

Swen Russel Swensen, M.D.

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God's speed bruder. We have long loved you, Gretel and your family since we first met in the basement of your family home. We all have so many fun memories of our lives together. Ron and Lorraine.

- Ronald Bitter

There was never a more kind, understanding, faithful and fun mission president than our beloved Präsident Swensen. I feel so blessed to have been one of "his missionaries." No one had it better than we did under his watchful care and powerful leadership. He and Sister Swensen made an impact on all of us lucky enough to have served with them. I will love them forever. Sending all my love and prayers. Gott sei mit dir, bis aufs Wiedershen, lieber Präsident Swensen!

- Shawna Berrett Borg

Seen was a great man and dear friend. I have know him since he and my brother Rich were in med school together. Swen and Gretel have been an extension of our family. It was one incredible blessing to serve with. Swen for many years in the sealing office of the Salt Lake Temple. He was such a devoted and faithful sealer. I love you Swen and Gretel and pray that you and your family will be filled with the Peace that only comes from our Savior. God bless you all.

- Kathleen c. Pinnock

We cannot think of two more beautiful people than Gretel and Swen. We were so very blessed to have shared meals, tears and concerns during our Viennese adventure . We will never forget how kind you were to Zach when his mission had been changed from England to Florida! May you, Gretel, and your sweet family be sheltered in the warmth of thousands of good memories and feel the love and comfort on this, and the other side of the veil.

- Jeannie and Larry Vincent

I am ever grateful to have known and loved my beloved cousin Swener. I was so blessed to have shared wonderful memories with him at my home in Oberammergau. Also, our dear Austrian brother, Fritz told me to send his heartfelt thoughts on loving dear Swen. Peace be with you.

- David Dixon

Gretel - Swen was one of the finest friends I ever had. You and he were always great to be with. I anticipate you wrote the obituary, and I send my compliments. It was just perfect. Look forward to seeing you this coming Saturday at Swen's funeral. My precious Marilyn is buried in the Larkin cemetery where Swen will be.. Marilyn will love having him nearby, and I presume you and I will join the two of them when our time comes. Best wishes to you and your children as you adjust to life without Good Dr. Swen nearby. Love, Bob

- Robert Brinton

Gretel: My love to you and your family. Swen was a true “Renaissance Man”. I so enjoyed our many discussions together. You always came away a better person after a visit with Swen. What an honor to have known the two of you. You really complimented each other. Rex Thornton

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Dear Gretel, Marikka and I just attended the funaral Services and send you our love. We could add many more stories about this great man and friend. We Look forward to meet him again. We love you and pray for you. Auf Wiedersehen Marikka und Ernst PS: the Almdudler Company lost a customer

- Marikka und Ernst Husz

Dear Swenson’s, my heart hurts for you with the loss of your husband and father. I was blessed to have served my last 7 mos, which was your first 7 mos, under President and Sister Swenson in Vienna. President Swenson was my 2nd Mission President, but had had a special place in my heart. ■ I’m sure I am not the first to say what an amazing man and father-like figure he played being away from my own father. Thank you for sharing him with all those who were blessed to have served under him. My thoughts and prayers go out with your family during this time of loss and separation. I was so sad to have missed the “reunion” and been there this weekend in person but the service was a beautiful tribute and celebration of his life! ■■

- Kathryn (Wade) Hardy

Dear Sister Swensen and family, It is with great sadness that we share our love with you at the passing of your beloved husband and father. In the year 2000 our son was serving as a missionary and was at the MTC prior to his departure to the Valencia, Venezuela mission. He had emergency surgery at a hospital there in Provo to remove his appendix. He returned to the MTC and in a few days became extremely ill. We left our home in Bountiful, Utah and went down to pick him up and bring him to LDS hospital. There waiting for us was Dr. Swen Swensen. After several diagnostic tests it was determined that our son’s appendix had ruptured prior to the original surgery and an additional surgery was needed to irrigate his abdominal area of the infection that threatened his life. Dr. Swensen performed the surgery and spent countless hours watching over him and tending to his medical needs. He also brought peace and comfort to us during this time of uncertainty. Because of Dr. Swensen’s medical expertise and much fasting and prayer our son, Michael made a full recovery and was able to serve an honorable mission with no further complications. We will be forever grateful for this miracle. Our lives were forever changed because of Dr.

Swen Swensen and our love and appreciation to him for his countless hours of dedication to our son, Elder Howard will never be forgotten. Thank you for sharing him with us and allowing us to create a special place in our hearts for this amazing man! May the lord bless you with peace and comfort today and always. Love, Paul and Janice Howard

- Janice Howard

Hi Gretel Just watched the funderal, heard about that way too late. Love you think of you Please contact me that I can visit you in April. Love and hugs Mirjam mirjam@malzl.at

- Mirjam Malzl