



## Von Swann

August 13, 1968 - October 1, 2010

Von Swann, 42, of Farmington, New Mexico, formerly of Tyler, lost his short battle of illness on October 1, 2010. He was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses in July 1985. Now he is in the memory of his loving heavenly Father, Jehovah. He was born August 13, 1968 in Tyler Texas. After graduating from John Tyler High School in 1987, in 1991 he moved to the Four Corners area and went to work for various oilfield companies leading to the start of his own his company, Swann's Extractions. He is survived by the love of his life, Jessica Swann, his wife of 18 years. They were married on October 24, 1992. Von is also survived by his parents: Billy Ray and Clareen Swann of Tyler, TX and sisters: Vicki Swann of Colorado and Vanessa Swann of California; also many uncles, aunts, cousins and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his sister Yvette Swann Bass of Tyler in November 2008. A Memorial Service for Von will be held Saturday, October 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, TX officiated by Edward Anderson of the White Rock Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Dallas, TX. A memorial service will also be held on the same day in Farmington, NM for his family and friends there. Memorials in honor of Von Swann may be made to: Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, 25 Colombia Heights, Brooklyn, New York, 11201-2483.

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Mike Elliott** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

*von was our 7th son...he will be greatly missed*

*sincerely the wray's in ms*

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**bev watts-wray** - October 10, 2012 at 10:23 AM

EP

“ Words cannot express the loss, hurt and emptiness that I feel for this young man who in the prime of his life lost his fight to Adamic death. He was a first grandchild/grandson in our family and he was a joy to be around. I felt like his second "mother" because I had a hand in the early years of his upbringing. I have kept in touch with this young man all the years of his life and life changes. What a talented, gifted, thoughtful, kind, considerate and generous hearted young man and that "million dollar" smile that just melted your heart. He did not make enemies he made friends and he kept those friends close and built on those relationships over the years. He had two great parents, Billy and Clare, who taught him manners, love, respect, caring for others and to love Jehovah his God with his whole heart, soul, mind and body. There are many who love Von in many states but I just want them to know that this aunt's heart is broken over his loss and that of his sister, Yvette Swann Bass. Death is such an unwanted enemy in all families around the earth and that is why it will be done away with and our tears of sorrow will soon become tears of joy on their return to our paradise earth in the near future. "If an able-bodied man dies can he live again? All the days of my compulsory service I shall wait, until my relief comes. You will call, and I myself shall answer you." (Job 14:14, 15a)

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**Elizza Peales** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Sending my condolences and sympathy to the Swann Family, may God give you courage, strength, and support. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Angie Jacobs  
John Tyler Class of 1987*

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**Angie Jacobs** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ We are so deeply saddened to hear of your loss we love you dearly we are so very thankful to Jehovah for the wonderful hope through his undeserved kindness to see Von again and enjoy being with him forever

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**Paul and Jackie Taylor** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Our hearts go out to you and yours at this time. May Jehovah give you strenght and comfort at this time. Memories help us to cope, but the new system is our real hope.

*Love to All  
Joe and Cynthia Brown*

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**Joe & Cynthia Brown** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ Love leaves a memory that not even death can take away. May the love you all shared for Von, and the priceless memories hold and sustain you until the realization of Jehovah's promise comes true. Your family is in our prayers and thoughts. We love you all.

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**The McClelland Family & Jean Davis** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Vanessa you & your family are in my families prayers and if their is anything that I can do for you all please feel free to let me know, may God bless you all.

*Love you  
Saudia*

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**SAUDIA LACY** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *My husband George and I are sincerely sorry for your great loss. We were stunned to here of Von's sudden illness. Please know that our prayers are with you. Harriet & George Fisher*

*(We LOVE having Vicki in our congregation. She is not only a beautiful person but a lovely sister).*

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**Harriet Fiehr** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. Vicki has become very dear to our congregation in such a short time. May Jehovah help you to endure. looking forward to meeting Von in the new system.*

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**Joe and Jennifer DeJulio** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *Dear Billy and Clare: How sorry I am to hear about your beloved son. You will be in my prayers. May Jehovah strengthen you in the days ahead and please remember, He will help you bear this grievous time. Also be reminded of the wonderful promise in Job 14:15 "You will call and I myself shall answer you" You beloved Von is awaiting that call.*

*My deepest sympathy, Noni*

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**Noni Parkerson** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Von's illness and your loss of a dear son, brother, and friend. We have been blessed to have our beloved sister Vicki join our congregation. She has, in a short time, become a truly beloved member of our Christian family.

