



Stephen Craig Swihart

January 5, 2011

Stephen Craig Swihart, age 75 of Upper Sandusky died at Fairhaven Health Care Community at 9:47 a.m. on Wed. Jan. 5, 2011.

He was born Feb. 18, 1935 in Harpster to the late Stephen P. and Anna P. (Dahmer) Swihart.

Craig married Carol E. Walters on Aug. 22, 1954, she preceded him in death on Sept. 2, 2009. Surviving are sons Stephen (Linda) Swihart Jr., Upper Sandusky, Chris (Gena) Swihart, Syracuse, IN and a daughter Nina Berry, Sevierville, TN, 8 grandchildren Amy Stewart, Matt Swihart, Tamie Mathew, Kyle Swihart, Anna Kimmet, Kara Fawcett, Christina Passet and David Passet, 13 great grandchildren, a brother Charles (Ginny) Swihart, Upper Sandusky. Preceding him in death is a sister Mary Frey.

Craig graduated from Harpster High School in 1954. He participated in baseball, basket ball and track, was a member of FFA and the National Honor Society.

Mr. Swihart was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and was a retired lifelong Pitt & Antrim Townships farmer.

He was a charter member of Wyandot Co. Rod & Gun Club, was a lifetime

member of N.R.A, also the O.R.P.A. Mr. Swihart was a NRA Safety instructor, he organized and operated civil marksmanship programs, former member of Wyandot County United Sportsman's Gun Club and member of Ohio Big Buck Club.

He was past presiding officer of Warpole Lodge #176, McCutchen Chapter #96, Upper Sandusky Council #98, and Marion Commandery, #36. He was a Knight of the York Cross of Honour, a past patron of Warpole Chapter, #366 O.E.S., and a member of the Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Mr. Swihart enjoyed hunting, snowmobiling, shooting and teaching at Camp Perry and sharing life stories.

Funeral services will be held Sat. Jan. 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bringman Clark Funeral Home with Rev. Joe Trester officiating, burial will be in Little Sandusky Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Fri. Jan. 7, 2011 from 2-4:00 p.m. and 6-8:00 p.m. A Masonic Memorial Service followed by an Eastern Star Memorial Service will be held at 7:45 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wyandot Co. Rod & Gun Club, Wyandot Co. Historical Society & Shriners Children's Hospital in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 E. Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

To extend a condolence, share a memory or view the life tribute video visit www.bringmanclark.com.

<http://videos.lifetributes.com/187664>

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Craig. Craig was my first cousin. His dad and my mom Annabelle Swihart Warfel where brother and sister. My thoughts are with the family

Penny##imported-begin##Penny Warfel Albright##imported-end##

January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear of Craigs passing. He was a good friend and a hard worker in every activity he persued. He is missed.##imported-begin##Frank & Jeanne Fecke##imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Nina and Steve the only kids of Craig and Carol that I have met. I knew them for about 30 years having first met them at Camp Perry then down through the years of shooting and attending gun shows and we also shot at the farm occasionally. I took instructor courses at Wyandot that Craig gave. He was especially proud of his many coaches and instructors the he taught. While he wasn't near as good as shot as he let on he wasn't bad and he was a good line coach. I will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Earl Comer##imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We are keeping you all in our hearts and in our prayers. With all our love, Family of Jerry and Shirley Swihart, Bob, Roger, Rick and Randy and all of their children.##imported-begin##Robert Swihart##imported-end##

January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Steve and Linda
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
You have gone through a lot in the past few years and we know and understand how it is - we have been there too!
May you find God's peace and comfort as you celebrate and pay tribute to the wonderful Dad that you had.
Paul and Bonnie##imported-begin##Paul and Bonnie Conley##imported-end##

January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Craig will be missed very much. I knew Craig through the Ohio Rifle and Pistol Association and I learned a lot from him as an ORPA junior. He had such passion for teaching the sport and loved passing down his knowledge to beginners and accomplished shooter. It gave me great pride to make him proud of my shooting accomplishments from small to big because he had a hand in the all of them. He was like a grandpa to me, always a kind word with a hug and kiss waiting for me at the range. God bless you and may your family find peace that this difficult time.
All my Love,
Brooke Piasecki##imported-begin##Brooke Piasecki##imported-end##

January 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept our sincere condolences on your loss. We knew Caig and Carol through ORPA and have many fond memories of being with them at Camp Perry.

Jim & Barb Hudak###imported-begin##Jim Hudak###imported-end##

January 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I have been privileged to know Craig as a coach and friend for twenty-some years.

In that time I have learned from him in the classroom and on and off the Range.

The NRA National Junior Rifle Camp was greatly enhanced by his participation.

I will miss him!###imported-begin##Bob Robertson###imported-end##

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