

Hans H. Schwarten

June 12, 1921 - February 18, 2014

Hans Heinrich Schwarten entered into rest at William Hill Gardens on February 18, 2014. He was 92.

Born on June 12, 1921 in their Lewistown, MD, home, he was the son of Julius George and Bertha Hartz Schwarten of Cordova. He was preceded in death by his parents; his six siblings, Alfred Schwarten, Robert Schwarten, Caroline Bodenbender Horsman, Thomas Schwarten, Pauline Clough, and Margaret Brinsfield; and his devoted wife, Helen Clark Schwarten.

Left to grieve are his daughters Linda Evans (John) of Easton, MD; Lou Ann McCaughey (Kevin) of Sparks, MD; Lois MacDonald (Phil) of Cordova, MD; three grandchildren, Philip MacDonald (Valerie), Sarah McCaughey Sgro (Maurizio), Michael McCaughey; nieces and nephews; and two great-grandchildren Charlie Wayne MacDonald and Joshua Gesino Sgro.

A child of the Great Depression, Hans knew poverty, hard work, and resourcefulness. Formally educated through 8th grade at Cordova High School, he was known for his practical knowledge, German ingenuity, and common sense.

When his father died in 1942, Hans became responsible for the care of his mother and younger siblings, and farming the land at Kitty's Corner, where he

lived for 91 years. In 1949, he married Helen who worked tirelessly beside him in every endeavor. He took great pride in constructing and maintaining the buildings, enriching the soil and harvesting bountiful crops...sweet corn, tomatoes and pumpkins, to name a few.

In 1952, Hans took a school bus route to supplement the income from their dairy herd, a job he continued for many years.

At the request of, then Chapel District kindergarten teacher Jane Behrens Hart, Hans and Helen began hosting school children for educational field trips to learn more of farm living. They enjoyed the enthusiasm of the children and provided this opportunity at no charge for 25 years or so.

Hans was an active member of Fairview Church of the Brethren since childhood, and held many roles in the life of the church, including maintaining the building and grounds. Hans helped fell trees with a cross cut saw to clear the lane for Camp Mardela in Denton, and helped with building cabins there. He enjoyed telling stories of working with Harvey Stoops and a small team of co-workers in the sawmill on Kitty's Corner. The Talbot County Steam Show was a favorite event where he re-lived the sights, sounds, and smells of threshing wheat with fellow farmers.

Hans was active in the Farm Bureau, Southern States Cooperative, and Farm Service Agency. He was a charter member of the Easton Ruritan Club.

Burdened by an incurable, genetic eye disease, Hans gradually lost his eyesight over a 30 year period and spend the last 10 years of his life completely blind. Through it all he amazed his family and friends with his determination and creativity in adapting to his increasingly difficult circumstance. He loved a parade, a good joke, and old country and gospel music.

Hans' life will be celebrated with a viewing on Monday, February 24, at Fellows, Helfenbein, Newnam Funeral Home, 200 S. Harrison St., in Easton from 6 to 8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at Fairview Church of the Brethren, 11243 Chapel Rd, in Cordova on Tuesday, February 25 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Craig Gaunt officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Fairview Church of the Brethren (11243 Chapel Road, Cordova, MD 21625) or the Cordova Fire Department (11864 Kitty's Corner Road, P.O. Box 102, Cordova, MD 21625).

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 S Harrison St
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fairview Church of The Brethren
Cordova, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hans H. Schwarten*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 07, 2023 at 11:18 PM



“ *Hans H. Schwarten*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Hans H. Schwarten*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Hans H. Schwarten*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of my DE/MD Clark cousins' father and husband.*

*Sincerely,
Dottie Townsend Kahhan*

Dottie K. - April 08, 2014 at 01:30 PM

GJ

“ To the Schwarten Family.....So to hear of the passing of Hans....I was hoping to attend the service but couldn't change a prior commitment....I will always remember both Helen and Hans as a great example of loving and caring people who was willing to share the word of God.....They lead by example....and I am a better person to have crossed paths in my life with both of them...May they rejoice together with the Lord....I will always remember my last conversation with Hans downstairs at church after Helen's funeral and Linda took me over to Hans and said....Dad you remember this guyyou called him the pizza man...and Hans held his hand out and said "O my its so good to see you....Still at his age with that strong handshake.....and we talked and got on each other about all the ice cream we ate at the church social.....and laughed about it...It crossed my mind it would be the last time I would see him.....I appreciated the few mins we had and I will always remember.....I was in Easton on Tuesday the 19th of Feb in the morning and as I was leaving Panera and heading to a meeting something told me to go and see the church....As I came up to Helen and Hans house I slowed down and looked over and was wondering where Hans was and how he was doing...I then drove to the church and when I returned home I saw he had passed....Guess it was his way of letting me know.....May we all be so blessed to one day see Hans and Helen again...

