



## Richard "Rich" Howard Swan

October 26, 1951 - May 22, 2017

Richard "Rich" Howard Swan age 65 of Kansas City, Missouri found to have passed away on Monday, May 22, 2017 at his home in Kansas City Missouri. He was born October 26, 1951 in Kansas City, Kansas the son of Clarence Earl Swan Jr. and Helen Vera Baird. He graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1969. He graduated from Kansas City Kansas Community College with a degree in Nursing.

On May 25, 1973 Rich was united in marriage to Cheryl Patricia Kempf at the Full Faith Church of Love in Kansas City, Kansas. They later divorced. To this union they shared three children; Richard David, Shelly Marie and Deborah Denise.

Rich loved all of his jobs but being a nurse was probably where he put most of his compassion and caring work. He also lovingly cared for those who were unfortunate, hungry and misunderstood. Although his jobs varied over the course of his life, his most precious work was being a devoted father, grandfather and friend.

His love and exploration of culture was boundless. He was knowledgeable about music, movies, books, art, religion, philosophy, and politics in ways that helped his family and friends and all those persons whose lives he touched. He taught them to appreciate in ways they would have never have realized without his guidance. Rich's smile, sense of humor and his warm and caring spirit will be expressed in all of his family and friends lives forever.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rich is survived by his three children; Richard David Swan (Christina) of Bates City, Missouri, Shelly Marie Alder (Michael Ray) of Kansas City, Kansas and Deborah Denise Swan (Daniel) of Kansas City, Kansas; two sisters, Susan Diane Richardson (Donn) of Tonganoxie, Kansas and Sandra Dawn Swan of the Village of Oakview, Missouri; one brother, Norman Andrew Swan (Peggy) of Kansas City, Kansas; six grandchildren, Rhiannon, Adrienne, Michayla, Alyssa, Ian and Cayden.

A celebration of Rich's life will be held 11:00 A.M. - 4:00pm (come and go) Sunday, June 25, 2017 at the Wyandotte County Lake Park, Shelter #4 in Kansas City, Kansas. Please come and share a memory, a thought or a few stories of Rich's life with his family and friends. The family asks in lieu of flowers that memorial contributions be made out to The Humane Society of Greater Kansas City, 5445 Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66104 <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/HumaneSocietyofGreaterKans/OnlineDonation.html> or to the Welcome House of KC, 1414 E. 27th Street, Kansas City, MO 64108-2924 <http://www.welcomehousekc.org/funding/>

# Events

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**JUN**   **Celebration of Life**                      11:00AM  
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Wyandotte County Lake Park  
9100 Leavenworth Road, Kansas City, KS, US

# Comments

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“ it's been just over 4 months. next month celebrates his birthday. he would have been 66. I know we didn't always have it great... but I miss ya still, pops! Silly things make me think of you. The Royals... Moose beating Balboni's Royals franchise homerun record. I remember hearing "bye bye Balboni" over the radio.... You always had to have the game on the TV, but you'd turn the sound down and listen via the radio. I never understood why. I know that you would have been smiling right along with me for Moose's win. I'm glad you at least got to see them win the 2015 series. They aren't making it this year, but oh well. I've enjoyed watching them anyway. Now, whenever I do, I think of you. Missing you.....

**Shelly Alder** - September 26, 2017 at 02:05 AM

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**Shelly Alder** - September 26, 2017 at 01:11 AM

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“ Some of my favorite memories with Rich was playing Spades he would bag me to win, it would drive me crazy, eating taco's when the Chiefs were playing, just laying in bed talking about life past and future, but honestly my life is better for loving him, he opened my eyes, I look at the world differently without judgment. He gave me a quilt I still sleep with every night.

**Phyllis Carroll** - June 24, 2017 at 06:01 AM



“ Thank you, Phyllis, for sharing. He loved you.

**Shelly** - September 26, 2017 at 02:00 AM

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“ Dear Swan family, brother, sisters, children, grandchildren and friends I wish I could be present for your celebration of life he would have enjoyed. Rich was so proud of all his children, he was so proud of Shelly the best mother he had ever meet, he glowed when he talked about his grandchildren. Debbie his best friend like minds. David growing. Closer with each year. For me a friend with no judgement involved could talk forever just about life, loved playing spades he you always bag books we

had a blast, football and taco great, he gave me a quilt years ago I still sleep everynight in california with it. Take care have fun remember love each other. No room for judgement. Love Phyllis

**Phyllis Carroll** - June 23, 2017 at 05:35 PM

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“ I will miss Rich's sense of humor the most. I will miss his stories by the campfires. I will remember his love of Spicy food, books, politics, and Bob Dylan. He was very compassionate and has helped many people. I am proud to call him my brother. I love you and will miss you



**Sandy Swan** - May 25, 2017 at 12:28 PM