



## Bernard "Ben" Swanson

June 19, 1921 - February 18, 2017

Bernard "Ben" Swanson, 95, of Grand Island passed away on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

Memorial services for Ben will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 4, at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Military honors will be rendered by the Grand Island Veteran's Honor Guard and U.S. Army Honor Guard. Private family burial of ashes will be in the Grand Island City Cemetery.

Ben was born on June 19, 1921 in Lyons, NE, oldest son of Emel F. and Cora L. (Schrader) Swanson.

Ben is survived by his son, Jim(Markey) Swanson of Denver, CO; brother, Robert Swanson of Lincoln; daughter-in-law, Cheryl Swanson of Nebraska City; grandchildren, Brigette (Paul) Farnsworth, Jill, Jeni and Corey Swanson; two great-grandchildren; along with a host of numerous extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Esthermae; son, Charles; and infant grandson, James.

Ben was raised and graduated from High School in Lyons,NE. He continued his education at Nebraska University at Lincoln where he earned his Horticulture Degree. While at UNL, Ben was a member of the ROTC and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

On August 8, 1948 he was united in marriage to Esthermae Tompsett. In 1952 they settled in Grand Island, where as a couple, owned and operated

Swanson's Nursery until 1980. After retiring, Ben and Esther enjoyed volunteering at the Stuhr Museum. They spent many years landscaping the grounds and planting trees to be enjoyed for years to come.

Ben enjoyed traveling, amateur photography and, of course, gardening.

Memorials are suggested to the Stuhr Museum.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernard "Ben" Swanson*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Hi . . . My sympathy to Ben's family. I still remember where his business was and the tragic tornado in Grand Island. I am grandson of Virgil and Gertrude Swanson. I live in Scribner. Prayers for Ben's family. What a wonderful 95 years.*

**Steve Swanson** - February 23, 2017 at 10:28 PM



“ *I remember all the Swanson family reunions in Lyons; what great fun, great food and great relatives. May God grant you peace in your time of sorrow. Mary Louise Swanson Troth (Harold Swanson's daughter) Prescott, AZ*

**Mary Louise Swanson Troth** - February 23, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ *To son Jim, brother Robert and all of the family, I wish to offer our condolences. I recall the fond relationship between double cousins. My mom, Gladys Swanson Hasemann, was always glad to see them and as a little girl I was a bit intimidated when the Swanson cousins visited. I don't know why.. they were just so very interested in what I was doing and gave so much attention. They wanted me to play my popular music on the piano! What wonderful young people, Bernard and his siblings were and later their spouses. What a long life filled with the joy of plants and flowers. May God's peace and comfort be yours at this time, Stan and Lone (Hasemann) Popken, Fremont NE*

**lone Popken** - February 22, 2017 at 09:20 AM