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Gary Allen Swendson, 76, of rural Horton, Kansas, passed away on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

He was born on July 28, 1944 in Horton, Kansas the son of Kenneth and Nellie Kemp Swendson. Gary attended the Brush Creek country grade school and graduated from A.C.C.H.S. in 1963. He then joined the Kansas National Guard in 1963 with the 69th Brigade in Holton, Kansas. They were called to active duty in 1968 and served at Fort Carson, Colorado until April of 1969 when he received his honorable discharge.

Gary lived all his life in Atchison County, where he farmed, worked for Hammersmith's, Gaskell Bolt, Ohlsen's Construction, drove the school bus for U.S.D. 377 before working for the Atchison County Road and Bridge and Transfer Station until he retired after twenty one years. He was a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree and the Horton American Legion. Gary enjoyed hunting, fishing and never knew a stranger and loved to talk. On September 2, 1967 he married Carol Richling at the St. Leo's Catholic Church in Horton, Kansas. Gary and Carol lived all their married life on their farm southeast of Horton. Gary joined the catholic church in April of 1986. To this union three sons were born Todd, Bradley and Jeff.

Survivors include his wife, Carol of 53 years of the home; two sons, Todd Swendson of Horton, Kansas and Jeff (Michelle) Swendson of Horton, Kansas; two granddaughters, Kaylynn (Andrew) Oliver of Gardner, Kansas and Kelsey (Taylor) Anderson of Kansas City, Missouri; sister, Sharon Delzeit of Everest, Kansas; three brothers, Larry (Dorothy) Swendson of Horton, Kansas, Harry (Mary) Swendson of Atchison, Kansas and Steve (Kay) Swendson of Effingham, Kansas; nineteen nieces and nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Bradley Swendson on July 14, 1984 and an infant sister, Carol Swendson.

Friends may call on Sunday from 12:00 until 5:00 P.M. at the Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton. A rosary will be recited at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, March 29, 2021 at the St. Leo's Catholic Church in Horton where the family will greet friends following the rosary until the funeral mass starts at 11:00 A.M. at the Church. Burial with military honors will follow at the St. Leo's Catholic Cemetery. Memorials and Masses may be made in Gary's name to be

designated later and may be sent in care of the mortuary. A special message may be sent to the family at www.dishon-maple-chaney.co