



## Ervin Swartz, Jr.

August 27, 1925 - May 29, 2011

Ervin Swartz, Jr. 85 of Bluffton passed away at 6:05 p.m. Sunday, May 29, 2011 at his residence with his family.

Mr. Swartz was born on August 27, 1925 in Bluffton to Ervin L. & Bessie (Lash) Swartz, Sr. He graduated from Bluffton High School where he was given the nickname "Tootie", which has stuck with him his entire adult lifetime. He served our country in the United States Navy, serving both in the Atlantic & Pacific. He served in the Battle of Iwo Jima and the Battle of Okinawa, and was present in the Harbor to witness Japan surrender. He returned home to marry Joan M. (Zimmerman) Swartz on September 7, 1946 in Garrett. They have shared the last 64 years together. He worked as a truck driver for Food Marketing for 40+ years. He was a 65 year member of the First Church of Christ, a life member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton and the American Legion Post #253 of North Webster. He was a avid golfer, with memberships in the Parlor City Country Club and Timber Ridge Golf Course in Bluffton. He has a huge Bluffton Tiger fan, along with being a Chicago Bears fan and followed the Detroit Tigers.

His greatest joy in life was his family. He is survived by his loving wife Joan of Bluffton, along with three daughters; Kay Lynn Andrews of Bonita Springs, FL., Rebecca Jo Swartz (life partner Michael Koken) of Fort Wayne and Julia Ann (husband Richard) Hinshaw of Bluffton. He was a very loving and

devoted grandpa to grandchildren; Christine Vickery of North Webster and Laura, Rebecca & Katherine Hinshaw all of Bluffton, and two great-grandchildren, Joseph Feldman of North Webster & Caitlin Feldman Galway, Ireland.

Ervin is preceded in death by his parents and brothers; Darrel, Lee, Donald, Eugene, Franklin, Virgil, Robert Swartz and a sister Marie Iser.

Friends are invited to visit with the Swartz family from 11 to 2 on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at the First Church of Christ in Bluffton. Funeral Services officiated by Pastor Larry Sprinkle will be held at 2:00 p.m. following calling hours at the church. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton with Military Honors preformed by the American Legion Post #253 of North Webster and the United States Navy Honor Guard. Memorial may be made to the First Church of Christ. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the direction of the Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Church of Christ  
909 W Spring St  
Bluffton, IN

## Service

JUN 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ervin Swartz, Jr.*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Joan,*

*Jr was one of my most favorite people ever....one of those I will never forget. His passing is a loss for all of us. Sorry I could not attend his funeral, but wanted you to know I thought about him all day.*

*doug durr##imported-begin##doug durr##imported-end##*

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June 02, 2011 at 03:59 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss Joan, and we'll be thinking of you in your days of sorry. Bill and Barb Irving##imported-begin##William Irving##imported-end##*

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June 02, 2011 at 09:38 AM



“ *What a blast from tne past ! zit's been a long time since I thought about him. I didn't realize he was as old as the bio says. I do have fond memories of him from my days in Bluffton. Joan, you have my sympathy and my prayers. His eternal desiny is, I assume, assured. Will be praying for you. -- Ron(nie)##imported-begin##Ronald L. Moser##imported-end##*

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June 01, 2011 at 09:21 PM



“ Julie, Kay, Becky & Joan

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. God Bless.##imported-begin##Poppy & Cheryl Smith##imported-end##*

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June 01, 2011 at 06:44 PM



“ Dear Becky, I am so very sorry to hear your dad passed away. My heart breaks for you ... all of you. Wrap the memories around you like a warm hug. Sending my love.##imported-begin##Cheryl Brickley Hunt##imported-end##

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June 01, 2011 at 05:33 PM



“ Becky, Julie and family - my prayers are with you. Bec - I always liked your dad. He never took a shot at me!##imported-begin##Michael McCormick##imported-end##

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June 01, 2011 at 12:48 PM



“ Becky and family,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, father and grandfather. You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers at the difficult time.

*Mike and Judy Poulson##imported-begin##Judy Poulson##imported-end##*

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June 01, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Russell and Karen Griffin##imported-end##

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June 01, 2011 at 10:24 AM



“ Joan and Family:  
Bless you. You are in my prayers.  
Love Always  
Norma Jean##imported-begin##Norma Jean (Swartz)  
Bentley##imported-end##

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June 01, 2011 at 08:29 AM



“ Julie,Dick,girls, and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of loss. May God keep you close in the days ahead. love ya guys##imported-begin##Sandy, Mark Habegger and family##imported-end##

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May 31, 2011 at 09:48 PM



“ Becky...so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad! Know that the people who care about you have you and your family in their prayers...##imported-begin##Deb White##imported-end##

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May 31, 2011 at 08:43 PM



“ Julie, Dick Daughters and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We must now focus on the memories and know your loved one is in God's care.##imported-begin##The Jim Plumb Family##imported-end##

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May 31, 2011 at 06:54 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Tootie's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Melinda Shutt Foreman##imported-end##

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May 31, 2011 at 05:28 PM



“ A Great Man. I will miss His. Jerry##imported-begin##Jerry Swartz##imported-end##

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May 31, 2011 at 04:54 PM



“ Becky and family - I am so sorry for your loss. There are no words that can help ease the pain and sorrow. Know that he is at peace and you will meet again. Keep the faith and cherish all the wonderful moments you shared with him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Lory Grames##imported-end##

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May 31, 2011 at 04:38 PM



“ My heartfelt thoughts and prays go to the family.##imported-begin##Jeanne Cashdollar ##imported-end##

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May 31, 2011 at 12:42 PM



“ *Becky & Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss, you and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Sally Kline##imported-end##*

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May 31, 2011 at 12:19 PM



“ *Becky, I was so sorry to read of your father's passing. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Kathy McFarren Bauman##imported-end##*

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May 31, 2011 at 06:07 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss Becky. Your family is in my prayers##imported-begin##Nicole Penrod##imported-end##*

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May 30, 2011 at 09:57 PM



“ *Bec,*

*Words cannot express the sympathy I feel for you and your family.  
Know that you and yours are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love ya,*

*Paula##imported-begin##Paula Carnall-Grimm##imported-end##*

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May 30, 2011 at 06:24 PM