

Melvyn Robert "Mel" Swab, son of Harlan Eugene (1905-1980) and Marvel Marie (Kingery) (1907-2008) Swab, was born 12 October 1934, Greene, Butler County, Iowa. He graduated in 1953 from Okemos High School and entered the US Marine Corps in February 1954.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Wednesday 30 June 1954



SWAB - Pfc. Melvyn R. Swab, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Swab, 1206 E. Grand River ave., East Lansing, is receiving advanced training at Camp Pendleton, Cal. Pfc. Swab entered the service Feb. 18, and received his basic training at Parris Island, S.C. Prior to was employed by Point Super Service.

Lansing State Journal (Lansing, Michigan) Friday 25 November 1955

SWAB - Corp. Meluyn (*misspelling*) R. Swab, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Swab, R. 4, Mason, recently participated in operation Sioux, a major amphibious exercise on the California coast involving 25,000 marines, 20,000 navy personnel, 300 aircraft and 125 ships.

Mel was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps with the rank of Sergeant. He worked for many years for Michigan Bell Telephone Company. Married, he and wife Frances "Fran" had 3 children. They divorced. Mel never remarried.

In his retirement years Mel did volunteer work. He especially invested his time and efforts in disaster relief, traveling all across the United States.

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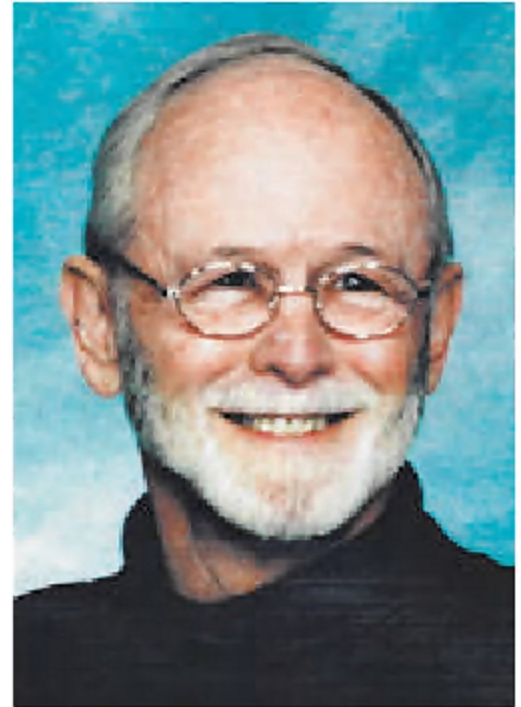
Mel died 28 August 2014, East Lansing, Ingham County. He was interred Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Kalamazoo County, Michigan.

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MELVYN R. SWAB, SR.

EAST LANSING

Melvyn Robert Swab, Sr. was born on October 12, 1934 in Green, Iowa and went to be with the Lord, August 28, 2014 at the age of 79. Mel lived at the Marquette Senior Living Center in East Lansing for the past five years and in that time all those who came to know him truly loved him. His friendly smile and great sense of humor made him the most popular guy in the community. He loved to dance and was always ready to show his moves. Mel was a religious man and knew the Bible well. The love he showed his family reflected his faith in God which he passed on to his children. He was always excited to see his grandchildren offering a big hug and a dark chocolate. Mel was a Marine Corps veteran and worked many years as a telephone tech for Michigan Bell. In his younger years, Mel enjoyed motocross racing and riding his bike; and spending hours listening to country and gospel music. Mel volunteered at Sparrow hospital and the Red Cross where he traveled the country helping with disaster relief.



Melvyn was preceded in death by his parents, Harlan and Marvel Swab; brother, Merlyn Swab; sister, Evelyn Travis. He is survived by his sister, Helen (Donald) Fichtel; sons, Melvyn, Jr. (Jackie) Swab (Brandon, Janelle, Justin, Rebecca, Nathan), Matthew Swab (Matthew, Ashley); daughter, Melody (Joseph) Guarnaccia (Talia, Megan, Lexis, Taylor, Jacob, Kaleb, Rachel); great grandchildren, Brandon, Brody, Kaylynn, Pilot, Lux, Landon and many special nieces and nephews.