*May Jehovah comfort and strengthen you, and may the sure knowledge that you will see Von again soon carry you through these troubled last days. It will be a privilege to meet Von and Yvette in the New System.*

*Your brother and sister,  
Jon and Laura Hoskins*

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**Jon & Laura Hoskins** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ We are so sorry to hear about your great loss! Vicki always speaks of her family with so much love, that it must be of comfort for you all to be together right now. Remembering all the wonderful times you all shared with Von! We all look forward to meeting Von when this old system is a thing of the past and everyone is healthy and happy in the near future to come. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

*Much love, Alden and Lesa*

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**Alden and Lesa Leiter** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We are so sorry to know that Von's precious life is no longer with us. We have such wonderful thoughts and memories of him and the hugs we would get when seeing him. We will miss him. May your beautiful memories of such a fine young man be a comfort and joy to you always.

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**Lafayette and Florenda Neely Sr.** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ THERE ARE NO WORDS THAT ONE CAN SAY, TO HELP YOU IN THIS TIME OF YOUR GRIEF. SO PLEASE KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYER. MAY JEHOVAH OUR GRAND CREATOR HELP YOU ALL.

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**SISTER MARGUERITE PAGE** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Dear Swan family,  
Please know you are all in our prayers everyday. We are assured Jehovah is comforting you and helping you to endure this tragic loss (2Cor 1:3,4) We look forward to the fast approaching day when we will exclaim with you 'Death where is your victory, death where is your sting?' (1Cor 15:55)We eagerly look forward to meeting Von and experiencing the 'joyful cry'(Ps 126:2)when families are bonded back together in the paradise earth to come all to our great Comforter, Jehovah God's praise.*

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**Danny & Ava Torres** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ *Our Prayers and thoughts are with you all at this very distressing time. May our God of Comfort sustain you and comfort you in this time of great need.  
May the Hope He promises of the resurrection be an anchor to hold on to.  
We had a recent lecture here at Bethel on the resurrection hope and the comments were made: "Visualize the reunion" and "visualize the details of the reunion". It will make it even more real.  
Jehovah be with you all.*

*Yours truly,  
Rodney and Dayna Jones*

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**Dayna Jones** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Von was one of the most impressive people that I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He displayed maturity and dedication at a very young age. He set good examples for me and I am sure that he touched the lives of others too. He will always be remembered.

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**Cara (Yolanda) Watts** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Just to let you know that I am thinking of the family during these trying times and most unfortunate circumstance. My Jehovah's spirit and blessing continue with the spirit you show and give you support during these times.

*Prayers in your behalf!!*

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**Anneata Williams** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I traveled with Von overseas to many different places. He always was smiling and cutting up. He always kept me laughing. I will never forget the time I was in Indonesia in a very hostile camp. I had spoken to Von and he was still in LA. I told him how bad it was and he said "hold on little buddy, the "Duck" is on his way to rescue you. Sure enough his first day on a transport boat they put a container of bombs right in between Von and I. A kid about 16 years old boarded the boat with an m-16 machine gun and Vonn looked at me and said "what the hell goin on" "this aint gonna happen captain". I couldnt do anything but laugh. He thought the kid was going to shoot us because I couldnt quit laughing. When we made it to camp out on an island in the middle of the Mahakam river in the Mahakam Delta our boat was met by "gaurds" holding M-16 machine guns. Von says "Ben...I dont like the way they are looking at us. I dont think they have ever seen a Black man". Once again I busted out laughing. The gaurds got us off the boat and litterally pushed us to a room butting us with the guns. They then kept a goon in front of our room to ensure we didnt leave the room. Von got on the satellite phone and called BJ and said get us out of there. this is only a small part of the story, but needless to say we were back on a boat the next morning and we never went back. I just found out that Von had passed. I love you my brother. Von had so much class. Would somebody from the family please call or email. I cant rest without asking a few questions. Please get in touch with me.

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