



Robert Swanson Jr.

March 2, 1949 - October 2, 2011

Robert (Bob) McLean Swanson, Jr died October 2 at his family home in Bloomington, Indiana. Bob, as he was universally known, was born in Greenville, Pennsylvania on March 2, 1949. He was the second of four children born to Robert McLean Swanson, Sr. and Marie Manda Swanson.

He graduated from Indiana University, owned Monroe Sales and Rentals, followed by the Flying Fish Marine, Goods for Cooks on the Bloomington Square and, most recently, he was a representative for Bristol-Meyers-Squibb where he enjoyed interacting with the health care professionals with whom he came in contact. Bob was a great story teller, an avid sailor, passionate fisherman, wine enthusiast, and collector.

He is sadly missed by his wife of 41 years, Diana (Dee) Cavendish Swanson, his daughter Olivia Cavendish Swanson, his parents and sisters, Catherine Swanson, Mary Ann Swanson and Tina Swanson and his loving extended family.

A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 1:30 PM in the Holiday Inn on Kinser Pike.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hoosier Hills Food Bank or the Monroe County Animal Shelter.

Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Dee, I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing last October. I have spoken with you several times since then and did not even know he had passed away. I just found out while reading facebook. My love, thoughts and prayers go out to you and Olivia. Bob was always so kind when he called on me at Nashville Family Medicine. Love you.*

Debbie Brock - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

CM

“ *Dee, want you to know that I was deeply saddened by the news of Bob's passing. My prayers are for you and Olivia. May you find comfort and peace. Love Cathie*

Cathie (Cox) Morley - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

DE

“ *I was surprised to hear of Bob's death while I was in Peru (So. America), but I know he will be greatly missed by many people! Peace be with you.*

Dede Foster - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

ST

“ Dear Dee and the Swanson family,

Our thoughts are with you on this day of loss.

Yet when I think of Bob, I can't help from grinning! He always had a wry anecdote to make me laugh. We'll all miss him, even knowing that his suffering is over.

Very sorry that we can't be there with you.

Sincerely,

Stuart, Alice, Chandra and Lorraine

Stuart Rudolph - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

CS

“ To the parents, Marie and Robert, and also to Cathy, his sister, my deepest sympathy to you. In growing up in Muncie, I spent alot of time at your home in Muncie. I do remember your son and brother. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Cindy (Lands) Spears - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

AS

“ Dear Dee and Olivia,
We hold you in our hearts and hope for comfort for you in the days ahead. Love and a hug, Annie & Kip

Annie Segraves-May - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

LO

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I knew him many years ago when I worked for Tina @ CMVH and I just wanted to let you know I am sorry to hear of your loss. May time and the love of family help you all thru this sad time. All the best...

Lori Haskett - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

AL

“ To all the Swansons: fond memories of Thanksgiving. It has been a pleasure to have shared Thanksgiving with you all. Bob was a key part of the conversations and "stories," Henry and I shall most certainly miss him.

Alice Lindeman - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

GR

“ I had not seen Bob in many years but can still remember him from the days on Lake Monroe. Bob rented the sailboats and I rented the ski boats out of the Fourwinds Marina. We had a great time in the 70s and 80s. Bob will be missed by everyone who knew him and my thoughts are with you and your family.

Gregory Tangalos - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

NA

“ Dee...

You walk in my footsteps all too soon...

Sadly, Olivia shares a common experience with my sons, the loss of a parent all too soon...

You and yours have my heartfelt empathy.

Nance

Nancy Balkon - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

DO

“ I was very saddened to hear of Bob's passing. I have know him for many years including his days near Lake Monroe when I was with the Fourwinds.
I always admired his drive and personality... he will be missed by all of us.

Doug Kichler - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

AN

“ I would like to express my sympathy to you for the loss of your brother. I met him when he owned Goods and he was always friendly and helpful. I can see from his obituary that he will be much missed.

Antonia Matthew - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

TI

“ Dee, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Please take care.

Tim Knettler - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

TO

“ MaryAnn, Cathy, Tina and Dee. I am very sorry for your loss. I saw the notice in the paper and although I didn't really know Bob, I certainly remember all of you. Again, I'm sorry.

Tom Quinlan - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

KA

“ Tina- So sorry for you loss. Please let us know if we can do anything to help.

