



RUDOLF BERNARD SWOL

February 13, 2017

Obituary of RUDOLF SWOL

Rudolf (Rudi) Bernard Swol passed away peacefully on February 13th surrounded by his loving wife of 65 years, Yvette (Talbot) Swol and daughters, Deborah Willette of Chicopee, MA and Diane Johnston of Middletown, OH. Along with his wife and daughters, Rudi leaves a sister, Dorothy Maziarz, of Chicopee MA, 5 grandchildren-Robin and Aaron Willette, Jeremy, Jonathan and Peter Bovat and 3 great grandchildren, Tiersen Willette Lopez, Cameron and Jordan Bovat.

Rudi spent his last 20 plus years as a "snowbird" in FL, most recently in Umatilla, and his summers in his hometown of Chicopee, MA.

Rudi served in the US Navy during WWII. He graduated from Rhode Island School of Design, and received his Master's Degree from Westfield State College then furthered his Education at the Universities of Massachusetts and Connecticut

Rudi was an educator in the Holyoke, MA Public School System, retiring from his position as Media Director in 1991. He was active in the St. Anthony of Padua Parish as a CCD teacher for many years. He was a GED and stained glass instructor in local adult education programs. After he retired he donated

his time and talents while in Chicopee to the local Senior Center. While residing at OMS in Umatilla, FL he was known and loved by all of his watercolor students.

Rudi loved life to its fullest and spent his years bicycling with a local cycling club, golfing with his wife, sailing on Otis Reservoir and Cape Cod Bay and winters skiing in New England and Europe as advisor to the Holyoke Ski Club.

A memorial service was held at the Olde Mill Stream Resort. He will be laid to rest at the Agawam, MA Veteran's Cemetery in the spring time.

He will be missed by all of those whose lives he touched. In his memory, donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

PG

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I want to offer all of you my sincere condolences. Besides the many bicycle rides we enjoyed together, I will be forever grateful to Rudi for teaching me how to work with stained Glass. The stained glass pieces I have, as well as a couple of his watercolors, remind me often of Rudi and his eagerness to share his knowledge and joy of art. Rudi will be missed by all who knew him. Sincerely, Paul M. Guertin

Paul M. Guertin - March 25, 2017 at 09:17 PM

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Paul M. Guertin - March 25, 2017 at 09:15 PM

MZ

“ Yvette, I just want you to know that Rudy was a very wonderful and giving person who I will miss tremendously. I love his watercolor classes he had at St. Anthony's . And I especially will miss him when I needed help with a painting project. He was a GREAT man and you were very fortunate to be with him for 65 yrs. He will remain always in my heart and my prayers. Marlene Zagranski

Marlene Zagranski - February 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ We were shocked and saddened to hear of Rudi's passing. Our 9 years at OMS brought us into frequent contact with him. He was always pleasant and helpful. Although I never availed myself of his art lessons, I always admired and respected the beautiful things he and his students created. The world is surely a little less lovely without him in it.

Gloria Shulin and Cleve Mille - February 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SM

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Sue Madamba - February 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RN

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Rose NAis - February 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Yvette, your loss is one for all who will miss the wonderful remembrances of Rudi reading the scriptures at Mass in St. Anthony's in Willimansett & his painting lessons in our Sr. Center in our city.

Dorothy & Joe Lukasik - February 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Yvette, Lorrie and I send our thoughts and prayers and love to you. Rudy was a good friend to us and our families. Lorrie remembers how he would give her stained glass advice, even donating some surplus glass he had. His artwork, generous spirit and smile will be memories we will always treasure. Our sympathies at the passing of a good man, wish there were more like him.

Ken Willette - February 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Yvette, we wish you our sincere condolences. Rudi will be missed by all of us. Please take care of yourself as you did for Rudi.

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Diane Bovat - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HB

“*Yvette, I thought this post went through, but did not show on my end, so we will post again. We were so sorry to hear about Rudi's passing, we know he is in heaven in the arms of Jesus, but know he will be missed by you and your whole family, daughters, and grandchildren any all the rest of the extended family. We have such fond memories of you two and the Fairchild's at the orang wood park in Apopka, the fun times with Rudi you and Carol and Roland. Our prayers and thoughts are with you as you go through this difficult times for you all, especially for you Yvette. May God give you His peace and may you feel His love now and the days ahead. Love you Gal. You and Rudi have had an impact on so many people that you have met. Love to you and may God give you his peace and comfort in the days ahead. Love Herb and Barb*”

Herb and Barb Belsterling - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Dear Yvette and family,we were so sorry to hear of Rudi's passing he was loved by all who knew him,we still have such fond memories of you both when we met in the campground in Apopka, we dearly remember our times talking and going to any flea markets in the area along with Carol and Roland we had many interesting talks and We so enjoyed the many talents you and Rudi and the Fairchild's which you so richly shared with Herb and I both. He will be miss by all who loved him and his generous ways that you both always shared with other. Our prayers are with you Yvette and your family as you will miss him greatly during the next months ahead. Love you Herb and Barb

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PB

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Peter bovat - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Robin, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May your beloved Grandfather rest in peace.

