

James W. Swarnes

August 24, 1960 - May 8, 2023

James William Swarnes, 62, passed away on May 8, 2023 at his home in Clarksville, MO. Cremation rites are being provided by Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO.

James was born on August 24, 1960 in Louisiana, MO to Forrest and Katherine Swarnes.

He is survived by his daughters, Amy McCulley (Steve) of Mexico, MO, and Jessica Swarnes of Center, MO; a son, Dustin Kappel of Holland, Michigan; step-sons, Max Oestreich and Mark Oestreich; his grandchildren, Shelby Bowen, Cody Bowen, Walter Bowen, Aiden Garrelts, Mataya Peterson; siblings, Carolyn Stokes of Bowling Green, MO, Phyllis Kinsler of Elsberry, MO, Margaret Blackwell (Derrick) of Clarksville, MO, and Frank Swarnes (Vicki) of Louisiana, MO; brothers in-law, Calvin Slaughter of Elsberry, MO and Dave Howard of Louisiana, MO; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Forrest and Katherine Swarnes; 2 sisters, Wanda Slaughter and Bernie Howard; a step-son, Matthew Oestreich; and a brother in-law, Mark Stokes.

James worked as a tug boat operator for many years in Louisiana, MO. He enjoyed playing horseshoes, going fishing, camping, playing pool, and enjoyed spending time with his beloved chihuahuas. He was known by all as Willie and had lived a very full life. He will be very missed by his family and friends.

Memorials may be given to the family in care of Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.

On-line condolences may be sent at collierfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

Pike 235
Clarksville, MO

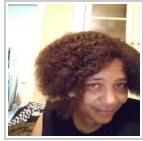
Previous Events

Graveside Services

JUN 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

Greenwood Cemetery
Pike 235
Clarksville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicole Dyke lit a candle in memory of James W. Swarnes*



Nicole Dyke - June 07, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ *Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of James W. Swarnes*



Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - May 20, 2023 at 08:58 AM



“ *Ricky & Veneita Blackstun lit a candle in memory of James W. Swarnes*



Ricky & Veneita Blackstun - May 19, 2023 at 11:34 PM



So sorry to hear of Willie's passing.

Ricky & Veneita Blackstun - May 19, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ I met Willie when I started cutting his hair when he came back to Pike County. When he seen the wedding photo of my husband & I on my station he asked who he was. I told him his name was Thad, & quickly learned he was a close friends of my husband’s family since Thad was very young. My husband has told me random stories of his babysitter, Jolene & her husband Willie, over our decade together & it was nice to put a face with his name. During the brief times I spent with Willie I got to know the kind, funny man he was. I truly loved telling him of my husband’s successes & the man he had grown into, & it warmed my heart of hear him say how proud he was of him. I know the world will definitely be a little less bright without him here. Our condolences to his family & loved ones. Rest easy Willie ❤️ Thad & Mackenzie Rule

Mackenzie Rule - May 19, 2023 at 10:48 PM

DW

“ Debbie White lit a candle in memory of James W. Swarnes



Debbie White - May 19, 2023 at 08:47 PM

DW

So sorry, Margaret and family

Debbie White - May 19, 2023 at 08:48 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Harrison lit a candle in memory of James W. Swarnes*



Kathy Harrison - May 19, 2023 at 12:25 PM

WH

“ *WANDA HUNTER lit a candle in memory of James W. Swarnes*



WANDA HUNTER - May 19, 2023 at 10:16 AM

JO

“ *Wild Willie...we certainly had quite a few crazy adventures throughout the years. I wouldn't trade them for nothing! Our children and grandchildren will definitely miss their Dad and Papa...catch you on the flip side Mr. Jones. Remember...Smile 😊*



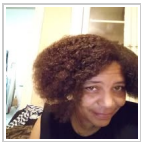
Jolene - May 19, 2023 at 12:43 AM

JT

“ I hope you are fishing for the big ones with Matthew and Justin. RIP Willie ❤️



Jacci & Terrie - May 18, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ Nicole Dyke lit a candle in memory of James W. Swarnes



Nicole Dyke - May 17, 2023 at 07:39 PM

CK

“ Cheryl & Troy Kingery lit a candle in memory of James W. Swarnes



Cheryl & Troy Kingery - May 17, 2023 at 07:07 PM

CR

“ Our deepest condolences be with Willie's family. Will be missed by many. May you rest in peace



craig & tammi ries-McPike - May 13, 2023 at 07:45 PM

DE

“ Clopton high school class of 78! Willie my classmate always had something to say! We sure had fun with that tether ball at recess 😊! Rest in piece my friend! Condolences to margaret/derek and all of his family and friends. His 🧒's will feel this loss too 🌿. Dena T, long bch ca

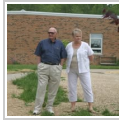
Dena - May 13, 2023 at 06:12 PM

BS

“ Becky Sanderson lit a candle in memory of James W. Swarnes



Becky Sanderson - May 13, 2023 at 02:06 PM



Margaret I am so sorry I met your brother at your apartment, I wish I could do something for you it is so hard to loos a love one, People do care and that makes it a little easier. Lona Wallace

Lona Wallace - May 16, 2023 at 11:47 AM

SM

Sorry for your familys loss

Sammy meyers - May 18, 2023 at 08:02 PM