Obituary for Ray Svenson  
July 24, 1939 – September 17, 2015

Ray Svenson died at his home in Red Lodge, Montana at 4:54 a.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015 following an 18-month long battle with cancer. He was born on July 24, 1939 in Chicago, IL. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Virginia Svenson. Surviving him are his loving wife, Bonnie, whom he married in Brookfield, IL in 1996, and his pride and joy – daughters Beth Svenson, Kris Chew, Karin Lyon, and Amanda Clardy, and sons Kris Svenson, Michael Svenson, John Svenson, and Andy Lyon, and his dear brother Robert and sister Sue and their families.

Ray completed high school at North Park Academy in Chicago, IL and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Cal Tech in Pasadena, CA. He went on to work for a multitude of treasured friends, but also significant contributions as an organizational systems architect, and an engineer, and entrepreneur in the world of business, history, biographies and suspense novels. Those of us who knew him got to learn in great detail about a myriad of topics such as the civil war, the American revolution, business, history, biographies and suspense novels. Those of us who knew him got to learn in great detail about a myriad of topics such as the civil war, the American revolution, and many other meaningful and valued non-profit organizations both locally and across the United States. Since moving to Red Lodge, he became an active member of the community, including Montana State University at Billings, the Beartooth Recreational Trails Association, Carbon County Historical Society, Red Lodge Bluebells, Collective Recycling, and others. Ray loved his work and never really retired – he continued making significant contributions throughout his life.

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Ray Svenson Consulting provides business-driven learning and development strategies

Ray presented at numerous international conferences throughout his career.

- "Learning Systems for the New Millennium" by Ray Svenson (This is the original manuscript to the article published in ISPI's Performance Express, February 2004)
- "Business-Driven Learning and Development Strategy" a 2-day workshop presented at both ISPI and ASTD International Conferences in 2005.
- "Winning Every Time: Six Ways to Make Large-Scale Performance Interventions Succeed" presented at the 2004 ISPI International Conference in Tampa, Florida (M).
- "Integrated Leadership Development Strategy" presented with Jody Zanton (Johnson Controls) at the 2003 ISPI International Conference in Boston, Massachusetts
- "Organization Frames" presented with Alan Ramias presented on April 13, 2003 for ISPI
- "Workplace Learning Systems Overview" presented February 26, 2003
- "Learning and Development Strategy in the Global Wired World" presented at the 2002 ISPI Performance Improvement Conference on April 24, 2002

Ray facilitated a blue-ribbon ISPI task force working to clarify Human Performance Technology. CLICK HERE for the presentation.

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