



Irvan Ray Swarey

November 13, 1954 - April 5, 2017

Irvan Ray Swarey, 62, of 277 Hubbard Road, Long Island died Wednesday, April 5, 2017. He was a loving husband to Sharon Joan Swarey for 40 years.

He was born November 13, 1954 in Stuarts Draft, a son of the late Benjamin B. Swarey and Mary M. Yoder Swarey of Stuarts Draft Va. He lived his life in service to others raising and loving 9 children, reaching out to neighbors near and far. He showed the love of Christ his Lord to all he met, a willing smile and a word of encouragement was always soon to come when talking with Irvan. He loved his 26, soon to be 28, grandchildren and they all adored "Papa" as well. He Loved to work on clocks in his spare time, when not driving truck for Robertson sawmill or caring for the flocks of laying hens in the chicken houses he owned. Irvan was a member and usher at Bethel Mennonite Church for many years, a warm welcome to all who came through the doors of Perrow's Chapel and Bethel Mennonite Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Nathan Irvan Swarey and his wife Elizabeth of Gladys, Benjamin Ray Swarey and his wife Mindy of South Boston and Seth David Swarey and his wife Sarah of Long Island; six daughters, Cynthia Marie Beachy and her husband James of Dover DE, Kristena Mae Weaver and her husband Wayne of Gladys, Rhonda Joann Yoder and her husband Lyndon of Gladys, Mary Beth Martin and her husband Lee of Long Island, Rosanna Sharon Kropf and her husband Nevin of Gladys

and Charity Ruth Swarey of Long Island; three brothers, Thomas Swarey and his wife Tina of Stuarts Draft, Allen Swarey and his wife Sylvia of Stuarts Draft and twin brother Ivan Swarey of Greenville; and twenty-eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Paul M. Swarey; and a sister-in-law, Lena Swarey.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Bethel Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Bethel Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall with interment to follow in the church cemetery.

Finch and Finch Funeral and Cremation Service, Gladys is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bethel Mennonite Church Cemetery

5946 Brookneal HWY
Gladys, VA 24554

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Mennonite Church
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Visitation

APR 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

APR 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Marian sent a virtual gift in memory of Irvan Ray Swarey*



Marian - January 08, 2021 at 09:14 PM

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of Irvan Ray Swarey*



Marian - February 14, 2018 at 05:47 PM

DA

“ *Donna Ayres lit a candle in memory of Irvan Ray Swarey*



Donna Ayres - April 08, 2017 at 08:59 PM

DA

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Irvan was always friendly and always had a smile.

Donna Ayres - April 08, 2017 at 09:03 PM

EM

“ *Proof that God wants to be in good company. Irvan's wings were ready even though our hearts were not. Love and Blessings to all. Elsie and Joe.*



Elsie Mullin - April 08, 2017 at 09:09 AM

SW

“ *Frank and I will never forget his wonderful smile and laugh. Frank and I have so many memories of him and your family from years ago. He will surely be missed by all who knew him. I know he is laughing with all our loved ones who God called before him. We will all miss him dearly but know we will be reunited one day in heaven. Praying for you Sharon and all the children and grandchildren. Love to all. Frank and Shanelle Wilson and family.*

shanelle wilson - April 07, 2017 at 07:22 PM

ME

“ *Sharon & Family, You all are in my thoughts & prayers at this difficult time.*



Mary Edmonds - April 07, 2017 at 03:44 PM

DC

“ *Dave Conner lit a candle in memory of Irvan Ray Swarey*



Dave Conner - April 07, 2017 at 01:55 PM

CP

“ *Connie Mae Pugh lit a candle in memory of
Irvan Ray Swarey*



Connie Mae Pugh - April 07, 2017 at 12:24 PM