



## Mel Swanson

June 17, 2012

Mel Swanson, age 91, a 55 year resident of Dublin, met his Savior on Sunday, June 17, 2012 at Willow Brook Village in Delaware surrounded by his loving family. A graduate of Columbus West High School, Mel was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps during WWII. Serving on the battleship USS Massachusetts, Mel served throughout the Southwest Pacific in the Russell Islands, Western New Guinea, the Gilbert Islands, Western Caroline Islands and later the Marshall Islands, Leyte Gulf and Iwo Jima and participated in the initial landing of Occupation Forces in Tokyo Bay, Japan. He served on the Admiral's staff and was assigned as an Honor Guard for President Harry S. Truman. After the war, Mel worked for 29 years with General Motors before his retirement. After his retirement, he was the co-chair of the GM Retirees luncheons. Mel married his wife Shirley Swanson in 1946 and together they raised their family in Dublin, Ohio. Mel coached Little League baseball in Dublin for many years. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years Shirley , his sister-in-law Doris Jean Parks and his brother-in-law Rod Ayers. Mel is survived by his children: Jerry (Pam) Swanson of Ostrander, OH; Lance (Terry) Swanson of Lapeer, MI; and Wendy (David) Schlaegel of Lewis Center, OH; grandchildren: Amy (Adam) Grossman of Germantown, TN; Denny Swanson of Ostrander; Lauren (Jason) Richard of Jefferson City, MO; Heather (Justin) Podgorski of Lapeer; Candice Schlaegel of Lewis Center; and Adam Swanson of Shenandoah, IA; four great-grandchildren: Zohara, Lyla, Lillian and Carson; brother Robert (Jan) Swanson of Minneapolis, MN; and sister-in-law Beverly Ayers of California. Family will receive friends from 2-4 & 6-8pm. FRIDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471 where funeral services will be held 10:00am. SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2012 with Pastor David Roberson, officiating. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell, Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Burial will follow at Union Cemetery, Columbus. In lieu of flowers, friends may make memorial contributions to: Honor Flight, c/o Bobbi and Bill Richards, 2185 Ridgecliff Rd., Columbus, OH 43221 [www.honorflightcolumbus.org](http://www.honorflightcolumbus.org). To send a condolence to the family, please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mel Swanson*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Der Nationalpark von Bunaken mit seinen Inseln Bunaken, Manado Tua, Siladen, Mantehage und Nain ist ein ueiergesslvchns Unterwasserparadies. Speziell sind die Steilwe4nde welche mit den verschiedensten Arten von Korallen bewachsen sind. Die Bekannten Tauchple4tze wie Lekuan I bis III, Fukui, Mandolin und Siladen, um nur einige zu nennen, sind von einer grossen Artenvielfalt und tollen Farben gepre4gt. Die Tauchple4tze auf Bunaken haben wir vom Minahasa Lagoon angefahren. Die dberfahrt dauerte ca. ein Stunde. Daffcr wurden wir einmal mit Delphinen und ein anderes Mal mit Pilotwalen entsche4digt. Zwei unvergessliche Erlebnisse. Wer eher einen gehoberen Standard wfncnscht ist im Minahasa Lagoon genau richtig. Lage, Unterkunft, Bar mit Pool, Essen und Tauchbetrieb vom feinsten. Das Hauptrestaurant bietet abwechslungsreiche internationale Kfcche und im Dschungelrestaurant kann man die Einheimische Kfcche geniessen. Ffcr Fotografen steht ein kleiner Raum zur Verffcgung. Auf Wunsch werden auch Landausffcge organisiert. Der Tauchbetrieb ist ge4nzlich auf die Ge4ste abgestimmt. Das Programm wird jeweils am Vorabend besprochen. Pro Boot waren wir ffcr Touren nach Bunaken max. 6 Personen. Bei Tauchge4ngen um das Minahasa Lagoon war ich teilweise sogar alleine. Die Anfahrt zu den nahegelegnen Tauchple4tzen dauert ca. 10 15 Minuten. Besonders schf6n sind die Tauchple4tze Bethlehem und Ti Toi I-III welche man auf jedenfall betauchen muss.*

Tonyjr - July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I learned of your father's passing in a late night call with my mother this evening. As she shared the news, a quick search revealed the loss of your mother earlier this year. I have fond memories of your parents and the words of advice that they shared with me on many occasions. I have thought of them many of times over the years. They were a good example to all. May God continue to bless you all.*

David Hoke - June 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to all of our Cousin Mel (Bud's ) family.. It was so enlightening to read of his life and accomplishments in the obituary. I didn't realize he had been in the US Marines Corps . (Our son is also a Marine) We remember his visit to see us in Texas with Shirley, (many years ago) and it was so fun reminiscing with them. I'm sure he will be missed by all, but how wonderful to have lived such a full long life. Sincerely and with love , cousin Sharon (Blankenhorn) Reeves

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**Sharon and Robin Reeves** - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM