



Harry E. Swain

February 3, 1948 - September 5, 2025

Harry E. Swain, 77 of Port Sanilac, went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 5, 2025, in his home with family by his side.

He was born February 3, 1948, in Port Huron to the late William H. and Paula G. (Witt) Swain. He married Deborah J. Hope on December 31, 2003, in Croswell.

Harry was a skilled welder and fabricator. He was an employee of Wirtz Manufacturing for 37 years. He could often be found in his shop where he was known to repair vehicles, build trailers, and weld intricate items that only he could do.

He was a devoted husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, and brother. He had an amazing and abundant love for life. He was a social butterfly, making friends everywhere he went. He loved playing a wide variety of games, but he especially enjoyed playing the card games euchre and burn. He also loved playing horseshoes, going camping and riding his bicycle. He was always excited to head south for Florida in his later years where he would spend time with the many friends that he had made. In the evenings, he found relaxation around a bonfire with his family and friends. He was a true Godsend and will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

Harry is survived by his wife Debbie, his mother-in-law Arlene Hope, children Dale Swain, Rhonda (Tim) Howard, and Denise (Brian) Sears; his stepchildren Rebecca (David) Ehrlich, Ret. SFC Eric (Elsa) Kinnee, and Rachel (Alfred) Paoletti. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren, namely

Jesseline (Brandon Hubley) Dunn, Dale Swain II, Alexandra (Charles) Anderson, Jacob Dunn, David Ehrlich, Emilia Skinner, HM3 E. William (HM3 Rissa) Skinner, Michael Paoletti, PFC Brooke (Jared Denike) Howard, Alexander Paoletti, Martin Howard, and Nicholas Paoletti; his surviving great grandchildren are Dallis, Jaxson, and Paislee; his surviving siblings are Pamela (Gary) Miller, Patricia (Ray) Ferrett, and Suzanne (Alex) Boskovic, and Steve (Dawn) Swain; sister-in-law Rhonda (Jim) Kerr, and several surviving nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Lindsay M. Swain and brothers William Swain, Jr, Edward Swain, and Patrick Swain.

Harry's family would like to express their appreciation and gratitude to the hospice nurses as well as the many medical professionals who have been caring for him.

A Celebration of Life will take place on Sunday, September 21, 2025, in Lexington at the Lakeview Hills Golf Resort from 1pm to 5pm, with the ceremony to commence at 3pm. A meal will take place after the ceremony. Donations may be made in honor of Harry to United Hospice Service of Marlette and Port Sanilac Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Reception

SEP 21. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Lakeview Hills Country Club
6560 Peck Rd.
Lexington, MI 48450
<http://www.lakeviewhills.com>

Celebration of Life Service

SEP 21. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DD

“ I just want Dale, Rhonda and Denise to know that I'm so sorry for your loss. Your dad (and Mine for a long time) was an amazing man. From the first day I met him and found out we shared the same birthdate ...we connected! He was my best friend for close to 20 years of my life...if I needed any help with anything...Harry was there for me to either teach me how to fix it or he would fix it for me! I still remember crop touring (yes we are that old) with Grampa Al and Harry...and of course some good ol Altez beer. Some of the best conversation I've ever had were on those rides. So many great memories with Harry over the years. Cedar Point camping, poker and euchre in the back room bit mention horse shoes!! And let's not forget the ol fake handshake that Harry talked me into burning Uncle Pat with...the very first night I met Pat...I can still hear Harry's laugh. Anyway Dale, Rhonda and Denise...cherish all the memories you have with your dad...we were all blessed to have him in our lives... thinking of you all. 😊😊😊

dave dunn - September 19, 2025 at 06:58 PM

DE

thank you dave - very kind words and great memories for sure! i remember you doing that slick hand shake "with" uncle pat, too - good times! :)

denise - September 20, 2025 at 10:26 PM

DS

“ My sister and I were blessed to have our dad as the head coach of our softball team for three years. This photo would've been summer of 1982..making him 34 years of age. 🥰



Denise Sears - September 17, 2025 at 09:53 AM

MK

“ We've known Harry for about ten years. He was good hearted and a good friend. We traveled with Harry and Debbie and have many great memories. We will miss our cuz Harry.
Miro and Ann

Miro and Ann Komsic - September 12, 2025 at 05:12 PM

DS

Thank you.💛

Denise Sears - September 13, 2025 at 10:50 AM

BM

Wishing peace and love to everyone who knew Harry. Debbie, I can't imagine what it would be like to lose the love of your life. The many things you and Harry shared in your time of unity on Gods earth. I truly believe that he is looking down on all of us. He lived a fruitful life with family, friends and you. I really did not know Harry that well until we had dinner in Lexington one fall evening. He and I talked of many experiences we encountered in our life to that point. Love, marriage, family, friends, and work. It truly was a pleasure to get acquainted with him that evening. Our prayers are with you and the family.

