



Ronald Swinford

March 15, 1952 - May 31, 2017

Ronald Swinford, 65, of Bluffton, died at 4:30 PM Wednesday, May 31, 2017, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN. Born in Crawfordsville, Indiana on March 15, 1952 to George and Kathleen Swinford.

A 1970 graduate of Valparaiso High School, Ronald also graduated from Valparaiso University in 1974 in the School of Accounting. He was an avid sports and football player at both Valparaiso High School and Valparaiso University.

He was formerly employed at, Briner Building, Inc., his family's construction company, in Bluffton, IN. He was also employed at Barton Malow Construction Company, during the initial construction of the GM plant, in Fort Wayne, IN. and later in Detroit, MI.

Ronald was a devoted son, father, and grandfather. Family, friends, and people were his life's passion. He enjoyed music, playing cards, and outdoor gardening. He always loved a great joke.

Surviving family includes his mother; Kathleen Swinford of Bluffton, IN, his brother; Michael (Debbie) Swinford of Fort Wayne, IN, two daughters; Jennifer (Ty) Miller of Ossian, IN, and Sarah (Frank) Johnson of Bluffton, IN, one stepson; Shawn Mettler, and seven grandchildren; Triston, Ellie, and Hattie Miller, and Devin, Corian, Dillan, and Emma Jane Johnson.

Also surviving relatives include his niece; Krista Swinford, his nephew; Nick Swinford, both of Fort Wayne, IN, an aunt; Carol Brownsburger of Elkhart, IN; and his uncle; Bob (Shirley) Swinford of Lafayette, IN,

Ronald was also preceded in death by his father, George Swinford of Bluffton; four uncles Marvin, Jim, and Laverne Swinford and Bob James; one aunt Muriel Baker; and one stepson, Shane Mettler.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, June 6, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, IN with Pastor Steven Bard officiating.

Calling hours will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 5 and 9:30 AM Tuesday, June 6 at the funeral home.

Burial is at Fairview Cemetery, in Bluffton. The family would like to invite you to share in lunch, fellowship and memories immediately following the funeral and cemetery services.

Preferred memorials, in lieu of flowers, are to the Boys and Girls Club in Bluffton, IN and the Mad Anthony's Hope House in Fort Wayne, IN.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

JUN 6. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Service

JUN 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronald Swinford*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 05, 2017 at 04:55 PM



“ *Ronald Swinford*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

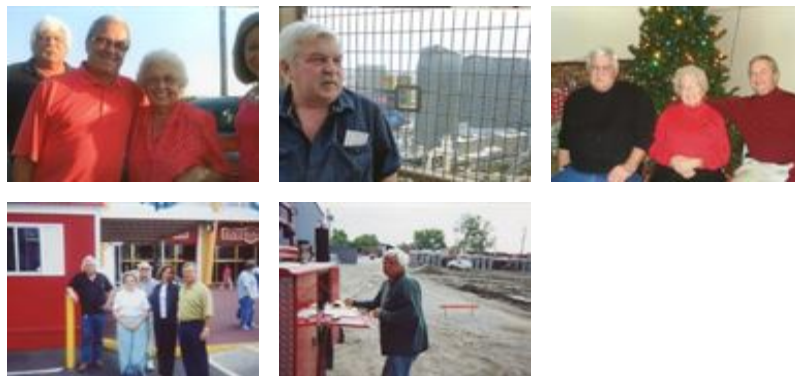


“ *Kathleen, I am so sorry for your loss. Nancy McFarren*

Nancy McFarren - June 06, 2017 at 07:05 AM



“ *72 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - June 03, 2017 at 05:22 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Ronald Swinford.*



June 03, 2017 at 08:58 AM



“ *Kathleen,
I am so very sorry to read about your dear son, Ronald. I had met him at several of the Master Gardener events, and he was such a pleasant man. He seemed to have fun wherever he was, and that is a wonderful trait for one to have. God Bless you and your family, you are in my thoughts.*
~BJ Gray



BJ Gray - June 02, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Ronald Swinford.*



June 02, 2017 at 02:04 PM

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“ Susan Swinford-Kammerman, Casey, Heather, Porch, &Olivia purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Ronald Swinford.



Susan Swinford-Kammerman, Casey, Heather, Porch, &Olivia - June 01, 2017 at 10:22 PM

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“ Your cousins Sherry and Jesse Swinford. Tom and Bonnie Proksch purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Ronald Swinford.



Your cousins Sherry and Jesse Swinford. Tom and Bonnie Proksch - June 01, 2017 at 03:01 PM

KC

“ Jen and Sarah,

I am so terribly saddened to hear of your dad's passing. His larger-than-life personality lives on in the many childhood memories that I have of him. From countless trips to Fort Wayne for Kaysans & go-cart rides to Saturday night card games filled with dill pickles and french onion chip dip. Every moment holds a special place in my heart. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with both of you and your families.

*With Love,
Kristin (Berger) Cochran*

Kristin Cochran - June 01, 2017 at 11:17 AM