



Donnie Swift

August 10, 1940 - December 18, 2015

A Funeral Service for Donnie Swift has been scheduled for 10:00 AM, Wednesday, December 23, 2015 at Hayhurst Funeral Home Chapel in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Burial will follow at 2:30 PM at Mt. View Cemetery in Le Flore County, Oklahoma.

Donnie was born in Broken Bow, Oklahoma on Saturday, August 10, 1940, the son of Ewell and Letha (Story) Swift. He died in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on Friday, December 18, 2015. He was 75 years of age.

Donnie was a 1957 graduate of Broken Bow High School in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. He attended Eastern State in Wilburton, Oklahoma for two years before transferring to Southeastern State in Durant, Oklahoma. He received Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education. He continued his education at Eastern University in New Mexico. He married the former Miss Violet Elder in Durant, Oklahoma on August 12, 1964. Donnie taught and was principal in Hobbs, New Mexico and Midland, Texas before retirement. He also coached 5th grade basketball. He enjoyed tennis and gardening. He loved watching Fox News. He was very involved in many churches over the years and served as a Deacon.

Donnie is survived by,

Wife, Violet Swift, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Sons, Casey Swift and wife Heidi, Owasso, Oklahoma

Kevin Swift and wife Kacie, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Grandchildren, Connor, Courtney, Sydney, and Grayson

Sister, Peggy Herring and husband Fairland, Branson, Missouri

Brother, T.L. Swift and wife Loyce, Broken Bow, Oklahoma

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Gerald Swift.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

Wister, OK

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **22**. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

DEC **22**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

DEC 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Committal Service

DEC 23. 2:30 PM (CT)

Mountain View Cemetery
Wister, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Donnie Swift*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Violet, Kevin, Casey & family,*

I was sad to see today that Donnie Ray passed away. I have many fond memories of him, including numerous family conferences that we had while we tried to raise Kevin and keep him on the straight and narrow. I'm confident that our efforts were responsible for not only getting him to where he is now, but more importantly influencing Casey so that he never wavered off of his path. I'm truly, truly sorry for the heartbreak that you guys are feeling right now, but we know that we will see him again when we reunite with him in Heaven.

If you guys ever need anything, let me know.

Jim B. Hardy, jim@beaconpolygraph.com

Jim B. Hardy - December 22, 2015 at 03:26 PM



“ *Travis, Angela, & Taylor Gittins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donnie Swift.*



Travis, Angela, & Taylor Gittins - December 22, 2015 at 01:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donnie Swift.*



December 22, 2015 at 11:24 AM



“ *I met Donnie at Southeastern State College (now Southeastern Oklahoma State University) when we both were studying to be school teachers. I was impressed with Donnie and his desire to serve. He had a long and successful career with many young people who can look back and remember the lessons for life he taught--Please accept my sincere condolence for your loss. Wayne L. Warren, Broken Bow, OK*

Wayne L. Warren - December 22, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donnie Swift.*



December 21, 2015 at 07:43 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Hayhurst Funeral Home - December 21, 2015 at 05:20 PM



“ From Joyce and Steve Giddens purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donnie Swift.



From Joyce and Steve Giddens - December 21, 2015 at 04:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donnie Swift.



December 21, 2015 at 04:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donnie Swift.*



December 21, 2015 at 12:56 PM



“ *Joshua Sensintaffar purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donnie Swift.*



Joshua Sensintaffar - December 21, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ *Kathy Batson purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donnie Swift.*



Kathy Batson - December 20, 2015 at 11:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donnie Swift.*



December 20, 2015 at 02:03 PM

LP

“ Love, Larry & Bridget Powell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donnie Swift.



Love, Larry & Bridget Powell - December 20, 2015 at 11:34 AM

LF

“ Lindy, Pat, Tonya, and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donnie Swift.



Lindy, Pat, Tonya, and family - December 20, 2015 at 11:18 AM

PM

“ Perry and Debbie Mason purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donnie Swift.



Perry and Debbie Mason - December 20, 2015 at 09:28 AM

LV

“ OH! THERE IS SO MUCH I COULD TELL OF THE GOOD TIMES WE HAVE HAD WITH DONNIE AND HIS FAMILY! WE USE TO GO OVER AND VISIT POP POPCORN - GO TO THE BARN AND PICK OFF PEANUTS AND THEN BRING THEM INTO THE HOUSE AND PARCH THEM IN THE OVEN! ALL THE CA PARTIES AT CHURCH. WE HAVE VISITED HIM THRU THE YEARS DURING HIS COLLEGE DAYS AND THEN LATER HIS TEACHER - PRINCIPAL DAYS! I HAVE NOT GOT TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH HIM ONLY DURING THE ALL SCHOOL REUNION DAYS! HE WILL BE MISSED I KNOW THAT! OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS ENTIRE FAMILY OF DONNIE!

Leland & Norma VerHelst - December 19, 2015 at 08:19 PM

OW

“ Otis and Doris Wokaty purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Donnie Swift.



Otis and Doris Wokaty - December 19, 2015 at 05:02 PM

JF

“ Joe Wolfe, Herb Garvin, Ralph and Joann Faust purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Donnie Swift.



Joe Wolfe, Herb Garvin, Ralph and Joann Faust - December 19, 2015 at 03:54 PM

GG

“ Greg Gassaway purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Donnie Swift.



Greg Gassaway - December 19, 2015 at 03:44 PM

JF

“ Joann F. purchased the *Sentiments of Serenity S pray* for the family of Donnie Swift.



Joann F. - December 19, 2015 at 01:48 PM

BB

“ I remember Donnie well. He was in the class of 1957 with my sister Violet and went to the Assembly of God church where we attended. I also remember seeing him at the all School reunions. He will be greatly missed.
Bob Brown - Class of 1955 BBHS.

Bob Brown - December 19, 2015 at 11:48 AM

AW

“ Our hearts are broken today as we morn our loss of a great friend and mentor, we met our friends Donnie and Violet in 2008 as my late husband Mike and I became the pastors of Sunrise Family Fellowship Church. Little did we know that they would take a liking to us as well, we spent many a evenings with them talking us through things, giving us the wisdom that comes from many hours of study and prayer before the Lord. Donnie and Violet have been like second Parents to us these past years, we would refer to them as our Oklahoma parents. More recently giving me much needed advice that I didn't even have to ask for, 🙏 but appreciated just the same. Lol I'll forever be grateful for the blessings received in our friendship with the Swift Family. I love you all. I'm holding you up in prayer before the Lord. Forever your friend Angie West and Family.

Angie West - December 18, 2015 at 11:41 PM

TF

“ The AMC Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Donnie Swift.



The AMC Family - December 18, 2015 at 08:10 PM