Bruce and Ruthie Muir

Bruce and Ruthie Muir - September 16, 2025 at 03:06 PM

DH

thank you Bruce and Ruthie The closing song for the celebration is "When we all get to Heaven"

Deborah Hope - September 17, 2025 at 07:54 AM

DB

“ *Patti and I would like to "Thank God" for Harry and his support for our Church First Baptist in Port Huron the years he attended there. Harry was always ready to help in any way possible around the Church. We enjoyed walking in Lake Huron by the shore for the afternoon and then having shrimp on the Barbeque at our home with Harry and Debbie. Blessings and comfort to Debbie and the family during the great loss of Harry. We are sure Harry is helping any way He can in Heaven with all the saints that have gone before us. Our prayers to all of you. Patti and Dan Bakay*

Dan and Patti Bakay - September 12, 2025 at 03:43 PM

DS

Thank you. 🧡

Denise Sears - September 13, 2025 at 10:50 AM

DH

We did have good times together. Menories that put a smile on my face as I read the messages Thank you

Deborah Hope - September 22, 2025 at 01:58 PM



“ *Anna Filthaut lit a candle in memory of Harry E. Swain*



Anna Filthaut - September 11, 2025 at 08:22 PM

RK

“ From the moment we met Harry he was such a fun person to be around and always welcomed people to his home. Everyone had fun with him if it was outside playing games, sitting around the bonfire or inside playing cards. He lived life to the fullest. He was a staple in our lives and will be truly missed.
Miss you. Jim and Rhonda

Rhonda Kerr - September 10, 2025 at 10:35 AM

CJ

“ Debbie and Family, I am so sorry to learn of Harry's death. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time
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Carol Jahn - September 10, 2025 at 07:47 AM

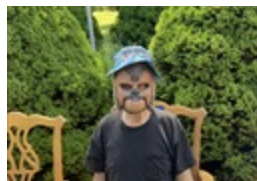
DH

Thank you Carol

Deborah Hope - September 17, 2025 at 07:55 AM

JA

“ Debbie and family were having a garage sale . Harry put this mask on and sat and greeted people. It was a fun day!! We will miss you Harry, so very much. Don and Judy



Judith Adams - September 09, 2025 at 09:40 PM

DH

I smile everytime I look at this picture. It was a fun day. Thank you for sharing

Deborah Hope - September 17, 2025 at 07:57 AM

PF

“ *Patricia Ferrett lit a candle in memory of Harry E. Swain*



Patricia Ferrett - September 09, 2025 at 07:42 PM

DH

Thank you

Deborah Hope - September 17, 2025 at 07:58 AM

GB

“ *GARRY L BLACK lit a candle in memory of Harry E. Swain*



GARRY L BLACK - September 09, 2025 at 04:54 PM

DH

Thank you

Deborah Hope - September 17, 2025 at 07:58 AM



“ Anyone that knew my Grandpa Swain knew that he loved playing cards. It was always entertaining to play with him or just being in the room while he was playing. I remember many childhood Christmases hearing grandpa get louder and more excited the closer he was to winning! And when he wasn't, his quick wittedness was just as fun to witness. I'll miss his smirk he gets when he knows he's about to win, his excitedness was contagious and it just made you want to play one more game together. I hope he'll be watching over me & helping me win my next euchre game. I love you Grandpa Swain 🙌👍



Jesseline Dunn - September 09, 2025 at 03:41 PM

DS

Lovely memory :)

Denise Sears - September 09, 2025 at 05:36 PM

DH

I am sure will be looking over shoulder helping you your next ucher game Thanks for sharing Jesse

Deborah Hope - September 17, 2025 at 08:00 AM

SQ

“ When we were at Oak Grove RV park with Harry and Debbie, we would meet almost every night at the clubhouse to play Burn. There were 12 of us in this lively group but none livelier than Harry. He would get so excited, he would come right up off his chair. He always added laughter too through his side comments. We had so much fun! Sherry and Mark Quinn

Sherry and Mark Quinn - September 09, 2025 at 02:48 PM

DS

Thank you for sharing such a fun memory :)

Denise Sears - September 09, 2025 at 06:23 PM

DH

We did have a lot of fun and laughs. I wish we could have gone for more years. But I'm thankful for the years we had. Thank you

Deborah Hope - September 17, 2025 at 08:02 AM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories from childhood*



Denise Sears - September 09, 2025 at 02:43 PM

DH

I just love looking at this picture it is so your Dad. Working with a big smile Thank you for sharing Denise

Deborah Hope - September 17, 2025 at 08:03 AM