



## Robert Ray Swanson

June 13, 1947 - January 3, 2023

Robert “Bob” Swanson, 75, of Walled Lake, MI sadly passed away on January 3, 2023. He was the oldest of four children born to Ray and Sylvia (Kivi) Swanson on June 13, 1947 in Ironwood, MI. After attending Royal Oak Kimball High School, Bob went on to play football at Arizona State University until a career ending injury. He was drafted to Vietnam where he served as a Supply Sergeant in the Army. He worked for Don Blackburn & Company in Livonia, MI and retired after 33 years.

His family and friends will remember Bob as being an avid conversationalist, excellent storyteller, and master of two-hour “goodbyes”. His biggest joys included spending time with his loved ones, watching Tiger’s baseball and University of Michigan football (and occasionally the Detroit Lions who he was yearning to have faith in once again), taking trips to the UP and Wisconsin to visit family, fishing, and, of course, a good Yooper pasty.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Sylvia and his brother Randy and is survived by his siblings Lissa (Randy) Collins and Lynn (Kevin) Knisely, his loving partner of 6 years, Debra Hartman, his children Amy (Mark), Peter (Amie), and Erick (Heather); his grandchildren Ashley (Blake), Amber (Joe), Kara, Brayden, Morgen and Collin; his great-grandchildren Justin, Bryson, Rowan, Serenity and Joey; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Please join us in celebrating his life on Friday, January 27, 2023. A visitation will be held at Dryer Funeral Home, 101 N. 1st Street, Holly, MI from

9a.m.-11a.m. with a memorial service starting at 11a.m. Following the memorial service, a committal service and military honors will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd, Holly MI and a luncheon at the Villager's Restaurant, 1121 N. Saginaw St. Holly, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks you to make a donation to your favorite charity on his behalf. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

Holly, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291  
bgdryer@hotmail.com  
<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Memorial Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Military Honors

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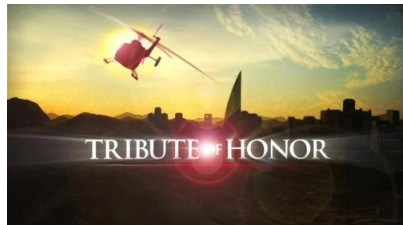
JAN 27. 12:30 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Rd  
Holly, MI 48442-9444  
(248) 328-0386

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Ray Swanson*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 27, 2023 at 10:49 AM

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“ *Met Bob in 1965, he was three days younger than me and went into the service shortly after I did. Saw him after the war & he was the same old Bob. RIP my friend.*

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**william green** - May 29, 2023 at 09:46 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memorial service Robert Swanson*



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**Bruce Dryer** - January 27, 2023 at 01:52 PM

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“ *Gillian and I will miss our afternoon. "Conversations in the Sun", your smile and wonderful sense of humor. " I think there is some validity in accepting that a part of you went with the person who died, and a part of them stays with you"*

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**carol terry-davis** - January 27, 2023 at 08:25 AM



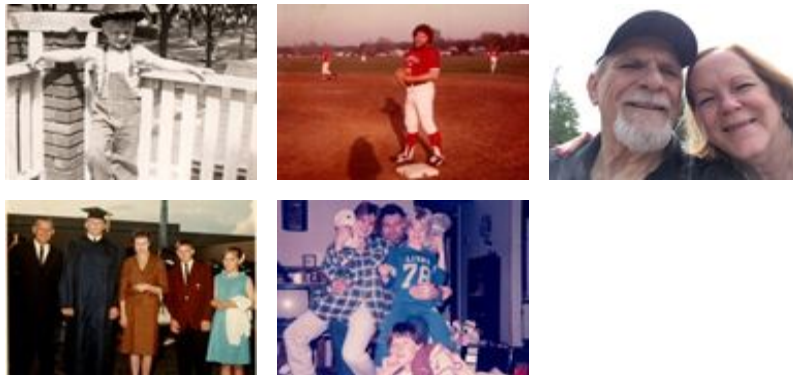
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January 26, 2023 at 08:56 AM



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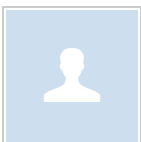


Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - January 23, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ our condolences to all the family from Colorado on Bobs passing

Rey Lantta - January 10, 2023 at 12:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Ray Swanson.



January 10, 2023 at 10:58 AM