



Gary David Swanger

February 3, 1948 - September 15, 2018

Gary David Swanger of Moore, South Carolina, passed away on Saturday, September 15th, 2018 at the age of 70. Gary was a remarkable Christian man who loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren. He was a member at Taylors First Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and Life Group Leader of Co-Ed 17. He graduated from Charleston Southern University and worked for the J.M. Tull Metals Company for thirty years. He was a founder and co-owner of Carolina Metal Supply in Duncan, SC.

Mr. Swanger was born on February 3, 1948 to the late Thomas and Dortha Swanger in Waynesville, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Stephanie Shull Swanger; children Michael and wife Becky of Knoxville, TN; Jason and wife Kelly of Spartanburg, SC; Stephen and wife Alex of Savannah, GA; grandchildren, Ethan, Samuel, Averie, Adah, Reagan and Sydney; sister Brenda Cleveland of Fountain Inn, SC; and close family friend Bill Knapp.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at The Wood Mortuary Chapel conducted by Rev. Jerry Long. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at The Wood Mortuary. A graveside service for family and friends will be held immediately following the service at Mountain Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, Greenville, SC.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box

3000, Boone, NC 28607 or the Taylors First Baptist Church Mission Fund, 200
W. Main St., Taylors, SC 29687.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Mountain Creek Baptist Church Cemetery

255 West Mountain Creek Church Road
Greenville, SC 29609

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

The Wood Mortuary, Inc.
300 West Poinsett Street
Greer, SC 29650
(864) 877-3351
woodmortuary@bellsouth.net

Service

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Gary was one of the finest men we have ever known. From being a co-teacher of Co-ED 17 as well as a member of Ken's Thursday Bible Study, we have experienced his love for the Lord, his family, and friends. Since I was diagnosed with bone marrow cancer nine years ago, he always took the opportunity to tell me that he prayed for me every day, so I feel as if I have lost a dear friend and prayer warrior. We both are really just still in disbelief that cancer ultimately took his life so suddenly. We have been and will continue to pray for Stephanie and his family. Ken and Cathy Sepko

Cathy Sepko - September 19, 2018 at 02:20 PM

CK

“ Dear Swanger Family

Gary was a great person and was always upbeat and positive. We worked together at J M Tull and he always had the customer in mind and a servants heart. His associates liked working for him and with him.

Gary was a great Man with a Christian character. I truly miss him, I know he is in a better place with God.

Chip Kennedy

Chip Kennedy - September 18, 2018 at 05:08 PM

WF

“ *William F. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary David Swanger.*



William F. - September 18, 2018 at 10:08 AM

PC

“ *To: Stephanie, Michael, Jason, Stephen, all 6 grandchildren and Brenda,*

So sorry for your loss. I have kept up with Gary and his family all through the years through Brenda. She and I are great friends and as friends do we hear each others family joys and sorrows. She loves you all so much and is so proud of her brother, your father. She is proud of each of you too.

Gary's life spoke not only to his family and friends but to people who just knew him a little through others. You can be very proud that God shared him with you all these years. His life was a loud voice for his belief in Christ.

*Sincerely, Ann Culberson
Aiken, SC*

Phyllis Ann Culberson - September 18, 2018 at 09:49 AM

BW

“ *Dear Stephanie and Family,*

Gary was a devoted Christian brother and gifted teacher of God's word and as members of Co-Ed 17 we all will miss him and will be praying for you and the family.

You are in our prayers,

Bill & Sherri Watson

Bill & Sherri Watson - September 18, 2018 at 09:25 AM

SW

“ *Gary was the kindest man I knew. He was funny and I enjoyed and laughed at all of his stories. He was always encouraging and made myself and my son Dawson feel like I was just another extension of his family. I love the Swanger family and will continue to pray for them.*

Sabrina Wease - September 17, 2018 at 09:03 PM

RA

“ Dear Stephanie,

Gary was such a rock and a true joy to be around. He was always insightful during our '

Thursday morning discussions at Chick- Fil- A and I personally enjoyed listening to his commits and always enjoyed his Sunday School lessons when he taught. I consider myself fortunate to call Gary my friend. I am truly going to miss Gary but just know that I will keep you and your family in my prayers in the days and weeks ahead. May the good Lord give you a peace that goes beyond our understanding.

Randy Mayfield

Randy - September 17, 2018 at 04:52 PM

AL

“ Gary was a great Christian brother. He was one of the three teachers of Co-Ed 17 Life Group Class when Jean and I came to Taylors FBC and joined the class. He was one of the first to welcome us. I later became part of a group of men from the class in a Bible study at Chick-fil-A every other Thursday morning with Gary. He in later years asked me to join him as a teacher of Co-Ed 17. I love Gary as a friend and brother in Christ. The example he lived had a great impact on my life. He will be sorely missed. May God give his family and friends the peace that passes all understanding in your time of sorrow. Jean and I will continuously have you in our prayers.

Allen and Jean Gilstrap

Allen - September 17, 2018 at 02:51 PM

DP

“ *Dear Stephanie and Family:*

We are so sorry for the sudden and unexpected loss of Gary. Please know that we are praying for all of you as you mourn his loss. He was a great friend and devoted teacher of our Sunday School class for many years.

Dan and Jean Patten

Dan and Jean Patten - September 17, 2018 at 02:33 PM

LM

“ *We have been blessed by Gary's friendship and teaching in Coed 17 Life Group at Taylors First Baptist Church. We will miss him greatly. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Sincerely, Luis and Dianne Moreno*

Luis and Dianne Moreno - September 17, 2018 at 01:30 PM