



## Elma M. Swanson

July 13, 1931 - June 29, 2011

Elma M. Swanson, shed her earthly encumbrances and went to be with her Lord on June 29, 2011 at Samaritan Hospital surrounded by her devoted and loving family. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 11, 2011 at Pioneer Memorial Gardens. A Memorial service will follow at 11:00 a.m., July 11th at Kayser's Chapel. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake.

Elma was born on July 13, 1931 to Richard and Mary (Jeske) Ottmar to become the newest member of one of Grant County's oldest pioneer families. Elma met Don Swanson in 1949, and they were married August 8, 1950. Don and Elma formed a farming partnership with her father, Richard Ottmar, brother, Harvey Ottmar and uncle, Emanuel Ottmar. They owned and operated the former "Farm in a Day" until the early 1960's when Don and Elma ventured into the automobile business. They worked side by side at Don Swanson Motors until Don's death in 1991. The immediate family operated the business until 1993 when the business was sold.

Elma greatly enjoyed gardening, travel, all needlecrafts, painting and baking. Elma played a mean game of pinochle. She loved animals of all kinds.

Elma is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Harvey and June Ottmar; daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Paul Blazer; son and daughter-in-law, Rich and Chris Swanson; three grandchildren, Holli Blazer, Moses Lake, Jacob and wife Kristy Swanson, New York and Katie Swanson of Moscow, ID;

and one great grandson, Cole, New York; 2 brother-in-laws Kenneth and Sarah Swanson and Gordon Swanson; two sisters-in-law, Carol and George Grindberg and Tori and Pat Haddican.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Mary Ottmar and her husband, Don Swanson.

Her bright smile and gentle spirit will be sorely missed and forever remembered by many who knew and loved her deeply.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (PT)

Pioneer Memorial Gardens  
14403 Road 2 N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

JUL 11. 11:00 AM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ Swanson Family,  
So sorry for your loss in your Mom. She was a wonderful woman  
and friend to our family. We pray peace to you and yours and much  
love to you all.##imported-begin##Jeff and Sharon  
Zornes##imported-end##

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October 13, 2011 at 07:27 PM



“ There's a family reunion in Heaven for certain! Just imagine the  
gathering they're having, . . . catching up on all the family news,  
comparing "fancy work" and admiring God's flowers.##imported-  
begin##Ron & Helen Jeske##imported-end##

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July 11, 2011 at 03:25 AM



“ Dear, Sweet Elma....We graduated High School together....May you  
rest in peace. You will be greatly missed by all.##imported-  
begin##Dixie Joy Natemas##imported-end##

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July 07, 2011 at 06:14 PM



“ If there ever was a true lady, then it was Elma.##imported-  
begin##Ken & Karen Kernan##imported-end##

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July 03, 2011 at 07:50 PM



“ My thoughts are with all those in sorrow. A better sister-in-law I could not have asked for. A gracious and always welcoming lady. She will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Gordie Swanson##imported-end##

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July 02, 2011 at 11:37 PM



“ We did not get to know Elma very closely, but people that new her well told us she was a very loving and caring person. We know her son-in-law, Paul Blazer and Sandy, her daughter, and also her granddaughter Holli very well and they are my very good friends and they have told me stories about Elma. They really adored her and now she is with god in heaven smiling down on them.##imported-begin##Jim & Jackie Garrison##imported-end##

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July 02, 2011 at 06:25 PM



“ Elma was not just a sister-in-law-, we were more like sisters. We spent many wonderful times together, including trips to England, Hawaii, and Las Vegas. We did crafts and painted together. We always had lot of fun laughing where ever we went. I will miss her so much, as will Pat. He loved joking with her. She loved his sense of humor. She will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Pat and Victoria Haddican##imported-end##

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July 01, 2011 at 09:45 PM



“ Sandy, Rich, Harvey and Families. I'm so sorry for the loss of Elma. We are all so fortunate to have had Elma in our lives. She was a wonderful woman and my brother Don was blessed by having her for a wife. Elma is in a better place now. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be walking with her every stride. We will all miss her but some day we'll cross paths again.##imported-begin##Ken & Sarah Swanson##imported-end##

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July 01, 2011 at 08:31 PM



“ My Deepest Sympathies---Bob Bernard##imported-begin##Bob Bernard##imported-end##

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July 01, 2011 at 12:57 PM



“ Sandy and Rich: My heart, thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Elma was a dear friend and we did have many good times together. I am so sorry that she couldn't go on the cruise last year that we had so planned on.##imported-begin##Evelyn Brown##imported-end##

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July 01, 2011 at 12:08 PM



“ Sandy and Rich, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May your wonderful memories and your faith help carry you through. May God Bless and Keep You In His Care, Chuck and Martha Cox##imported-begin##Chuck and Martha Cox##imported-end##

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June 30, 2011 at 04:46 PM



“ Sandy, Rich, and families - so sorry to see that Elma has passed. There are few words to ease the grief, but know that there are those that care and have you in their thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Larry & Katie Rigsby##imported-end##

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June 30, 2011 at 02:01 PM



“ It is always difficult to lose a loved one. Elma was a wonderful lady and we will miss her. If there is anything you need, please let us know. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kerry and Barbara Garbe##imported-end##

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June 30, 2011 at 01:04 AM