



Philip E. Swanson, 87, of Townsend

August 4, 1937 - February 22, 2025

TOWNSEND: Philip E. Swanson, 87, of Townsend, died Saturday, February 22, 2025 at Emerson Hospital, Concord.

Mr. Swanson was born in Gardner, August 4, 1937, a son of K. Philip and Lydia (Mattson) Swanson and was a 1955 graduate of Templeton High School before attending New England Bible Institute. He has resided in Townsend for over fifty years.

Mr. Swanson spent much of his career in the grocery industry and worked at the Shaw's Supermarkets in both Leominster and Groton.

He was an active member of the Townsend Senior Center. He was also an avid reader and loved working on puzzles and keeping up with sports.

Mr. Swanson enjoyed working on his lawn and garden, but his favorite way to spend the summers was taking trips to the beach and mountains with his family.

His biggest joy in life was watching his grandchildren grow and flourish, always offering his support, love and guidance.

He leaves three sons, Greg P. Swanson of Hillsboro, NH, Jeff L. Swanson and

his longtime companion Kathleen of Stow, Barry K. Swanson and his wife Sheena of Athol; his daughter, Holly M. Swanson of Concord; his brother and sister in law, James (Jim) and Rose Swanson of Skowhegan, ME, his sister and brother in law, Elizabeth "Betty" Knowlton and her husband, Ken, of Otter River; eight grandchildren, Blake and her partner John, Cole and his partner Lexis, Mitchell, Ryan, Nathan, Logan, Brayden and Cameron.

On October 15, 2018 his wife of 47 years, Joan C. (Beers) Swanson passed away. He was the brother of the late George Swanson, Edmund Swanson, Richard Swanson, Ingrid Myllykangas, Arlene White and Christine Lorion. He was predeceased by his infant children Darrell Swanson and Julie Ann Swanson.

Mr. Swanson's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours, 2-5 PM Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte. 119) Townsend Center. www.andersonfuneral.com

Interment at Hillside Cemetery, Townsend will be held privately.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Townsend Senior Center, 16 Dudley Road, Townsend, MA 01469.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Philip E. Swanson, 87, of Townsend.*



February 28, 2025 at 04:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Philip E. Swanson, 87, of Townsend.

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“ Kathleen and Kyler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Philip E. Swanson, 87, of Townsend.

Kathleen and Kyler - February 27, 2025 at 10:02 PM



“ Kathleen and Kyler purchased the *Crystal Cross Bouquet* for the family of Philip E. Swanson, 87, of Townsend.



Kathleen and Kyler - February 27, 2025 at 10:02 PM

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“ Don and I spent many great times with Phil and Joan and their family. Phil was in his glory when his grandchildren arrived at the family parties and cookouts. He took great pride in his vegetable and flower gardens which were always very abundant. A quiet but caring man, he will missed by family and friends. My deepest sympathies to Holly, Greg, Jeff, Barry and their families. May your happy memories bring you comfort and may Phil rest in peace. Our thoughts are with you,
Carol Seale-Beers and family.

Carol Seale-Beers - February 25, 2025 at 10:26 PM

SJ

“ Phil was a wonderful coworker. he always had a smile on his face. He would always pop his in head into the bakery to say hi to us while waiting on his coffee at the coffee machine. May he be at peace and my condolences. Sara Johnson

sara Johnson - February 25, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Philip E. Swanson, 87, of Townsend.



February 24, 2025 at 11:00 AM

CH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Phil's passing. He was well-known at the Townsend Library for his gentle ways and his love of western novels. It was always a pleasure to deliver books to him when he could not make it to the library himself. Phil will be hugely missed by all the library staff. --Cathy

Cathy Hill - February 24, 2025 at 10:58 AM

BA

He's always loved those westerns! Thank you for delivering when my dad couldn't make it up there.
-Barry

barry - February 24, 2025 at 11:13 AM