on Thursday at the church.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Dear Tina,

What a great surprise and such a treat it was to see you in Indy!!! I just read your dad's obituary. He was much accomplished and lived a good long life, which is wonderful because he was such a fine person and so many of us were able to know him. I remember with a smile the day we "kidnapped" him to go "horse hunting". He remained in good humor and provided you with a fine first horse. When I think of your parents, I see them both smiling and happy. You were fortunate to have had such a wonderful mom and dad. I'm sure you too are a wonderful mom to Christa, Jacquelyn and Shea. My sincere condolences to you and Allen. Jane Ginther

Jane Ginther - January 07, 2016 at 12:21 PM

PE

“ Tina and all your family, my deepest sympathy for the passing of your Father. He was such a wonderful man and loved by so many. Blessings as you mourn his passing and celebrate his life.

Peg Albertson - January 07, 2016 at 12:21 PM

BO

“ Dear Mary Ann,
I am so sorry to hear the sad news about your father and wish to offer you and your family our sincerest sympathy. Please know that my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

*Warmest regards,
Bozena, Jurek and Daniel Jemiolo*

Bozena Jemiolo - January 07, 2016 at 12:21 PM

CH

“ Tina,
You have my deepest a sympathies. I am so sorry for your loss.
What a wonderful man your dad was in your life.
You and your family are in my prayers.

Chiara Perry - January 07, 2016 at 12:21 PM

CS

“ Marie and Cathy;
My sincere sympathy in the loss of your husband and father. I
remember back when Cathy and I were classmates at St. Mary's
School and also spending nights at the Swanson house on Ball
State Campus. Your husband/father was always so nice to me and I
enjoyed talking with him on several occasions. It has been many
years since I have seen you, but always have those memories. You
will be in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Cindy (Lands) Spears - January 07, 2016 at 12:21 PM