

in loving memory of
H.D. SWARTZENDRUBER
September 2, 1927 – May 2, 2025



July 27, 2025, 2:30 p.m.
Memorial Service
PARK VIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

Order of Service

Slideshow

Prelude

Welcome and Invocation

Hymn (VT 103) – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Tributes

Kirk Alliman, *friend*

Stan Shantz, *former pastor*, read by Fred Swartzendruber, *son*

Hymn (VT 355) – Thine Is the Glory

Tributes

Dan Swartzendruber, *son*

A Legend of Service by Henry Van Dyke, read by Sibyl Swartzendruber, *granddaughter*

Cantore

"Beyond the Sunset for Me" - Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver

Scripture Reading: Dorothy Jean Weaver, *friend of the family*

James 2:14-18

Romans 8:28

Meditation: "A Friend of God"

Hymn (VT 436) – How Great Thou Art

Announcements and Benediction

Hymn (VT 340) – Lift Your Glad Voices

Postlude

Pastor Paula Stoltzfus
Meditation Phil Kniss
Song Leader Karen Moshier-Shenk
Instrumentalist Donna Heatwole
Cantore Don Bomberger, Phil Kniss, Robert Maust, Kirk
Shank Zehr
Scripture Reader & AV Don Bomberger
Usher Ed Bontrager

Obituary

Herbert Dwight Swartzendruber, “HD” or “Swartz,” passed away on May 2, 2025 at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, Virginia, at the age of 97 years.

Born on a farm near Kalona, Iowa on September 2, 1927, Swartzendruber had a 50-year career in international relief and disaster assistance, working in more than 50 countries from 1950 to 2000. He was an expert in logistics and management of international disaster response and support to refugee camps in conflict zones, and served as an expert advisor for the U.S. Agency for International Development’s Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. He served as a team leader for U.S. disaster response and post-conflict relief efforts in the Horn of Africa, Bosnia, Rwanda, Haiti, Angola, Namibia, Northern Iraq, Dem. Rep. of Congo, Mozambique, Sudan, Madagascar, Chad, Burkina Faso, Liberia, El Salvador, Bolivia and Dominica. He also helped coordinate humanitarian assistance activities with U.N. agencies, international peace-keeping forces, U.S. and NATO forces following conflict in Bosnia, Serbia, Kosovo, Iraq and Haiti.

Before this he spent 20 years managing international food assistance and emergency relief operations for Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief in Asia, North Africa and Latin America, with long-term assignments in Pakistan, India, Algeria and Brazil. He began his career in post-World War II France and Germany, where he served as a Mennonite volunteer working in refugee camps and children’s homes. His memoir *Service Beyond our Borders – Forty Years of International Humanitarian Service and Lessons Learned Along the Way* was published by Masthof Press (Morgantown PA) in 2012.

He is survived by three sons: Fred Swartzendruber, of Reston Virginia; Dan Swartzendruber, of Louisburg North Carolina; and David Swartzendruber of Broadway Virginia; a sister: Ruby Lehman, also at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg Virginia; and a brother: J. Paul Swartzendruber of Round Mountain California. He also leaves five grand-daughters, two great-grandsons and three great-granddaughters. His first wife, Françoise Marie-Thérèse Swartzendruber, passed away in 2004. A second wife, Faye Swartzendruber, passed away in 2020.

Announcements

- All are welcome to a time of fellowship around refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following the service.
- Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting the McMullen Funeral home website, mcmullenfh.com
- Video of this service and other memorial content may be viewed indefinitely on Park View's youtube channel, www.youtube.com/@pvmchurch/streams