



David Wilborn Swaim

August 25, 1956 - April 1, 2026

David Wilborn Swaim, 69, of Salisbury, died peacefully at home on April 1, 2026.

Born August 25, 1956 in Asheboro, NC, he was the son of the late Elinor Henderson Swaim and Wilborn Sink Swaim. He graduated from Woodberry Forest High School Class of 1974 and from Davidson College in 1978. He worked for Carolina Beverage Corporation/Cheerwine and truly loved his job. He was an Eagle Scout, a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church, and a charter member of Rowan Rotary. He was involved with Communities In Schools and served on the Rowan Public Library Foundation Board.

David was a master of the grill, a man whose favorite pastime was bushhogging, and the only person to ever actually enjoy standing in line at the DMV. He could answer any question and repair just about anything. He was patient, generous, methodical, and kind. He was stubborn, but that came alongside a fierce determination to power through any challenge that was thrown his way. He never complained and found a way to be happy no matter where he was, but he was most content outdoors. He enjoyed golfing, camping, and being on the river.

David was unbelievably selfless and he spent his life doing things for others. He loved people; he was curious, thoughtful, and a great listener. He was easy to be around, and it was impossible not to get along with him. His calm, quiet nature provided balance to the lives of those around him. David was the

kind of person that doesn't take up space or draw attention to himself, yet a room feels empty without his presence.

He was loved deeply by everyone in his life. David adored his family and the time he got to spend with them. His joy came from being around those he loved. Those of us that were lucky enough to know and love him will miss him terribly.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Marianna Hampton Swaim, whom he married May 12, 1984; daughters, Allison Charlotte Swaim of Durham, NC and Devereaux Hunter (Alex) of Shelby, NC; son, Ian Swaim (Brooke) of Foxfire, NC; sister, Moffett Churn (Ted) of Catonsville, MD; brother, Doug Swaim (Kathy Brown) of Little Switzerland, NC; and grandson, Hampton Lee Swaim.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday (April 8) at First Presbyterian Church of Salisbury. A reception will follow the service.

Memorials may be made to the Elinor Henderson Swaim Endowment at Rowan County Public Library or to Rowan Helping Ministries. If you have memories or stories of David to share, the family would love to hear them – please contact Allison at allison.swaim@gmail.com or 704-647-1479.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Swaim family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
308 W. Fisher St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Reception to follow service

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ Every time I saw David, he always a smile and a very positive attitude. A smile that grew brighter when he spoke about his family. He will be missed but please take comfort in all the great memories you shared.

Peter Cashin - April 07 at 06:28 PM

RC

“ Respectfully, Pete Cashin purchased the Florist C hoice Bouquet for the family of David Wilborn Swaim.



Respectfully, Pete Cashin - April 07 at 06:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Wilborn Swaim.

April 07 at 12:46 PM

LG

“ Livermore Grain purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of David Wilborn Swaim.



Livermore Grain - April 07 at 11:36 AM

PF

“ Perdue Agribusiness Family & Friends purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of David Wilborn Swaim.



Perdue Agribusiness Family & Friends - April 07 at 11:31 AM

PF

“ Perdue Agribusiness Family & Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wilborn Swaim.

Perdue Agribusiness Family & Friends - April 07 at 11:31 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Wilborn Swaim.

April 07 at 09:09 AM

FW

“ David was such a joy to be around. I remember him, Ian and my son Alex getting held an extra day after a Boyscout trip to Philmont. They all three had to stay an extra night due to a flight error. David was so kind to take our son, Alex to a baseball game in Phoenix that evening. David made sure he was fed and entertained and back home the next day. David will be missed. Thinking of you all.

Frances Weant - April 07 at 09:02 AM

KT

“ Kamaya & Shamia Truitt purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David Wilborn Swaim.



Kamaya & Shamia Truitt - April 07 at 07:44 AM

TF

“ The Noel Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Wilborn Swaim.



The Noel Family - April 06 at 09:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Wilborn Swaim.

April 06 at 07:30 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Wilborn Swaim.



April 06 at 07:30 PM

GT

“ Gary and Rhonda Tibbs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wilborn Swaim.

Gary and Rhonda Tibbs - April 06 at 05:06 PM

GT

“ Gary and Rhonda Tibbs purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Wilborn Swaim.



Gary and Rhonda Tibbs - April 06 at 05:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Wilborn Swaim.

April 06 at 08:35 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of David Wilborn Swaim.



April 06 at 08:35 AM

LE

“ *As a longtime friend of Devereaux and Alex, I fondly remember David as a loving husband and a proud father. He was a kind man with a measured blend of grace and common sense. I know he will be deeply missed!*

Luke Ennis - April 05 at 09:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Wilborn Swaim.*



April 05 at 09:55 PM