Kate, Sam, Peyton, Gracie & Molly Frank

Kate Frank - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

NA

“ Dee & Olivia,

*I was surprised to hear about Bob passing.
He was part of our BMS Team with Big Al. I will never forget when I
drove my Vibe and
Bob's knee touched the dash. He couldn't
drive the car---He was too tall.
I am so sorry for your family and you will be
in my prayers.*

Nancy Jonas

Nancy Jonas - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

GE

“ *Dee and Olivia, I am so saddened to hear of the passing of Bob. He
was one of the first reps I met after taking my job, and was always
gracious in answering any questions I had in the field. You are in my
thoughts and prayers.*

Geoff Cochran - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

MI

“ It's been a lot of years since I pestered Bob to work at the sailboat rental. Looking at that picture of him holding that big tarpon, I can hear his distinctive voice. I always enjoyed Bob, but did not know his family. My prayer would be that you all would have great peace and much love during this difficult time. My time around the sailboats, my younger days, is precious to me... Bob is a part of those memories for me. He will be missed.

[1 Corinthians 13:1 - without love we are nothing but a clanging bell]

Michael and Sherri Lewis, Tampa FL (Formerly of Bloomington)

Michael Lewis - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

LA

“ I knew Bob when he was a Rep at BMS as we were in the same District for some time. He was a good sales rep and added to our meetings. Customers liked him and enjoyed his humor and knowledge of the products. I'm sorry that he is gone and extend my condolences to each member of his family.

Larry Leax - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

BR

“ Dee,

I am not sure if you remember me. I worked with Bob at BMS. He was a good friend to me while he was there and I really enjoyed working with him. Professionally, Bob was always product and disease state savvy and I always remembered him asking piercing questions in meetings. His wit and humor was timely in taking the edge off a hard day. I talked to him often when I needed to relate or hear a friendly voice whilst in the field. I lost track of him in recent years and was only able to talk to him a few times once he left the organization. He was your husband and my friend.

I am sorry and regret your loss. Dee, he is in my prayers today.

Bruce Gage - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

AN

“ *I worked for Bob many years ago at Goods and will always remember his laugh and the many, many stories he shared with us. I'm very sorry to hear of your loss.*

Andrew White - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

VA

“ *Dee, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this tragic time in your lives. If there is anything I can do, please don't hesitate to ask.*

Hugs

Vicki

Vicki Arentz - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

PN

“ We are saddened to learn of Bob's passing. What a wonderful picture you chose of him. With our deepest sympathy.

Pamela & Norm Ladd - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

FK

“ Dee, I was so sorry to hear of your husband's death. Please know that I'm thinking of you.

Sincerely, Fran

Fran Keenan - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

SA

“ Olivia and Dee,
So very sorry for your loss. Please know our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time. It seems like those volleyball days and other good times were just yesterday. Breaks my heart to know Bob is gone. I would run into him off and on and he was always so friendly and anxious and proud to give me "Olivia updates".

*Blessings to your family,
Sandi Pickel and family*

Sandi, Merle , Megan and Andrew Pickel - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

TR

“ Dee and Olivia - So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I fondly remember our basketball parties and the great stories Bob told. Bob was one of Joe's favorites and I would like to think of them yukking it up together somewhere in the great beyond. Take care - Love,
Trina

Trina Burkholder - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

AT

“ Dee - you are in our thoughts and prayers. April

April & Tom Barr - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

MA

“ Hugs, love and memories.
Madrean

Madrean Schober - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

KE

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Bob was always fun to be around at meetings at BMS. He made them interesting and he has been missed. I am very saddened by the news and pray God's blessing on your family at this difficult time.

Kevin Burris - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

TE

“ Dee,
I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Take care and God Bless you during this difficult time.

Terri Denson - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

LY

“ Dee and Olivia,

I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Bob's passing. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time.

Lynn Schwartzberg - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

JO

“ *Dee and family,
You have my deepest sympathy. Joyce Knestrick*

Joyce Knestrick - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

DR

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Please know that we will
continue to hold you all up in prayer during this difficult time.*

*Love and Prayers,
Rich and Debbie*

Debbie & Rich Lambert - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

SH

“ *Bob will be missed dearly by all his friends. I feel blessed that I was
able to see him on his last trip to Key West. Our thoughts are with
you Dee and Olivia.*

Sherry (Fulton) Warnig

Sherry Warnig - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

AN

“ *I am thinking of you all in this difficult time*

Angela Golden - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM

PA

“ *Dee and family - my heart breaks for y'all, and you are in my thoughts and prayers. There is no easy way to get through it, except to celebrate his life and the memories created.*

*Sincerely,
Trisha Pearce
(AANP)*

Patricia Pearce - March 22, 2013 at 08:18 AM