

Walter Augustine “Walt” Swanstrom Jr.

1911 - 2007



[Walter Augustine “Walt” Swanstrom](#), 95, March 7, 2007 died at the Benedictine Health Center Safe Harbor Duluth. Walter was a veteran of the Minnesota National Guard and the U.S. Navy during World War II. **He was a boy scout leader for 50 years.** He was part owner of General Appliance store in Duluth until 1962. He then went to work for the U.S. Navy in Panama Canal Zone as Mechanical Engineer. Followed by work with Air Force in Washington state. He retired in 1976 returned to the Duluth area. Father, grandfather, great grandfather, and loving husband was preceded in death by his wife, Anne of 56 years; first son, Walter John; brothers Cody, Pete and Dick; and sister, Jane. He is survived by his daughter, Susie Clark (Archie) of Pike Lake, Minn.; sons, Skip of County Claire, Mich., Tom (Mary Kay) of Duluth, Bill (Sue) of Apple Valley, Minn., and Pat (Janice) of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; and nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

MEMORIAL SERVICE:will be held this Spring. Memorials will be used to directly assist Minnesota Military members and their families. Please send to: Susan Clark, 5898 North Pike Lake Rd, Duluth, MN 55811

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Research

Unfortunately, there are no easily accessible online newspaper sources for Duluth, MN. However, an article on Wikipedia indicates that Duluth, MN, was part of the North Star Council until it merged with the Gitchee Gume Council in 1959 to form the Lake Superior Council. The Lake Superior Council later merged with the Headwaters Council in 1997 to create the [Voyageurs Area Council](#). This would place the date that the trophy was given to Mr. Swanstrom at 1959 or earlier. This aligns with this particular style of trophy.

It is possible that this trophy was presented to [Walter A. Swanstrom Sr.](#), though there is no evidence that Walter Sr. volunteered with the BSA. However, Walter Sr. passed away in 1964 at the age of 82. Walter Sr. was politically involved, which would suggest possible involvement with the BSA. Of interest is that Walter Sr. advocated for the move to an 8-hour work day.

FARMERS ENDORSE COUNTY COMMISSIONER WALTER A. SWANSTROM



One of the best evidences that Commissioner Swanstrom has faithfully looked after his district is the testimonial he received, signed by 98 farmers in the Third District, pledging him their support at the election.

The farmers know, better than most others, whether or not a county commissioner is delivering the goods. They know when road work is not done well and when the needs of the district are well taken care of.

Below will be found a list of the Third District farmers who are appealing to the other voters of the district to help them re-elect Walter A. Swanstrom county commissioner.

Mr. Swanstrom is an advocate and supporter of the

Eight-Hour Day, a decent Living Wage and Humane Working Conditions for county employes.

Vote for Mr. Swanstrom at the primary election next Monday.

We, the undersigned, members of the Garfield Farmers' Club and Jackson Farmers' Club, fee owners, and living in the east half of Hermantown, St. Louis County, Minn., and situated in the Third Commissioner's District, recommend Walter A. Swanstrom for Commissioner of said district for another term.

Walter A. Swanstrom Sr.
Campaign Add
The Labor World

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