



W. Robert Swartz

April 30, 1924 - May 31, 2008

Bob Swartz, of Ardmore, PA, died May 31, 2008 at the age of 84.

He was born in Ardmore, 1924, attended Ardmore Avenue School, Ardmore Jr. High and Lower Merion High School Class of 1943. He served in the U. S. Navy from 1943 to 1946, on the USS Rocky Mount, a Communications Flagship, where he worked in Map Reproduction. He attended Antonelli School of Photography and Yawn School of Photography. He opened Camera Shop in 1950 and ran it until 1998 when he retired.

He served as Cubmaster, Bryn Mawr Pack 226 for 10 years, worked in Main Line District in Training, and received the Order of Merit, Valley Forge Council in 1975. Was an Elder and Chair of the Property Committee at Overbrook Presbyterian Church for many years and a 30 year member of the Overbrook Choir.

He was a volunteer photographer for the Merion Fire Company for many years, was a Life Member of the VFW and a long standing member of the Lower Merion Historical Society and a Past President.

He was known for his large collection of photographs of old Lower Merion many of which were featured in the Main Line Times, Main Line Chronicle and the book "The First 300", which was dedicated for him. He was a Civil War

enthusiast who enjoyed visiting battlefields and he amassed a large collection of artifacts. He retired in 1998

He is survived by his wife Judith Null Swartz; and is the devoted father of Brett Swartz (Tod Stewart), Laurie D'Antonio (Thom), Jeffrey Swartz, Jennifer Wark (Peter); also survived by two grandchildren, Valerie and Christopher Swartz.

The family will received guests on Tuesday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, 30 E. Athens Avenue, Ardmore, PA and after 10:00 A.M. Wednesday morning in the Wistar Morris Room at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, City & Lancaster Avenues where his funeral service will begin at 11:00 am. Burial will follow in St. Paul's Lutheran Churchyard.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to either Overbrook Presbyterian Church, or Lower Merion Historical Society.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Overbrook Presbyterian Church
6376 City Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151

Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the album *W Robert Swartz Photography*



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“ *Jen, I have been thinking about you and your family. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Jenn Shaw##imported-end##*

June 03, 2008 at 05:36 PM



“ *I am sorry to hear about Mr. Swartz. He was such a very nice man and a wonderful father and grandfather. I know you will all miss him so much.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sandy MacWilliams##imported-begin##Sandy MacWilliams##imported-end##*

June 03, 2008 at 01:41 PM



“ To Mrs. Swartz, Brett, Laurie, Jeff, and Jennie, on behalf of my family I'd like to express our most heartfelt sympathy to the passing of Mr. Swartz. He will never be forgotten and missed greatly! Our prayers are for your family that you may mourn your loss in good memories and not tears. May God be with you all at this time.##imported-begin##Jennifer (Senat) Lovelace##imported-end##

June 03, 2008 at 08:41 AM



“ Thinking of Bret and Tod as well as the rest of the family. I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Mike Musgrove##imported-end##

June 02, 2008 at 11:39 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear about Bob passing. He was such a special man to me and always ready to give me his time and talent. I will treasure my many memories of his working in the church office with me. Especially this past Palm Sunday when he pulled the palms apart and had something to say about every one. God bless you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love,
Anita and John##imported-begin##Anita and John Belfie##imported-end##

May 31, 2008 at 08:58 PM