



## Swisher, Richard

December 6, 2012

Swisher, Richard Neil "Dick", age 78 of Moundsville passed away Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Wheeling Hospital Medical Park following a 12 year illness.

He was born in Clarksburg, WV on January 9, 1934, the son of the late Edwin W. Swisher and Wilma Gillispie Swisher Shea, and step-son of the late John Paul Shea.

He was a veteran of the US Army, serving in the Korean Conflict as a cryptographer in the Signal Corps.

In 1962, he became a District Sales manager for Nationwide Insurance and served in this capacity in four different cities in Ohio and West Virginia. In 1983, he returned to his original agency in Weston, WV, where he retired in 1999.

At Boston, MA, in 1975, he received the Chartered Life Underwriters (CLU) Certification from the American College of Life Underwriters at Bryn Mawr, PA. Most Worshipful Brother Swisher served as the Grand Master of Masons in West Virginia in 1996-1997. He began his distinguished Masonic career in 1959 in Jackson Lodge #35, Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons in Good Hope, WV, and quickly rose to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on April 4, 1959.

Mr. Swisher was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Moundsville. He was a loyal Mountaineer fan and a staunch Republican. His wit and intelligence were admired by those who knew him. He took an active

interest in family genealogy and the Jane Lew High School Alumni Association.

In addition to his parents and step-father, he was preceded in death by his beloved granddad Wirt Swisher, and two sisters Judith Kelly and Diana Sue Paxton.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Sharon Mills Swisher; and three children Becky Swisher of Weston, Brenda Crow and her husband Alan of Moundsville, Fred Swisher and his wife Vi of Clarksburg. Also surviving are his beloved grandchildren Isaac Neil Crow of Pittsburgh, PA, and Sadie Renee Crow a student at WVU; a sister Barbara McCarty of Jane Lew; a brother John Swisher and his wife Carroll of Charleston, SC; an uncle Lee Gillispie of Cleveland, OH; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and two spoiled cats, Sunshine and Tom Tom.

Family will receive friends Saturday from 6-9pm at Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, where a scripture service will be held at 8:30pm with Rev. Greg Blair.

Friends will also be received Monday from 5-8pm at Hardman-Paletti Funeral Home, 730 N. Main Ave., Weston, WV, where funeral services will be held Tuesday, December 11th at 11:00am with Rev. Clifford N. West officiating. Interment in Friendship Cemetery, Jane Lew, with Jackson Lodge #35 conducting Masonic graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church, 1601 First St., Moundsville, WV 26041; American Diabetes, WV Chapter, 1111 Lee St., Charleston, WV 25301; or a charity of donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sharon and family, We are away from home and heard of Dick's passing. Thinking of you during your time of sorrow. Paul and Phyllis

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**Paul/Phyllis Amrhein** - December 08, 2012 at 08:55 AM

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“ Sharon and family You are in our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Janet

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**Larry and Janet Aylestock** - December 06, 2012 at 04:21 PM