



## Wendel B. Swanson

October 5, 1930 - March 23, 2016

It is with great sadness that the family of Dr. Wendel Swanson of Bonita Springs, FL announces his passing on the morning of March 23, 2016 at his home at the age of 85. He was preceded in death by his father, Dr. A.M. Swanson, and mother, Alice Swanson both of Rockford, Illinois.

Born in Rockford, Illinois, in 1930, Swanson graduated from Rockford East High School in 1948, earned his B.A. from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, an M.S. in Geology at the University of Chicago. As a Fulbright Scholar, he traveled to the University of Sidney, Australia where he researched marsupials' fossils. Swanson went on to earn a medical degree from the University of Chicago, and completed his radiology residency at the University of Michigan. In 1960, he married Irene Swanson, moved to Colorado in 1965, raised his family and worked for Radiology Imaging Associates for 25 years.

In the early 1950s, Swanson served in the US Army and was stationed in Germany. During that service, and in subsequent years, he developed an avid interest in black and white photography. His interest took him throughout the Americas, Australia, Africa, Europe. He was a specialist in alternative photographic techniques and had works displayed at a Von Liebig Art Center sponsored show at Physicians Regional Hospital, Florida Artists at Baker Museum, and galleries in Denver, CO.

Wendel will be forever remembered by his beloved wife of 55 years, Irene Swanson; son Ken and daughter-in-law Carol Swanson of Hollis, New Hampshire; son Greg Swanson of Seattle, Washington; grandsons, Kyle & Christopher Swanson; brother Armer and sister-in-law Rosemay Swanson of Rockford, IL; sister and brother-in-law Beverly and Louis Minafra of Patchogue, NY and nephew Joe Minafra of California. Wendel will also be lovingly remembered by his extended family and dear friends.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 11AM, Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

The family requests no flowers please. Modest donations could be made in memory of Wendel Swanson to the Von Leibig Art Center, 585 Park St., Naples, FL 34102.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
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Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wendel B. Swanson*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. What a remarkable man - a real role model for a young boy growing up in Glenwood Springs, Colorado in the 60's and 70's. Prayers and blessings to you all.*

**Greg Whitehair** - April 02, 2016 at 04:16 PM



“ *Wendel was a great friend and fine radiologist. I remember Ella Mae I and a great lunch with Irene and Wendel in the Cotswolds during a Radiology trip to England.*

*Blessings, Jerry Sutherland*

**Jerry Sutherland** - March 31, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *I was a Radiologic Technologist at Porter when the Radiologists from Porter and Swedish combined. We were all apprehensive about working with a whole new group of doctors. But after the first time Dr. Swanson was there he became one of our favorites. He was always so kind to us and the patients that we were happy to see him in the reading room.*

*I am sorry for your loss.*

*Georgia Kleinheksel*

**Georgia Kleinheksel** - March 30, 2016 at 05:06 PM

AW

“ My prayers and wishes go out to your family at this difficult time. I didn't know Wendel personally but worked for his father and brother for many years.

*Arlene M Swanson Ward*

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**Arlene Swanson Ward** - March 28, 2016 at 08:23 AM

SM

“ He was a great Ir doc back in his day. Very patient and teaching me a lot . Still in the field after 35 years and remember as very special. Still at Swedish after 36 years . Thank you for sharing him with me.  
*Sheri Mondik*

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**sheri mondik** - March 26, 2016 at 08:37 PM

CS

“ Mary and I cherish the time we had with Irene and Wendel at play and I especially, for all those years at work at RIA, as he was my go to guy when I needed help and the word no was not in his vocabulary; Wendel had innumerable interests, including his fantastic photographic work and subject sense, only exceeded by his modest demeanor; our thoughts and prayers are with you, and your family. *Mary and Chuck Seibert*

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**Chuck Seibert** - March 26, 2016 at 03:58 PM

MW

“ So very sorry for your loss. Wendel was a very talented and fine man. I hope many good memories and the belief that he is now in a better place will bring the family much comfort.

*Mary Ward  
Littleton, CO*

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**Mary Ward** - March 26, 2016 at 12:09 PM

MO

“ To the family of a very special and wonderful person I send my deepest condolences and heart-felt sympathy. The many wonderful times we shared in Denver are truly forever etched in my heart. Miss you and God bless you all.  
Mary Lou

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**Mary Lou O'Donnell** - March 26, 2016 at 11:36 AM

GB

“ Remembering the fantastic trip with Wendell and Irene throughout Germany following a week long stay in Baden-Baden. Especially the stay at a small hotel overlooking the Rheinfall in Schaffhausen, Switzerland. Irene, Jan and I wish you comfort at this sorrowful time in your life. I am thankful for our time together as partners with Radiology Imaging (formerly Freed, Jobe, Seibert and Swanson, PC)  
God be with you, Glen and Jan

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**Glen Burmeister** - March 26, 2016 at 10:04 AM