

James "Swede" Severson

Born

May 10, 1946 | Morris, Minnesota

Passed Away

July 9, 2025 | Fergus Falls, Minnesota

Age

79 Years | 1 Month | 30 Days

Funeral Service

6:00 PM | Monday, July 14, 2025
Vertin-Munson Funeral Home
Wahpeton, North Dakota

Officiant

René Hasbargen

Special Music

"The Dance" by Garth Brooks
"Monsters" by James Blunt
"I'll Fly Away" by Alan Jackson

Military Honors

North Dakota Funeral Honors Team
Wahpeton American Legion Post 20

Interment at a later Date

Fargo National Cemetery
Fargo, North Dakota

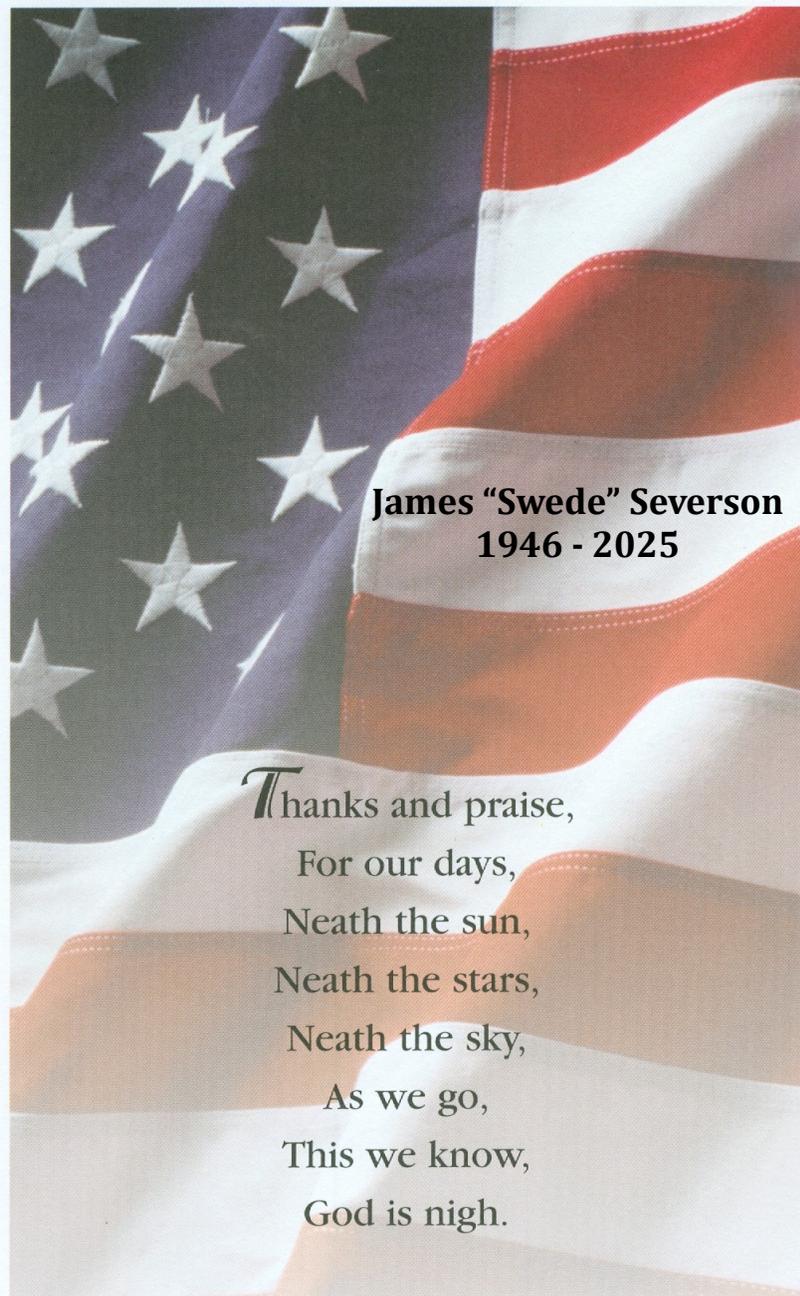
*We're the Seabees of the Navy,
we can build and we can fight.
We'll pave the way to victory
and guard it day and night.
And we promise that we'll
remember the "Seventh of December".
We're the Seabees of the Navy,
Bees of the Seven Seas.*

James was born May 10, 1946, in Morris, MN, to Edwin and Margaret (Kenkel) Severson. After graduating from Morris High School in 1964, he attended Staples Technical College for heavy equipment operator and maintenance. Upon receiving his diploma, he enlisted in the U.S Navy, where he served two tours in Vietnam as a member of the Seabees, MCB9 Battalion. Following his deployment, he married Lynette McFarren in the fall of 1968. From this union, two children were born Jason and Jennifer. They made their home in Breckenridge, MN. Swede had a 38-year career with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, retiring in 2008. He was also a member of the Breckenridge Fire Department for several years, serving as the fire chief from 1984 to 1988.

Swede enjoyed time on his hunting property near Ottertail City. He enjoyed watching the Minnesota Twins and NASCAR, especially the Daytona 500 party he would host each year. He loved having his family around him and welcomed any visitor to his garage.

He is survived by his children, Jason (Amy) Severson, Jennifer Hegge (Andy Sletten); grandchildren, Wyatt Severson, Shane Severson, Savannah Severson, Zach Hegge, Ashton Hegge, and Jace Hegge; son-in-law, Jon Hegge; and special friend Char Speidel.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Veterans Home, 1821 N Park St., Fergus Falls, MN 56537.



**James "Swede" Severson
1946 - 2025**

*Thanks and praise,
For our days,
Neath the sun,
Neath the stars,
Neath the sky,
As we go,
This we know,
God is nigh.*