



Charlene Swinford

August 17, 1941 - February 13, 2025

Charlene Swinford, age 83, of Kankakee, passed away Thursday, February 13th, 2025 at her home. She was born August 17th, 1941 in Claiborne County, Tennessee, the daughter of Frank and Mossie (Longworth) Parks. Charlene married Charles Swinford on August 17th, 1966. He preceded her in death on December 22nd, 2007, after over 40 years of marriage.

Charlene loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed bingo; crossword puzzles; rooting for her favorite late model driver, Bobby Pierce; talking on the phone with her siblings; and going for walks at Perry Farm with her grandson, Michael.

Charlene was a member of The Gospel Assembly of Kankakee and spent many hours praying over her beloved family.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth (Karen) Duffield of New Tazewell, TN and Douglas (Tanya) Swinford of Bradley; one daughter, Debra Hertz of New Tazewell, TN; four brothers, Arvillee (Rosann) Parks of Chicopee, MA, RC Parks of Kankakee, John and JC (Debbie) Parks of Vicksburg, MS; three sisters, Bonnie (Delbert) Miller of Limestone, Beulah (Darrel) Leach of Grant Park, and Barb Learned of Vicksburg, MS; twelve grandchildren, Chuck and Wesley Hertz, Neil Duffield, Brittany Brault, Kevin and Ryan Duffield, Tonya Bultman, Michael, Ashley, Kaleigh, Rylie and Sawyer Swinford; fourteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Charlene is preceded in death by her husband, Charles; her parents; one son, Jeffrey Duffield; one daughter, Donna Clark; two son-in-laws, Kenneth Hertz Jr. and Robert Clark; five brothers, Clemens LaMarr, Onnie, Crockett, Harlie and Carlie Parks; five sisters, Meda Eads, Oma Campbell, Irene Keck, Betty Parks, and Brenda Clevenger; and two grandchildren, Billy Joe Most and Nicole Duffield.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the 12 p.m. funeral service on Tuesday, February 18th at the Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Brother Steve Wilkerson will officiate the service. Private interment will take place at Kankakee Memorial Gardens in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 South 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I will sure miss you my sweet friend but am grateful you will be at peace in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus. I will see you again one day.Kenny, Debbie, Doug and family my heart goes out to you all. We can take comfort knowing all pain and worries have been taken from her. Love and Hugs to you all.

Flo Swinford - February 15, 2025 at 09:47 AM

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“ Kenny & Debbie, I'm so sorry to see this , I'm here if you need anything, I love you guys

Shirley Connors - February 14, 2025 at 06:15 PM