



Ansis Swope

October 6, 1945 - April 23, 2023

Ansis Swope, 77, of Nitro, WV passed away at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House after a long illness on April 23, 2023, surrounded by family.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Swope, and his mother, Maiga Alexandra Udris.

He is survived by his sister Ramona Swope Caincross (Billy), daughters, Keira (Swope) Durham Cook-Ranson (W. David), and Christen (Swope) Hartwell (Eric). He is also survived by three grandchildren whom he loved very much: Caiden Storm Durham, Evan Alexander Hartwell, and Morgan Reese Hartwell; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

While born in Passau, Germany, Ansis and his family originate from Riga, Latvia, and immigrated with his mother and aunts to this country in the very late 1940s. His daughters are first generation Latvian Americans. Ansis was a true American Patriot; and while he was very proud of his Latvian heritage, he was also an extremely proud American, and loved the United States of America.

He graduated from Cedar Grove High School in 1962, received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from West Virginia Institute of Technology, and his Master's Degree + in Education from West Virginia University.

Ansis was a retired educator; he taught in Kanawha County Schools for over thirty years. He was an avid fan of all West Virginia University athletics; especially football. He was an avid bowler of many years. He also loved the ocean and spent many happy times over the last 34 years at his vacation home in Holden Beach, NC.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Cunningham Memorial Park, Upper Mausoleum Chapel, St. Albans, WV.

Friends may call from 12 to 1 p.m. prior to the funeral service.

If you are so inclined, you may send flowers or a donation to the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House of Huntington, WV.

You may visit Ansis's tribute page at BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Swope family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 29. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cunningham Memorial Park Upper Mausoleum Chapel
815 Cunningham Lane
St. Albans, WV 25177

Funeral Service

APR 29. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ZW

“ Sending condolences to the family. He was a nice man. I was at Stonewall 2 years. He will be missed.

Zizi White - May 03, 2023 at 07:14 PM

CM

“ He made 7th grade phys ed an adventure. He was an imaginative, creative teacher who got the most out of evryone. Privilege and pleasure to have been one of his students.

Christopher McClung - April 28, 2023 at 05:00 PM

BJ

“ Remember Ansis from good ole Cedar Grove HS ...one of the nicest people I have ever known...will be missed by family and friends...prayers for the family.....Buddy Johnson

buddy johnson - April 28, 2023 at 04:49 PM

AA

“ I know your grieving is now begun, but each tomorrow brings brighter and brighter days. While I was a classmate of Ramona's, I remember many times when I spent the night or weekend with her that Ansis was there and rather 'perturbed' at having another "kid" around. Fond memories of him and family.
Ava King-Anders

Ava C Anders - April 27, 2023 at 05:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ansis Swope.*



April 26, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Mr. Swope taught with my grandmother at Stonewall and she loved him - which is saying something as she didn't tolerate fools. He was also my driver's ed teacher and goodness knows he was a brave man for getting into a car with me. I am so incredibly sorry for your loss.*

Julie Britton - April 26, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ *Ansis was a lifelong friend. He will be missed. Prayers for the family*

Henry Armstrong - April 26, 2023 at 03:29 PM



“ *I remember him from Stonewall Jackson - back when the west side was the best side. He was my Driver's Ed teacher. He certainly had his hands full with the group I was in. He was a good man. Thank you for helping the years of students.*

Steve - April 26, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.*

Kanawha Co. Retired School Employees - April 26, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Ansis Swope.*



April 25, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ansis was a long time friend. We shared many good times bowling, fishing at the beach and playing Rook with friends. So many great memories and I'll miss his friendship. Mickey*

Mickey Ramsey - April 24, 2023 at 07:05 PM