



Thomas Herbert Swaim

May 16, 1945 - April 11, 2017

Thomas Herbert Swaim Obituary

A graveside service for Thomas Herbert Swaim, 71, of Tyler will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at 11a.m at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery with Rev. Ben Wheeler officiating under the direction of Stewart family funeral home.

Mr. Swaim passed away Tuesday, April 11 at his residence at Reunion Plaza.

He was born May 16, 1945 in Flour Bluff, TX to Herbert and Marjorie Swaim.

Tom was a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps and a Purple Heart Recipient from the Vietnam War. He graduated from North Texas State University, where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He was a landman for years in Tyler, where he spent much time encouraging and helping others within Alcoholics Anonymous. He also attended Grace Community Church in Tyler. He cheered on his two sons through many sporting and life events. He told them regularly he loved them and was proud of them, which leaves a legacy for them to proudly carry on. He eventually made his home in Rockport, TX where he loved to fish, walk on the beach, and take full advantage of his senior citizen's discount at Burger King. His last several years were filled with highlights of spending time with family and

friends, getting to hug his grandsons regularly, and welcoming his precious granddaughter into this world.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Freed Swaim, mother, Marjorie Ackock Swaim, and sister Nancy Sanders.

He is survived by his loving family including son Blair Swaim (Ginger) of Tyler and son Skyler (Kathrine) of Austin. He has two grandsons, Caden and Coleman, and a granddaughter, Marlo.

The family would like to invite friends to attend the graveside service at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75211. (Line A)

His family would like to thank the staff at Reunion Plaza for their sincere and loving care.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Cemetery Details

Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Graveside Serv.

APR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall

LW

“ I was looking for Tom and found this site. Dont know if this will work anymore, but I was his platoon sgt at camp margerita in pendleton. He always had a smile and a joke. I might have a picture or two of Tom. Sorry for your loss. I would have liked to talk to him again.
Lynn Wiebe 3696 120th st Bmoyd Mn 56218

Lynn Wiebe - December 14, 2019 at 01:21 AM

MP

“ My sincere condolences to your father. My dad is in the same nursing home and I go daily and your dad would sometimes hollar at me as I passed and ask me to get and open a can of coke for him. It's the little but special things you remember. May he rest in eternal life. God Bless you all. Melinda Garcia Perez.

Melinda Garcia Perez - April 19, 2017 at 11:48 AM

FW

“ Frances West purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas Herbert Swaim.



Frances West - April 14, 2017 at 06:17 PM

FW

“ Fran West lit a candle in memory of Thomas Herbert Swaim



Fran West - April 14, 2017 at 05:46 PM

FW

“ Tom, I can't express how much I will miss you and the many many good times we had together. Working and playing, picnics, and just watching old movies on Television. I could put a list on here a mile long but there is no need for that, because others see you as I do. It was a pleasure for me to work for you. You were a kind man and always making people laugh. I know that I will see you in heaven someday and will be able to catch up on old times together. Say "Hey" to my Sister Nora when you get there. If it wasn't for you, we would not have had such a wonderful reunion and got to ride the wave runner with you.. You always made me laugh. You will be so sadly missed but we will all get together in Heaven some day. I can't say good-by, but "see you around"
Love ya Fran West

Fran West - April 14, 2017 at 12:15 PM

PW

“ My sincere condolences to all of the Swaims. Tom was a dear friend who helped me so much through the years. I am eternally grateful for our friendship. I will never forget meeting Tom late one night in 1983 at the IHOP on Loop 323 when I was leaving with someone else and Tom pulled into the lot wearing dark glasses and driving his gold Lincoln Continental. He insisted we all go back inside for more coffee and talk. It was a God-ordained encounter that I will forever cherish. Tom, I know you are with Jesus now and enjoying yourself, no doubt watching a highlight reel of your life and sharing much laughter.

Pat Wheeler - April 13, 2017 at 07:01 PM

DF

“ *Blair and Skylar, I did not know your dad, but remember fond stories that your mom would share about him many years ago when we were "next-door-neighbors" at Hubbard. Sending up prayers for comfort and grace for those he loved and for those who loved him.*
Dorinda Fry

Dorinda Fry - April 13, 2017 at 06:52 PM