



Richard Clement Swain

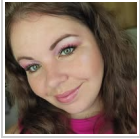
February 28, 1953 - January 7, 2017

Richard Clement Swain passed away unexpectedly on January 7, 2017 at ETMC Tyler, Texas. Husband, stepfather, brother, uncle, cousin, friend and mentor, Rick was a warm, one-of-a-kind gentleman. His wit, charm and good nature were just some of his endearing traits that will be missed.

Richard was born on February 28, 1953 in South Bend, Indiana to Margaret M. Swain (Cressy) and Paul J. Swain. He leaves behind his loving wife, Patricia Steward Swain of Tyler, TX; two stepdaughters, Lady Redding and Lenore Carwile (Jim); granddaughters, Annabel, Margaret, and Stevie of Tyler, Texas; one stepson, Sy Redding (Theodora) of Oakland, CA; brother, Kevin Swain of South Bend, IN; two nieces, Jennifer Swain of Michigan City, IN and Maggie Swain of South Bend, IN; sister, Eileen Farrell (Edward) of Batesville, IN; two nephews, Michael Farrell of Sanford, MI and Brian Farrell of Batesville, IN. Preceding Rick in death were his father, Paul Swain; brother, Patrick Swain (Joyce); sister-in-law, Peggy Pawlick Swain; and nephew, Paul Swain.

Rick graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1971, attended the University of Notre Dame and graduated with a BS in accounting from Indiana University. Richard lived most of his adult life in Tyler, Texas. He was most fulfilled in his current position as GED Supervisor for the Literacy Council of Tyler, Texas. A memorial celebration of Rick's life will be held at a date to be determined. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ I just found this out im trully sad and shocked by this mr swain was a Godsend for me he encouraged me as a student he was a great leader and teacher he placed me in a advanced class and i have since passed three tests because he believed in me he said "its just a test" his confident approach helped alot getting me to the next level he was a encourager and great support for his students prayers to his family and friends he will be dearly missed heaven gained a awesome soul

Melissa Dillon-Kemp - June 12, 2017 at 09:44 PM

TS

“ Thank you so much to all of you who took the time to share your thoughts and condolences to me and my family. I know how important and personal Rick's work was for him. While I am heartbroken and so sad, he always made me feel like the luckiest girl in the world and I still feel that every day. I hope to see you all at the remembrance that is set for 6:00 pm, Monday 2/6/17, at the Literacy Council of Tyler located in TJC's West Campus building. Much love and gratitude,

Tricia Steward Swain

Tricia Steward Swain - February 02, 2017 at 12:12 PM

TM

“ Trish,

We are so sorry for your loss. Our condolences go out to you and your family.

TM - February 01, 2017 at 08:07 AM

LA

“ *Mr. Swain was nothing but kind to me. He was the one person who encouraged me to get my GED, and to attend college. I'm 50 years old. I tried in the past to do all this, but life circumstances wouldn't allow it. I met Mr. Swain at the TJC West Campus in Feb, 2014. He NEVER gave up on me. He was good about texting me to check on my studies, and up until the 5th of this month, he sent me an email to ask me about college, and if I was still pursuing it. Well unfortunately, I was unable to reply to his email. Mr. Swain, if you're watching from heaven, you'll be happy to know that yes, I am still attending classes at TJC for Spring 2017! Thank you for all you did for me. I will miss your beautiful smile, and all your words of encouragement!*

Linda Ancira - January 17, 2017 at 03:47 PM

PE

“ What a shock, the Lord always takes the best without a doubt. Ring, ring, he called one day "Mr Vargas are you ready to start school this following Monday?" "I am in Chicago I will be back by Wednesday I replied" well you have to be present for this Monday if you can't don't worry about it I will call you back in two weeks make sure you are ready" he rebuttaled. That was the call that marked a new begging in my life. Little did I know this man would be my greatest mentor and friend. It was a privilege for me when you threw an eraser at me in class because I felt the sense of friendship that you felt when threw it. I never got to thank you the way I wanted. The way you used to set things straight fast and in a hurry is what I most admired about you. No matter how busy or tired you were you always made a way for your students. You really took me by surprise when it was you that taught that college prep class. Being that I was from Chicago I say to you "Man you are like a math gangster" and that tickled you because you were self confident. The greatest thing you did for me was that push and chance no one else gave me. I am for ever greatfull to you and their is no better way than proving it through my education. To your family my greatest condolences, especially to your wife because behind a great man there is a great women thank you. To your kids and friends I sympathize with the loss, but I also know that you would want us to keep our head up and keep in touch with each other. R.I.P. and farewell my brother sincerely your favorite student Master P

