



Earl Swindell

December 3, 1934 - February 11, 2005

Services for Earl Dean Swindell, 70, of Flint, Texas will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2005, at Lane's Chapel United Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas with the Rev. Lou Thomas officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery. Mr. Swindell died Friday, February 11, 2005 in a Tyler hospital. Services are entrusted to Stewart Family Funeral Home, of south Tyler. Earl Swindell was born December 3, 1934 to Andy Earl and Ruby Floyd Swindell in Milton, Texas. Mr. Swindell was a U. S. veteran of the Korean War. He lived in the Tyler area for the last five years coming from Carrollton. He was a member/usher of First United Methodist Church in Carrollton, Texas and Lane's Chapel United Methodist Church in Tyler for 30 years. Mr. Swindell worked at Otis Engineering for 25 years in Carrollton and worked at Gucci's International in Dallas. He was the world's greatest story teller and will always be remembered as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. In Jane's words, "he was the nicest man I ever met". He is survived by his wife, Jane Swindell of Flint; son, Brian Swindell and wife, Christi of Plano; two daughters, Karen Merriman and husband, Tom, of Katy and Sharon Swindell of Richardson; three grandchildren, Elizabeth and Jack Swindell and Kathryn Merriman; sister, Edna Jaynes and husband J.P. of Atlanta; two brothers, Charles Swindle and Kenneth Swindell both of Paris; numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Swindell was preceded in death by one sister and one brother. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2005 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, Tyler.

Memorials may be made to Lane's Chapel United Methodist Church 15475
FM Road 2493 Tyler, Texas 75703.

Tribute Wall

DB

“ I'll never forget Earl's stories and jokes. They started the very first time I met him and continued throughout the 9 years I knew him. I also remember his driving... slow till he got close to the light! I'm sure that was more for Sharon's benefit than because he was crazy. ;) Mostly, I'll remember how he loved his daughter and our friend, Sharon. She is an amazing person because of the love her dad showed her.

Deidra & Loren Busbee - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ God knew what he was doing when he blessed this man with a family. Earl raised a family rich in love and Christ and I am honored to be a part of each of their lives.

Stephanie Fowler - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ My thoughts and parayers are with you as you experience this difficult moment. May God's peace sustain you.

Twyla

Twyla Williams - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ I would like to say how grateful I am that I was blessed to meet Earl when he and Jane attended my daughter's first Birthday. Annie had never met Earl before and is very shy when it comes to strangers. But for some reason she walked right over to Earl and put her arms out to him. Earl picked her up and Annie sat with Earl for a while. I will never forget the smile on Earl's face or the warmth I felt in my heart as the two sat together like old souls. I only wish I had more time to get to know more about Earl. WE love you all, Annie and Brenda Haegner

Brenda Haegner - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I lost my father to pancreatic cancer during my first year of counseling two years ago.....I still miss him dearly but I'm looking forward to the day we will meet in heaven.....Your dad (father-in-law) has such a loving smile and I loved to hear he was a great story teller....I bet he was a funny man, too.....I will pray for your comfort during this time.

Carol Sinclair - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Karen and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Dianna Polnac

Dianna Polnac - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I hope that each of you remember all the wonderful times that you had together and that you find comfort in these memories. Your strong family support will be a source of strength to each of you. I will be thinking of you and happy to do whatever I can.*

Debbie Barker - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *We would like you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of mourning. Please let us know if you need anything.*

Jennifer and Alexandra Sarria - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Earl and Jane both played a major role in my Jr. High and High School years. Earl always set a great example for me and Brian as a strong man of God, and a consistently loving father. I always enjoyed spending time at the Swindell's home and especially the strong friendship of their son, Brian. I haven't seen Earl in years, but I can imagine that he still loved Texas sports and could always tell a fun or uplifting story. We share in the grief of the family and wish you all well.*

Take care,

- Chris

Chris Cummins - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ To Karen and her family:

May God be with each of you and heal your hearts from your loss.

*Sincerely,
Lisa Rothe*

Lisa Rothe - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Karen, Tom and Kathryn,
Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.
May you find comfort in knowing that there is a far better place
where we will all be together again.
We hope you find the joy in your heart that can only come from
being near the ones you love as they gather together.
Be safe in your travels and may God bless you and your family.
With Love,
Marla, Gary, Collin & Erin Burns

Marla Burns and Family - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ How hard it is to lose your beloved father. My thoughts and prayers
follow you and yours during these difficult days.

