



## Gary Swiden

May 14, 1936 - August 10, 2021

Gary John Swiden – 1936 - 2021

Mount Pleasant – Gary Swiden, age 85, passed away peacefully at his home on August 10, 2021. He was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on May 14, 1936, to John and Florence Swiden (Simonson). In addition to his beloved wife and best friend, Carol, he is survived by his much loved daughters Theresa (Craig) Driscoll, Tammy (Wesley) Rosenberg, Amy (Don) Prellberg and Elena Swiden. Proud and loving Grandpa to Sarah, Sam, Emily, Max, Andrew, Marissa, Olivia, Abbey, Anthony, Allyson, Ken, Gavin and Finn. Adored Great Grandpa of Landon. Dear Brother of Judy Lovelace and much loved Brother-in-law of Sharon Devine and Cindy Cook. Further survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and many wonderful friends. Lifetime friend and the brother he never had – Ted Peterson. His loyal and devoted friend and Administrative Assistant for 38 years – RuthAnn Miller. Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Brother-in-laws William Cook, Patrick Devine and Stan Lovelace.

Gary graduated from Washington Park High School and was a member of the 1954 State Runner-up Golf team. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison with a Degree in Economics. He was a devoted Badger fan and a life-long Cubs fan!

Gary was an avid golfer since he was 8 years old. He focused on the enjoyment of the game, the beauty of the courses he played and the company he played with. He finally achieved his first hole in one at age 66, at the Port

Royal Golf Club in Bermuda. He always enjoyed telling a good joke or a funny story and could keep you on the phone for hours. Gary had a mean sweet tooth. There wasn't a cookie he didn't love!

His 61 years in the Insurance industry earned him the reputation of being ethical, compassionate and kind. As a well-respected Insurance Agent with Aetna Life Insurance Company, he opened his own agency Gary J. Swiden Associates, Inc., concentrating on corporate profit sharing and pension plans and individual retirement plans.

Gary loved to travel, his home away from home was Scottsdale, Arizona. However, the big Island of Hawaii was also close to his heart!

Funeral services for Gary will be held at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street, Racine, Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 12:00 noon. Visitation for family and friends from 10:00am until time of service. Private burial at West Lawn Cemetery the following day. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to the church.

Special thank you to Aurora at Home for their kindness and compassion.

"Gary never met a stranger that didn't become a friend!"

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
322 Ohio Street  
Racine, WI

## Memorial Service

AUG 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
322 Ohio Street  
Racine, WI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Swiden*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - August 14, 2021 at 12:49 PM

RM

*Touching and Meaningful, a walk thru Gary Swiden's Memory Lane. Thank you for creating this video.*

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**Ruth Ann Miller** - August 15, 2021 at 09:01 AM

DA

“ *Dearest Carol,*

*We were so sorry to read of Gary's passing. He was definitely not an average guy.*

*Sending love to you.*

*Dennis and Annette*

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**Dennis and Annette** - August 16, 2021 at 09:26 PM

DR

“ Gary John was my first cousin-his Dad and my Mom were brother and sister. I have many many wonderful memories of our childhood at Grandma and Grandpa Swiden’s in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on the Fourth of July. Later in our lives, I moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where Gary and Carol wintered in March. We enjoyed getting reacquainted, going to dinner/lunch, sitting on our patio on the golf course visiting and he would golf with my brother Jim Dyer. I will always remember these times and my sweet cousins laughter!! Rest In Peace.  
Love always, Donna Faye Dyer Reagan and Michael.

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**Donna Reagan** - August 16, 2021 at 07:58 PM

ME

“ Gary was my cousin once removed. His mother, Florence Swiden, and my grandmother, Louise Berven, were sisters. I saw Gary’s family often when I was a boy until, to my disappointment, they moved from Racine to Chicago. The entire family was fun to be around; they all had the zest for life and love for people that Gary did. Eleven years older than me, Gary was unfailingly gracious to his younger cousin. I owe my love of sports in part to the sports magazines and books that he passed along to me. Since Gary inherited his father’s passion for golf, I was delighted to learn that he achieved a hole-in-one and lived many years to savor that accomplishment.  
Gary was a bright, energetic man who radiated warmth whenever and wherever I encountered him. Although I saw him only occasionally in adulthood, the news I heard about him was always favorable, and I was proud to be his cousin. I will pray for the comfort of his wife, children, sister, and all who love him.

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**Mark Eckblad** - August 15, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Swiden.*



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August 15, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *Brian and Jane Peccarelli purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Gary Swiden.*



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**Brian and Jane Peccarelli** - August 14, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ *Carol,  
Our sincere condolences for the passing of Gary. From his days of coaching and sponsoring my softball/volleyball teams, to his frequent visits to GJM, to sharing a church, I have always enjoyed Gary's company. After Jeff and I were married, Gary, and you, welcomed Jeff as a friend. Gary will be missed.*

*You and his family are in our prayers, and we hope that God enfolds you in His arms and that you feel his comfort.*

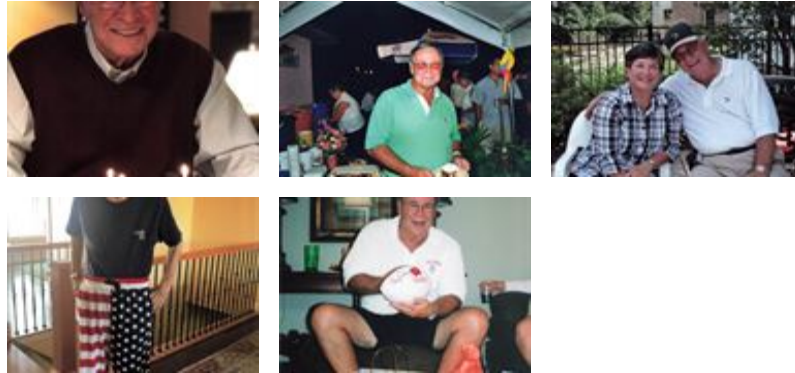
*Nancy and Jeff Haman*

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**Nancy & Jeff Haman** - August 14, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ 121 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Sturino Funeral Home** - August 14, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *Carol, Theresa, Tammy, Amy & Elena,  
Gary's love for all of you and your families  
was undeniable.*

*Our thoughts, prayers and love for you during  
this difficult time.*

*Gary, you may be gone before us but your memories will remain in  
our hearts.*

*May the love of God give you peace,  
Hank & Ruth Ann*



**Hank & Ruth Ann Miller** - August 13, 2021 at 08:13 PM