

Etta Marie (Swift) Swanson, daughter of John Clifton and Susie Marie (Erickson) Swift, was born on December 7, 1935 on the family farm southeast of Yorktown, Iowa in Page County. She entered into rest on Monday, October 29, 2018 at Garden View Care Center in Shenandoah, Iowa at the age of 82 years, 10 months, 22 days.

At the age of two, her family moved to a farm south of Shenandoah. At age seven, they moved into Shenandoah where Etta attended the Shenandoah Community Schools, graduating from Shenandoah High School with the Class of 1953. Following graduation, Etta worked as a receptionist at Iowa Finance in Shenandoah for four years.

On January 29, 1956, Etta was united in marriage to Merrill Dean Swanson at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shenandoah. To this union two children, Kevin and Nancy were born. They purchased the family farm six miles east of Essex in 1965. Etta was a devoted wife and mother. After retiring from farming they moved into Shenandoah in the spring of 2006.

A longtime member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shenandoah, Etta was a member of their Women's Circle, was a Sunday School Teacher and served on many other committees. She also volunteered at Garden View Care Center and the Special Olympics.

Preceding Etta in death were her son, Kevin Swanson; parents; and brother, John C. Swift.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of over 62 years, Merrill Swanson of the home; daughter, Nancy Wilson and her husband Darrell of Quincy, IL; two grandsons, Blake Wilson and his wife Kassidy of Edwardsville, IL and Logan Wilson and Caitlin Arnold of Morrison, CO; great granddaughter, Kalylah Wilson of Edwardsville, IL; two sisters-in-law, Mavis Herzberg and her husband Darrel of Villisca, IA and Gloria Swift of Wheatland, WY; nieces and nephews, Diane Shipley and husband Bill of Nodaway, IA, Chris Herzberg and wife Jami of Charlotte, NC, Steven Herzberg of Ankeny, IA, Dwight Swift and wife Cindy of Colorado Springs, CO, Paula Ann Swift of Bountiful, UT and Darwin Swift of Bristow, VA; aunt, Alice Erickson of Essex, IA; many great nieces, nephews and cousins; other relatives and many friends.

In Loving Memory

Etta Marie Swanson

December 7, 1935 – October 29, 2018

82 years, 10 months, 22 days

Funeral Service

2:30 p.m.

Friday, November 2, 2018

Nishna Valley Funeral Home

Shenandoah, Iowa

Pastor Kurt Hoover, Officiant

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service

Casket Bearers

Blake Wilson Logan Wilson Bill Shipley Trever Shipley
Steve Falk Steve Erickson

Honorary Bearers

Chris Herzberg Keith McCall Byron Erickson Mike Herzberg Kyle Shipley
Steve Herzberg Tom Erickson Randy Lundgren Tim Tillman

Music

"Because He Lives"

Registry Attendants

Mary Alice Johnson Karen Erickson

Place of Rest

Rose Hill Cemetery

Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorials

Memorial fund is being established

Following the committal service, fellowship with the family
will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church



*All this is for your benefit,
so that the grace that is reaching more and more people
may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.*

Therefore we do not lose heart.

*Though outwardly we are wasting away,
yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*

2 Corinthians 4:15-16



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