



Kenneth "Kenny" Swinford

October 29, 1947 - November 24, 2021

Kenneth H. "Kenny" Swinford, age 74, of Kankakee, passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at AMITA St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee.

He was born October 29, 1947 in Kankakee, the son of Raymond & Hester Killian Swinford.

Kenny married Florence Williams on October 28, 1994.

He retired from Cognis after 40 years of service.

Kenny loved to play his guitar and sing. He played with his band "Country Express" for many years. He enjoyed restoring old classic cars and raising cattle and farm animals. He had many hobbies and could do just about anything he set his mind to. He made Christmas memorable every year for his family and friends with great food, guitar sing-alongs, and a little competitive bingo. He loved being surrounded by his family and will be greatly missed.

Surviving are his wife, Florence Swinford of Kankakee; two daughters, Jodi & Tod Steury of Columbia, TN and Laurie Todd Johnson of Kankakee; two step-daughters, Angel & Dale Roy of Bethany and Dawn Williams of Thawville; fourteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Charlene Swinford; and several nieces and nephews.

Kenny is preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Alex, Charles, and Curtis.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. funeral service on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Kankakee Gospel Assembly Church in Bourbonnais.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee Gospel Assembly Church
1706 W State Route 102 # A
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 939-1511

Funeral Service

DEC 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth "Kenny" Swinford*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *My first Memories of meeting you was 26 years ago. It was in July , my father (Don LaCost) and I stopped at your farm on Rt17 and helped you pick up all the hay in a rain storm that you have just baled. Then a couple years down the road you helped me with my first Hotrod. It was in December I believe, when we decided to replace my rusty floor pans in my 68 Camaro. Then after we welded them into the car, you looked over your foggy glasses and said Joe, we will never do that again and started laughing. It was at that time you taught me a lesson to hold on to what you love and keep it to the end. As the years passed us by I got to help and learn on many of your hotrods and tractors. A year ago you helped me start my new firewood business. I want to thank you for all the help. I will keep my promise to you Kenny and continue to stop and help Flo with what ever she needs and keep her safe. You will always be in my heart. Kenny you will never be forgotten. Job well done my friend, Godspeed. Love the LaCost family*

Joe LaCost - December 11, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ 99 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schreffler Funeral Home - December 08, 2021 at 12:12 PM

TR

“ *I had already posted on Facebook how much an influence Kenny was on me. I can say he was a big reason I was in country bands which led me to play country music for 27+ years. I use to just stand and admire him doing the Outlaw songs and Elvis. Him, Charlie and Clarice thrilled many country fans for many years. Yes! I have their album still. Last year I had called Kenny and let him know he was a big influence on my music career. So glad I did. Loved ya Kenny! Oh and Chuck G. if you read this you also were an influence on me and Cory.*

Tim Rehmer - December 07, 2021 at 11:09 AM

CM

“ *Kenny worked wit my husband Jim at General Mills. ,Henkel. We would go watch him play his music at the Hawaiian. Great man*

Connie Malone - December 01, 2021 at 01:15 PM

DA

“ *Kenny was the best bonus Dad . You will be missed deeply .
All my love to Flo and his girls .*

Danielle - November 30, 2021 at 05:53 PM

SH

“ *A great guy to work with. Always a gentleman and kind and a good
sense of humor.*

Sharon Hughes - November 30, 2021 at 01:40 PM

BP

“ *Billy Patton lit a candle in memory of Kenneth
"Kenny" Swinford*



Billy Patton - November 29, 2021 at 08:32 PM