Beth Beissel - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I'm so sorry and wish we all could be there with you and your family.
My heart and prayers are with you. Lots of love, Donna

Donna Sparks - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Earl, my husband Al and I visited at a mutual friend's house when he was last in Katy. His humor and interest in his family and home, his warmth and genuine interest in our conversation left us hoping to see and speak with him again. He must have been a blessing to all of you who knew him for so long. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Judy Vitolo - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Please accept my sympathy. Your family is in my prayers.
Sincerely,
Barbara Heinlein

Barbara Heinlein - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Karen, it sounds like your dad was a real treat to know and have as a dad. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

theresa rhodes - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Karen spoke very highly of her dad and I know that his loss deeply saddens all of her family. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with Karen and her extended family.

Kelley Stauffacher - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Karen,
My thoughts are with you at this time. Please know that you are not alone as many of us are with you in prayer.
Joyce

Joyce Junco - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ I am so sorry for your lose. It is never easy. I'm sure Mr. Swindell is smiling down on you from heaven!

You carry the great legacy of his life in your heart. Let is shine through.

I pray for your heart to be comforted and for your safe travel.

Emily Eschenburg - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Karen and Family, please know that our thoughts are with you at such a sad time. We love you guys. Earl must have been a wonderful man to have raised such a wonderful daughter.

Becky Moore - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ I work with Karen and I love her. I want her to know we are praying for her and that we are sorry for her loss. Karen is a wondful counselor and a caring person who helps us all.

Regina Thompson - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Please know that you all our in our prayers.

Virginia Solomon - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My sincere condolences to your family on your loss. May you find strength in each other to sustain you during this time.

Jacqueline Beskid - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I am really saddened to hear about your father. I know this time is very difficult for you and your family. There is not much anyone can say to ease your pain, but may it help to know that your in our prayers. Give yourself time. You have been very blessed to have had such a wonderful man as your father. Remember and treasure the moments that you shared together. He will always be near.

Pam Singleton - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Sharon I just wanted to let you know that your family is in my prayers and I am really sorry for your lost. Just remember that Earth has no sorrow that God cannot heal. Be strong in the Lord and know that weeping may indure for a night but Joy will come in the morning.
God Bless you and your Family

Carolyn Johnson Scott - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Sharon, I was very saddened to hear about the loss of your father. I pray that you and your family find the strength in each other to help you heal in what is a truly difficult time for you all. As hard as it may be, try to focus on all of the loving memories and let them help you and your family overcome the sadness and pain that comes from losing someone so close to you. I am praying for you all. May God bless.

Therese Trimble - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Just from knowing Karen and Kathryn I can tell he must have been a wonderful man. I hope you find comfort in knowing that his legacy will continue to live on through his children, his grandchildren, and those that knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

lou wexler - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ Karen, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We are thinking of you here and sending lots of hugs.

Vanessa Nickolas - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Dear Karen, Tom & Katherine, I am so sorry you are having to go through this-just know that everyone here at Pattison is thinking of your family. How wonderful that you have each other - take care of yourselves.
Love, Linda Curtis

Linda Curtis - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We have such fond memories of the Swindells while we all were at FUMC Carrollton. We were greatly saddened to hear of Earl's death. He was a special person---as are Jane and their children. Our son Chris and Brian have been good friends for years and we've enjoyed their antics and goofs along with Earl and Jane. Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. You truly live in a Circle of Love. God's blessings on you. Charlie & Cindy

Charlie & Ciindy Cummins - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *To Karen and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers and thoughts.*
Gerry Ledet

Gerry Ledet - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *Karen, I know that you will miss your dad very much. I will be
praying for you and your family to have a peace that only God can
provide.*

Emily Willoughby - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Karen I will be praying for your family.*

Patsy Armstrong - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ I am sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. I give my prayers to you and your family.

The following poem brought some comfort to me when my Dad passed away. Hopefully it can help you too.

*When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile:*

*Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*

unknown

Thomas Theis - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Sharon, I am so sorry about the loss of your father. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Kristin Brown - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My thoughts are with you, Jane, and your children at this sorrowful time. I know now why I could not get in touch with you some time ago - the move to Tyler.

I hope that you are well; and, with the support of your family and friends, this time of grieving will pass.

My love and best wishes to you.

Judy

Judy Minkin - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Karen and family,
I just want you to know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I know this must be a very difficult time in your lives. Keep trusting the Lord and keep up your faith.

Sincerely,

Jill

Jill Hortness - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ I am very sorry to hear of your sudden loss of your father. I know you love him and will miss him very much. He has to be a wonderful man because when you spoke of him your eyes lit up and you knew you loved and respected him very much. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Pamela CArr - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Dear Jane,
On behalf of your cousins in the National Society of Washington
Family Descendants, I want to convey our sympathy in your time of
loss. May the Easter message of Our Risen Savior be a comfort to
you and your family.*

*Justin M. Glenn
Registrar, NSWFD*

Justin M Glenn - February 11, 2005 at 12:00 AM