Pedro - January 12, 2017 at 05:45 PM

JD

“ I'm deeply sadden of Mr. Swain passing. He was loved by all of his students! To his wife and kids, I want to personally thank you for sharing your Husband and Father with the world. He touched countless lives and made everyone who met him a better person. I truly believe, that this Angel was sent to help, heal and teach individuals of all races. Mr. Swain did this with pride, and would never let you give up. His soul knew. that all he needed from his students was for them to start or commit to coming to his summer training class to prepare for college. Within the six weeks training, you could tell that Mr. Swain was passionate about teaching, and wanting his students to succeeded. I can see him now, getting out of his car with that cool walk of his. Yes, Mr. Swain had much swagg! With that said, I'm currently at TJC pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. When I complete my degree, a copy will be made for Mr. Swain and his Family. Mr. Swain, this is for you buddy!

Thank You,
Love, Jarvin Dorsey

Jarvin Dorey - January 12, 2017 at 02:29 PM

PE

Amen

Pedro - January 12, 2017 at 05:46 PM

DC

“ I don't believe it!!!! I went to his College Prep class. As a older student he always encouraged me letting me know "You could do it". He always touch base with his students every semester to see how we were doing. He was passionate about teaching and empowering others. He will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the Swain family.



Doris O Cole - January 11, 2017 at 12:56 PM

AS

“ *Mr Swain was one of the most influential people to ever come into my life. He believe in me and always took the time to show us when we did not understand something. I am a better person because he pushed me to graduate and wanted the best for all his students. I will forever remember this amazing man. RIP MR SWAIN prayers and love to the family of this amazingly beautiful and wonderful man.*

Alice snow - January 11, 2017 at 11:55 AM

JL

“ *Such a Shock ..
I have known Rick for over 30 years , worked together many years .
Good man , Honest , Straight Forward and Great Salesman .
So sad to hear of his passing . I know he is in a better place .
Rest in Peace , my ole' Bud*

Jim Lozier

Jim Lozier - January 11, 2017 at 08:34 AM

TH

“ *I met Mr Swain when he was a teacher in my GED math class. I the went to his College Prep class. This man has been a huge part of my continuing my education. With out him I would not be where I am today. I'm Truly at a loss for words. He will be dearly missed. Praying for his family!*

Tonya Hatley

Tonya Hatley - January 11, 2017 at 12:22 AM

RP

“ I am heart broken to hear these sad news. Mr. Swain was not only a good man but a man that made me believe in my self, because of him I have gotten closer to my goal and not only has he helped me but many other people too. He had a very caring heart and words that made you believe in yourself. You will be missed dearly and Thank you Mr. Swain for everything that you did. My condolences for the Swain family. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Reyna Perdomo - January 10, 2017 at 11:23 PM



“ Oh Wow! This is such a shock! This Man has so much to do with my academic self confidence. I never would have started college had it not been for Mr. Swain. Rick Swain was an educator in every sense of the word. He also had a no nonsense and caring heart. Thank you Mr. Swain Rest in peace. Education lost a true asset and the world a great man. You will be greatly missed!

Scott Allen - January 10, 2017 at 10:06 PM

SH

“ Mr. Swain was not only an amazing educator but an outstanding encourger .I had the privilege of being in his college prep class this past summer , it was because of his sincere belief in me that I got through it and found the courage to purse a college degree .Mr. Swain you will be greatly missed. You we're not only a teacher but a blessing that I will forever be greatfull for .

Saunya Hill - January 10, 2017 at 09:34 PM

RJ

“ I met Mr Swain when I was trying to get my GED. I wounds have never gotten through it without him. He had enough faith in me to have me in his college prep course.. RIP RICK!! You were an awesome person, you will be missed

Renee Jensen - January 10, 2017 at 07:37 PM

BG

“ Rick, Thank you for the privilege of knowing you. You had a very giving and kind heart, and I am a better person for having crossed your path. You always were a dreamer and adventurer...godspeed on this new leg of your journey. You deserve the peace and happiness that I know is now yours.
Becky

Becky Garrett - January 10, 2017 at 05:05 PM



“ Pink Rose Bud (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Richard Clement Swain.



January 10, 2017 at 12:37 PM

BB

“ I first met Mr. Swain in 2013 when I was going through the Literacy Council to obtain my GED. He was patient and kind to all of his students. I credit Mr. Swain and his partner, Mr. Roper for getting me to where I am today. If it wasn't for either of them, I wouldn't have had my GED and I wouldn't be in my last semester at TJC. I will miss all of his stories that he used to tell in class.

Brittany Beasley - January 10, 2017 at 12:01 PM

JC

“ I worked with Rick as his "teachers aid" from the fall of 2009 till he became the GED supervisor. Those were good days and I will miss him in that capacity and as supervisor and friend.

Jim Crawford

Jim Crawford - January 09, 2017 at 06:27 PM