



Roger Swanson

OBITUARY Roger Arthur Swanson was born on March 12, 1926 in Swanville, MN the son of Arthur and Christina (Walters) Swanson. He graduated from Swanville High School in 1944 and then worked on the family farm with his father until he was 26 years old. He then married Illa Zinniel on May 31, 1952 in Swanville. Together they had one daughter Joyce. They lived in Freeport, MN where Roger worked for the creamery for four years. Roger and his family then moved to Bloomington, MN and for 30 years Roger worked for the Federal Stamp Company as a tool and die specialist. During Roger's retirement he and Illa moved to Alexandria where Roger continued to enjoy fishing, camping in different state parks and taking walks with his loving wife Illa. Roger A Swanson died on Friday, December 30, 2011 at his home. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years Illa Swanson of Alexandria; granddaughter Nicole Nelsen of Chantilly, VA; son-in-law Terry Nelsen of Chantilly, VA; brother Russell (Ann) Swanson of Albert Lea, MN; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter Joyce Marie Nelsen; brother Lloyd Swanson and sister Grace Burns. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at the Anderson Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Steve Binsfeld officiating. Entombment was in the St. Mary's Catholic Mausoleum. Arrangements were with the Anderson Funeral Home. www.andersonfuneral.net