Glenn Jones....aka "Pizza Man"

Glenn Jones - February 27, 2014 at 05:40 PM

MH

“ Linda, LuAnn, Lois, I just watched the tribute video twice and am overwhelmed with wonderful memories of your parents throughout my years growing up there in Cordova, at Fairview, riding bus 16 and these later years too! What special people they both were and how blessed each of us are for having known them! I will forever cherish these memories! I give thanks to God for allowing our paths to cross and I uphold each of you and your families in this time of grief and celebration of a life well lived!

Martin Hutchison

Martin Hutchison - February 24, 2014 at 12:23 PM

ES

“ So sorry for your loss, we have fond memories of talking to Mr. Schwarten at John and Linda's home...keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers,
Emily, Bill, Ben and Chris Sudbrink

Emily Sudbrink - February 24, 2014 at 07:21 AM

LB

“ *Lois, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this time. May the wonderful memories you have give you comfort.*

Linda Baker - February 23, 2014 at 07:54 PM

LB

“ *Linda Baker lit a candle in memory of Hans H. Schwarten*



Linda Baker - February 23, 2014 at 07:52 PM

CI

“ *Cindy lit a candle in memory of Hans H. Schwarten*



Cindy - February 23, 2014 at 04:50 PM

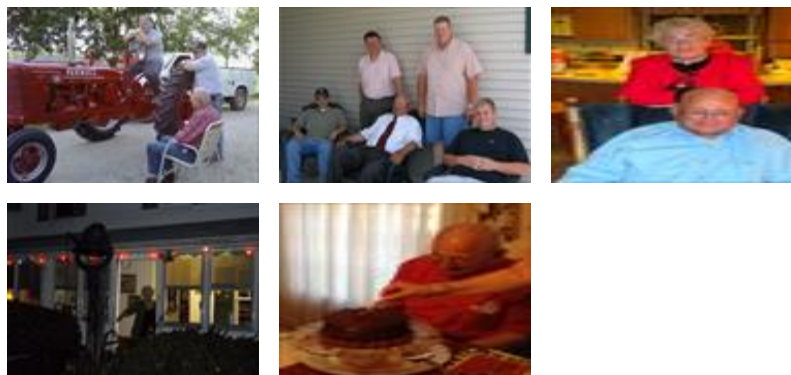
CI

What a wonderful man! He was my bus driver and a wonderful man in our community. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Cindy - February 23, 2014 at 04:52 PM

LA

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Lou Ann - February 23, 2014 at 10:20 AM

LI

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Linda - February 23, 2014 at 08:58 AM

CM

“ *Chris Metz lit a candle in memory of Hans H. Schwarten*



Chris Metz - February 21, 2014 at 08:26 PM



“ *Mimi Sandrock lit a candle in memory of Hans H. Schwarten*



Mimi Sandrock - February 21, 2014 at 07:17 PM

JW

“ *Jeanie Wallace lit a candle in memory of Hans H. Schwarten*



Jeanie Wallace - February 21, 2014 at 06:29 PM

JW

My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out the family. Your dad was known to everyone around Cordova. He will be missed by all.

Jeanie Wallace - February 21, 2014 at 06:31 PM



“ *Tim & Laura Bishop lit a candle in memory of Hans H. Schwarten*



Tim & Laura Bishop - February 21, 2014 at 09:49 AM



Thoughts and Prayers to all. Mr. Schwarten was a very sweet man and contributed so much to Talbot County. You will surely be missed.

Tim & Laura Bishop - February 21, 2014 at 09:53 AM



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Lou Ann - February 21, 2014 at 09:23 AM



“ *Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of Hans H. Schwarten*



Agnes Blades - February 21, 2014 at 06:06 AM

BR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your Dad was one of a kind and will be missed by many. Praying the many wonderful memories you shared with him and the love of family and friends comfort you.*

Brenda Forbes-Butler & Mike Butler



Brenda - February 20, 2014 at 02:31 PM

LA

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Lou Ann - February 20, 2014 at 02:26 PM

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Lou Ann - February 20, 2014 at 01:36 PM

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“ 15 files added to the album Family Photos



Lou Ann - February 20, 2014 at 01:30 PM

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Lou Ann - February 20, 2014 at 12:22 PM

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“ 30 files added to the album Family Photos



Lou Ann - February 20, 2014 at 12:04 PM

SW

“ *Sandy Walton lit a candle in memory of Hans H. Swarten*



Sandy Walton - February 20, 2014 at 08:22 AM

SW

Our thoughts and prayers to the Swarten family. He was a wonderful man and never to be forgotten.

Sandy Walton - February 20, 2014 at 08:24 AM

MS

“ *My Prayers are with the Swarten Family..*



Mark and Vicki Sump - February 19, 2014 at 07:53 PM

CS

“ *Connie Harris Sypniewski lit a candle in memory of Hans H. Swarten*



Connie Harris Sypniewski - February 19, 2014 at 04:57 PM

LB

Lois, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this time. May the wonderful memories you have give you comfort.

Linda Baker - February 23, 2014 at 07:50 PM

PF

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family.* ”



Phil Foster - February 19, 2014 at 12:02 PM