



Delmer H. Swanson 12/14/1936-01/30/2012 Delmer H. Swanson, age 75 of Aitkin formerly of St. Paul died Monday, January 30, 2012 at his home on Mille Lacs Lake. Delmer was born December 14, 1936 at Balsam Lake, Wisconsin the son of Alvin and Evelyn (Erickson) Swanson. He grew up and attended schools at Balsam Lake and graduated from the Balsam Lake High School in 1955. He then served in the U.S. Army from June 1, 1955 to March 21, 1957. Upon his discharge he returned to the family farm and worked there for about a year. He then moved to the Twin Cities. He married Mary Jane Clark on January 24, 1959 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They made their home in St. Paul and he worked as a carpenter for a time and then worked for the St. Paul School system as a maintenance supervisor. He then went to work for the St. Paul Fire Department in the

same capacity as a maintenance supervisor. He retired on July 1, 1999. He then moved to Mille Lacs Lake near Aitkin and built his retirement home on the lake. He has lived there since. He was a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church at Malmo, had served on the Wealthwood Township Board since 2005, and was a member of the Wealthwood Rod and Gun Club, a life member of the American Legion. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and thoroughly enjoyed his annual halibut fishing trip to Seward, Alaska. He is survived by his wife Mary Swanson of Aitkin; son: Michael (Dawn) Swanson of Centerville, Mn. daughters: Lori (John) Lee of St. Paul, Mn. Jennifer Wanovich of Hugo, Mn. 6 grandchildren: Jenna, Joshua, Staci, Andrew, Jacob and Alexander. Also surviving are two brothers: Allen Swanson of Fridley, Mn.; Jon Swanson of Marshfield, Wisc.; four sisters: Elayne Freeman of Bellevue, Wash., Marion Turner of Centuria, Wisc., Katie Gruber of Balsam Lake, Wisc., and Judy Sarazin of Isanti, Mn. and brother in law Gary Clark of Amery, Wisc. He was preceded in death by his parents and baby sister Joyce. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 3, 2012 at 10 AM from Bethesda Lutheran Church in Malmo, Mn. with Rev. James Raisanen officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 5 to 7 PM at the Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin and also 1 hour prior to services at the church. Military honors will be provided by the Aitkin VFW and American Legion Posts. Burial will be in the Balsam Lutheran Cemetery, rural Amery, Wisconsin. Memorials are preferred to the Bethesda Lutheran Church Building Fund. To sign the online guest register please go to www.srtfuneral.com.