



Floyd O Swenson

May 12, 1921 - December 1, 2020

FLOYD O. SWENSON was born on May 12, 1921 and passed away on December 1, 2020. He was the second child of four born to Edward and Eunice Swenson in Alberta, Canada, where the family lived at the time. His grandparents, Ivar and Ingri Svendsen, immigrated to the US from Norway eventually settling in Minnesota on a landgrant signed by Ulysses S. Grant. Floyd's dad later moved to Alberta then to Deary, Idaho when Floyd was four until he graduated from high school. During the time of World War II, he moved to San Diego to work as a machinist for an aircraft factory to serve in the war effort. Soon after, Floyd enlisted in the Army Air Force and was part of the team of pilots who shuttled returning US warplanes back to the US from various places in the Pacific theater of WWII. After his enlistment, Floyd returned to Idaho and worked in the building construction industry where he progressed quickly within the trade. In 1949 he married Mary Fram, a U of I professor, and in 1952 they moved to the growing Moses Lake area where the construction industry had opened many new opportunities. They began their lives by first settling in the housing project called Victory Village (now McCosh Park), then Floyd built the family home in the Lakeview Terrace area.

Floyd was a bright, talented construction engineer and with only a high school education he taught himself both advanced mathematics and engineering from books. Over the 1950s-60s he built several homes and buildings in the Moses Lake area including the Moses Lake Library. During the 1960s, Floyd

taught himself bridge construction and many of his structures exist today in the Northwest including bridges, train trestles, overpasses and more.

In 1970 Floyd married Gloria Dennis, continued bridge building and being active in community service as a member of Lion's Club, Allied Arts and Basin Community Concerts. Floyd and his wife traveled the world, logging in 99 + countries. In 2018 Floyd enjoyed his last overseas adventure to the Panama Canal along with his two daughters and grandson Joe.

Floyd's love of golf led him to courses around the world, but his favorite was the Moses Lake Country Club and his best partners his grandsons. His last game was in 2017 when he was 96. Floyd shared his love of flying and connected with his grandchildren through stories and adventures.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Gloria, and his siblings Viola, Roy and Art. He is survived by his children Ed (children Sarah, James-3 ggrand), Maggie (children Mike, Leslie, Joe—8 ggrand, plus children Jackson, Tyler, Dillon, Anna, Delanie, Mia), Ann (children Stephen, Nathan) and his step-daughter Kelly (children Adrian, Angela, Jordan, Merrick—7 ggrand) and stepson Dan, deceased (Corey).

A memorial service will be held at later date. The family asks memorial gifts to be sent in his honor to the Moses Lake Public Library Foundation, POB 1114, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Tribute Wall

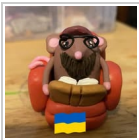
JK

“ *The loving father of my high school sweetheart, Ann. He was always such a happy, easy going man and was always a pleasure to be around.*

Our loss, but Heaven's gain!

My condolences to the family.

Jim Killinger - August 24, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ *Floyd made a special point to visit us as we were just getting the ML Library Foundation off the ground a number of years ago. He wanted to know what we were planning to do to his building. Needless to say, Floyd was one of our favorite people and would visit us off and on.*

We were over the moon to have him attend our celebrations of the library's 50th year of service not too long ago. It was obvious how much pride he had in that facility that has served our community for so long. We promise to to our best to take good care of it.

His passing is truly a loss to us all.

Thank you Floyd. Rest in peace.



Tim Fuhrman - December 13, 2020 at 11:16 AM

LL

“ To the family and friends of Floyd Swenson:
As a member of the Moses Lake Public Library Foundation, I wish to express gratitude for the choosing of MLPLF for memorial donations in honor of Floyd Swenson. We on the MLPLF consider the public library Moses Lake's most beautiful and interesting building and a community memorial to Harvey Venier, who designed it, and Floyd, who, along with his employees, built it. When the glorious day comes to expanding the library building the additions will be centered about the present structure, which is still structurally sound. The hyperbolic paraboloid roof will be kept. In the meantime, the MLPLF is replacing the present unmovable bookcases with ones that can be easily moved in order to allow for better use of the current crowded space of a library built when Moses Lake was less than half its present population.

Louis Logan

PS In the late 1960s my wife and I attended St. Martin's Episcopal Church here in Moses Lake at the same time as Floyd. I enjoyed talking with him after services.

Louis F Logan - December 09, 2020 at 07:02 PM

JB

“ When Floyd built the Swenson Bldg behind the Post Office, I was looking for a place to open a small Beauty Salon. I got in touch with Floyd and told him what I had in mind for my salon. He ask me how much room I needed. I told him and he let me pick the colors, carpet and where I needed vinyl flooring.

Floyd was a very sweet man, kind of shy with very high integrity. The building was perfect for what I wanted. I have a lot of respect for him. I am so sorry for the families loss.

Janet Bjork - December 09, 2020 at 10:22 AM

JL

“ Both my brother and my dad worked for Floyd. They both spoke very highly of him. I know my dad worked for him building the library, not sure about my brother. David secured his building across from the old Lake Theater when he was doing security. When he found the building open for some reason or another he'd call Floyd and he was always very thankful for the call. RIP Mr. Swenson

Joan Lobie - December 08, 2020 at 11:03 AM

LR

“ Ed, Maggie, Ann - so sorry for your loss. Your Dad was an amazing man, and it was a privilege to know him. I know he is with family now, and waiting with joy.
Larry & Katie

LARRY & KATIE RIGSBY - December 08, 2020 at 09:24 AM

DL

“ David And Joan Lobie lit a candle in memory of Floyd O Swenson



David and Joan Lobie - December 07, 2020 at 05:09 PM

WL

“ Wendy & Lane lit a candle in memory of Floyd O Swenson



Wendy & Lane - December 07, 2020 at 04:12 PM

WS

He was so nice to visit with. Quite a good card player while playing hand & foot with Lil, Neal, & Betty....along with the rest of us. God's peace to the family.

Wendy S. - December 08, 2020 at 12:45 PM

MB

Please accept my sincere condolences. Floyd was a wonderful friend of the Bertrams for 30 years.

Marilyn B.

Marilyn Bertram - December 12, 2020 at 04:39 PM