



Stuart Carroll Swenson was born on May 21, 1941, to Bernard J. and Jane O. (Hough) Swenson in Barnesville, MN. He grew up and attended school in Barnesville, graduating in 1958. He attended NDSU for one year before being drafted into the US Army. He served his country from 1963-1965, part of that time in Vietnam. He returned home from the service and went to work for Asp Construction in Fargo. He went out on his own and partnered with his brother Burton in Swenson Construction. They built several homes in Barnesville and the surrounding area. He was a talented carpenter and took pride in his quality of work. Later on, he partnered with Dan Anderson as D & D Construction, continuing using his talents as a carpenter and entrepreneur.

He was united in marriage on April 6, 1995, to Joan Mehlhoff in Florida. They made their home in Barnesville. With his marriage to Joan he created a blended family who he always was proud of. He would lend a hand to anyone in need. Carroll enjoyed golfing, bowling, talking politics, watching NASCAR, and was on a world champion pit crew for formula boat racing. His lifelong dream of restoring and driving his 1932 Rockne Studebaker came to fruition this past year. His faith was important, and he has been a member of Our Saviors Lutheran Church for his lifetime. He served on the Humboldt Township Board, the area Fire Department Board, and the Clay County Planning Commission.

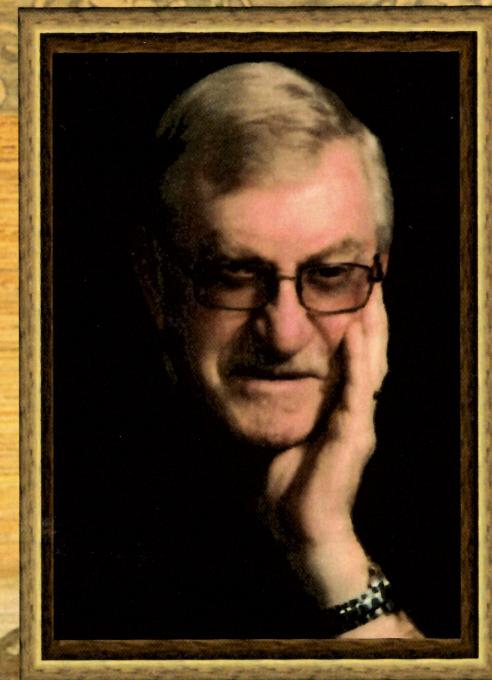
Carroll is survived by his wife Joan, of Barnesville, MN; children: Cathy Ayers Hanna of Fargo, ND, Nancy (Erroll) Bong of West Fargo, ND, Randy (Barbara) Mehlhoff, of Langdon, ND, Scott Mehlhoff of Phoenix, AZ and Heidi (Rae Dell) Braaten of Oxbow, ND; grandchildren: Hunter Ayers, Evan Bong, Christi (David) Mann, Nikki (Trevor) Pearson, Andrew Mehlhoff, Alexa Braaten, Maddi Braaten, McKenna Braaten and Jared (Crystal) Rene; nine great grandchildren; brother, Burton (Carol) Swenson of Barnesville; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Swenson and Patty Swenson, both of Barnesville; and numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter-in-law, Ronda Mehlhoff; brothers, Laverne Swenson and Gorden "Lefty" Swenson.

Carroll Swenson died at the end of the day on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at his home in Barnesville, Minnesota with his loving family at his side, at the age of 80 years, 1 month, and 2 days. May his memory be blessed.



# *Celebrating a Life*



*Carroll Swenson*  
May 21, 1941 ~ June 23, 2021



### Life Must Go On

Grieve for me, for I would grieve for you,  
Then brush away the sorrow and the tears,

Life is not over, but begins anew.

With courage you must greet the coming years.

To live forever in the past is wrong,  
Can only cause you misery and pain,  
Dwell not on memories overlong,

With others you must share and care again.

Reach out and comfort those who comfort you,

Recall the years but only for a while,  
Nurse not your loneliness but live again,

Forget not – remember with a smile.

## *In Loving Memory Of* **Carroll Swenson** *Visitation*

Monday, June 28, 2021 5-7 PM

Dobmeier Funeral Home  
Barnesville, Minnesota

### *Celebration of Life*

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Barnesville, Minnesota

Reverend Chris Leach ~ *Officiating*  
Shelley Holmstrom ~ *Organist*

Rosie Carr ~ *Soloist*

*"I The Lord Of Sea And Sky"*  
*"One Day At A Time"*

*"Broken Halos"* recorded by Chris Stapleton  
*Congregational Hymns*

*"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"* #697  
*"Battle Hymn Of The Republic"* #890

### *Military Honors*

Barnesville American Legion  
& VFW Posts Honor Guard

*Following the Celebration of Life please join  
the family in the fellowship hall for a time  
of lunch and reminiscing.*

**Joan and the entire family thank you for your love and support  
as we celebrate Carroll's life. It means so much to all of us the  
kind deeds and words expressed to us. Thank You!**