



Edward "Ray" Swiney

April 16, 1950 - July 7, 2021

Edward Ray Swiney was born on April 16, 1950 in Bunker, Missouri to Edward and Delma (Williams) Swiney. He grew up in the Bunker/Salem area and graduated with the Class of 1968 from Salem High School. During his freshman year, Ray met the love of his life, Evelyn Mae Nickles and on August 16, 1968 they were united in marriage.

Ray and Evelyn shared nearly fifty-three years of memories together. He was a hard worker and devoted husband. During his working years, Ray was employed with Craigs for several years before working with Glenn Boyles at Mid-West Auto selling car parts. Ray retired in 1978 after his health no longer allowed him to work. He was a people person, always talking, and never met a stranger.

Ray loved working with his hands and tinkered around in auto mechanics. He was talented in woodworking and leather. Ray enjoyed country and bluegrass music and playing his base guitar. He was an avid outdoorsman who liked to quail hunt, train his dogs, and ride horses. Ray was one of a kind and lived life to the fullest.

Ray departed this life on July 7, 2021 at his home in Salem, Missouri at the age of seventy-one years. He leaves behind to cherish his memories, his loving wife Evelyn Swiney of the home; sisters: Mary Stringer and husband

Tom of Salem, MO and Elizabeth Pettus and husband Tim of Salem, MO; brother: Steven Swiney and wife Janet of Salem, MO; sisters-in-law: Barbara Nickles of Steelville, MO, Christine Fields and husband Alton of Hillsboro, MO, Lily Fields and husband Bob of Hillsboro, MO, and Sally Oestreich of Indiana; brothers-in-law: Jim Nickles and wife Sherry of Salem, MO, Ron Nickles and wife Wanda of Salem, MO, and Steve Nickles and wife Pat of Springfield, MO; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death, his father: Edward "Dick" Swiney; mother and stepfather: Delma and Elvin Smith; siblings: Janice Coffman and Jim Smith; brothers-in-law: Kenny Nickles and Fred Oestreich; and nephews: Greg Stringer, Billy Nickles Sr.; and great-nephew: Billy Nickles Jr.

Ray will be remembered for his true character, kind nature, and good heart. He will be forever missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral Services for Edward Ray Swiney were held Sunday, July 11, 2021 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Steve Nickles officiating. Song selections played were "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow", "Far Side Banks Of Jordan", and "How Great Thou Art". Serving as Pallbearers were Jim Nickles, Ron Nickles, Steve Nickles, Jesse Nickles, Cody Nickles, and Mike Pettus. Burial was in the Mt. Hermon Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Ray Swiney to St. Jude Children's Hospital and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online Condolences may be entered at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Hermon

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-5555
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward "Ray" Swiney.*



July 13, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward "Ray" Swiney.*



July 10, 2021 at 12:47 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Edward "Ray" Swiney.*



July 10, 2021 at 12:17 AM



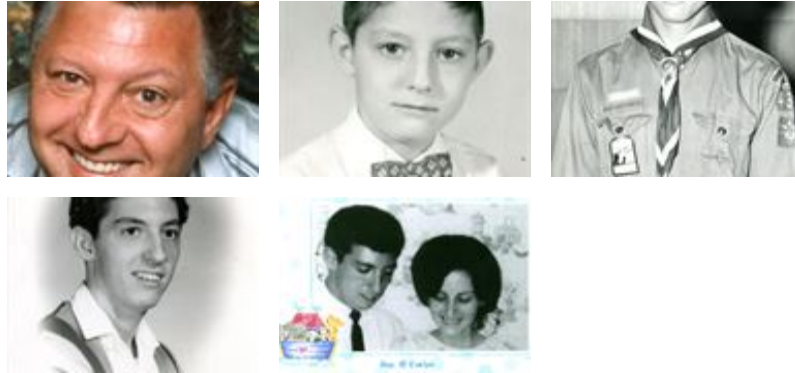
“ *Jerry Higgins lit a candle in memory of Edward "Ray" Swiney*



jerry higgins - July 09, 2021 at 07:02 PM



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“ *Ray was one of the good guys at SHS, always friendly and kind. Ralph and I got to know him again years later at our shop Smokey Acres Trading Company. His sweet wife Evelyn was a good friend from our days in choir at SHS and I have enjoyed our continued friendship at our Class of 68 luncheons for several years. Our prayers go out to you sweet lady, as well as to the whole family.*

Diane Murray Hess/Ralphie Hesd - July 08, 2021 at 05:32 PM

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Ray my longtime friend. Many circuitous conversations we had. You told stories and yarns and wove them together in such a way that I would find myself listening very carefully to make sure I didn't miss the moral of the story or the punchline to the joke. You shared your love of music and Missouri and animals and people with us. You calmly sat in the passenger seat as we kids practiced our driving skills. The only way I knew we were taking the corners too fast is the pause in the story you were telling. You knew everybody and a little something about everything. You made it a priority to be in the crowd when we were playing music, to help us with the sound and spend hours helping us record. Even when we were grown and moved away you checked in with us. It was a great blessing to me when you shared with me that you had renewed your Faith in the Lord and knowing that now gives me great peace as I know we will meet again. Farewell my friend until we meet again. ~Connie Garrison

connie Burroughs - July 08, 2021 at 08:29 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathies Evelyn..Prayers for strength & comfort in the days & weeks ahead.. Fran House*

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