Pat (Martie) Frame - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ We're so sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and friend. It was such a pleasure to have gotten to know Rudi. I loved listening to his stories and advice on painting. He made us laugh so many times during art classes. He will truly be missed by all.

Karen & Joe Lays - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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Debi Budzinski - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Sympathy and prayers for the Swollen family.

Donna Theroux - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Don and I are sorry to hear of your loss

Deborah Ouellette - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ben was a kind caring and very talented person and will be missed by many.

Steve Beaudry - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Never will we forget Rudi. Our hugs and prayers go out to you and your girls. Love you

Helen Donaldson and Rick Bellhouse - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I am very sorry to read of the loss of, Mr. Swol. He was a very faithful and dedicated man, married for 65 years! I won't pretend to know what you're going through, but what has helped me deal with the loss of those I love is turning to the Scriptures, something that has been a real source of comfort. One Scripture that gives me hope is, John 11:25, which says, "Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." I hope that this verse will also comfort you and, I hope you and your family can get through this difficult time. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandpa and friend. Sincerely, Meryl, jw.org

Meryl - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ God bless you Benny and your family. I am sure you will find eternal peace. I have so many memories of you and your family while living on Call St. Like 56 years ago on my wedding day the plans got mixed up for getting me to the church on time. You came to my rescue and drove down the wrong lane on Chicopee St. (It was Thanksgiving Day and you know the big rivalry between Chicopee High and Holyoke High) The traffic was backed up for miles. But you got me there. Thank you Benny for being there and I am blessed to have known you & Yvette. Much love to all of you.

Rosalie Page - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Yvette & family, so very sorry for your loss of a wonderful and talented man! My Mom & Dad will sure be glad to see Rudi again !!

Althea & Peter Proko - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Rudy added so much to our lives by sharing his artistic gift and by being the kind and lovely man he was. He will be remembered fondly.

Judy Wheeler - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Yvette and family I wish to add my condolences to you on the loss of Rudi. As mentioned by many, he truly was a talented and generous man. He will be truly missed by many.

Barbara Scott - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ So sorry to see your father has passed.

Donna wedemeyer - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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Diane Bovat - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ As Rudi and Yvette's neighbors in Florida, my husband I spent many days watching Rudi sitting on his patio creating magic with his paint brushes, bringing such beauty for the world to enjoy. His keen eye caught the majestic beauty of every landscape, every flower and every tree. Rudi was a good man, a true gentleman. He and Yvette contributed greatly to the OMS community and he will be missed. I, especially, will miss that TWINKLE in his eye and the excitement and joy that he captured in everthing around him. RIP, Rudi.

Diana Kone - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ I am so sorry Yvette for your loss. I know how talented rudy was as a matter of fact I have the picture that he painted of bob when he was in the navy,it is hanging on my picture wall in my bedroom. again so sorry for your loss. Elaine talbot

elaine talbot - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Our sincere condolences on your loss. Rudy was as bright and wonderful a person as the beautiful art he created. I'll always remember him with a smile.

Donna Balthazard-Dube - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Yvette. He was such a good guy. He will be missed.

Gisele Gilpatrick - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ So very sorry for your loss diane and family. My prayers and best wishes to you all

Toni javery - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Jerry and I offer our condolences to Yvette and family. Our prayers are with you. His obituary reflects a life well lived. We will miss Rudi and are happy to have shared good times with him. Love & God Bless, Jerry & Pauline

Pauline Gagne - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family. Will be praying for you in your darkest hours.*

Debra Cardin - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Words can not express how sad I was when I heard the news. I met Rudi in Umatilla, Florida while visiting my parents at OMS. He was loved by everyone who met him and he will be missed. Rudi was a gift to us all. May he rest in peace. Prayers for Yvette and the family. I will never forget him.*

Jeanette Fallon - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM



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