



## Richard D. Swift

February 10, 1946 - July 14, 2020

Dateline: Godfrey

Richard D. Swift, 74, passed away at home July 14, 2020 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Born in Cheyenne, Wyoming on February 10, 1946, Richard was the son of the late Clarence and Dorothy (McManus) Swift. Richard graduated from Alton High School and Indiana University where he was a high jumper on the Indiana Track Team. His lifetime passion was bass fishing. He also enjoyed hunting Indian artifacts and spending winters in Florida. Prior to retirement in 2009, he was a salesman for Faster, Inc., Milan, Italy. He traveled extensively in the U.S., Canada and Europe. On June 8, 1968 Richard and Kathleen (Gifford) were married in Bloomington, IN. She survives. Their children include, Elizabeth Kincade (Alan) of Bethalto and Emily Swift-Wise of Weldon Springs, MO. His favorite people are his grandchildren, Nicholas Ritchie and Jacob and Isabelle Wise. Richard will also be sorely missed by his older brother, Ray (Martha) Swift of West Frankfort. Also surviving are numerous cousins throughout Missouri and Wisconsin and his brother-in-law, Gregory Gifford of Des Peres, MO. He was preceded in death by his younger brother, Mark. The family especially thanks BJC Hospice nurses for their special dedication. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Father Jeremy Paulin, OMV will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials in Richard's name may be made to the

Salvation Army or the 5A's of Alton. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
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## Funeral

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D. Swift*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Richard D. Swift*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *So very sorry Kathy, to you and to all your loved ones. 🥹 Mary Clark Beers*

**Mary Clark Beers** - September 12, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ *I am really sorry for Richard's passing. Kathy, I will always remember the night at our house in D'Adrian when Richard was trying to train our dog Muffet and all the dog did was run in a circle around the living room while Richard kept saying, "Sit, Muffet, sit."*

**Denny Cook** - July 18, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Wishing God's Peace for my Uncle Richard and sending much Love. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." –Matthew 5:9*

**Stephanie** - July 18, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard D. Swift.*



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July 17, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ *Sorry for the loss of your loved one .I didn't know Richard ,but we had a lot in common .I to was born in 1946 .I live across the street from Bethany cemetery and before they put homes on the east side of the cemetery ,I hunted for arrowheads in the field east of the cemetery .*

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**Ronald Frost** - July 16, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ *Kathy, I'm so sorry. Thinking of you and your family, Joan Edwards*

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**Joan Edwards** - July 16, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *Evelyn Jamison - "EJ" - State Farm purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Richard D. Swift.*



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**Evelyn Jamison - "EJ" - State Farm** - July 16, 2020 at 03:20 PM

RC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Russ & Kathy Colona - July 15, 2020 at 11:01 PM

BS

*My sincere sympathy to Kathy and family, for God's loving embrace for Comfort & Peace!*

**Bobbette Stumpf** - July 15, 2020 at 11:08 PM

JC

*We are so sorry to learn of the death of Richard. It is so sad to lose a husband and father. We remember him when you lived across the street from us.*

**Judith Colburn** - July 16, 2020 at 11:03 AM

AC

*My sympathy and prayers for Kathy, the family, and friends of Richard. I remember him from high school. He was such a good person. God bless you all.*

**Ann Whetzel Chandler** - July 16, 2020 at 03:16 PM

LD

“ Laurie Doyle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard D. Swift.



**Laurie Doyle** - July 15, 2020 at 10:44 PM

CE

“ Beth, Nick and family, We are deeply saddened by the news of your father and grandfathers passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this most difficult time.

Chad and Mandi Elfgen - July 15, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard D. Swift.



July 15, 2020 at 08:26 PM



“ Kurtis Barks lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Swift



Kurtis Barks - July 15, 2020 at 08:08 PM

MA

“ Kathy, I am so sorry for your loss. You were always that “Special” couple that everyone admired. My deepest sympathy.

Mickie Admire

Mickie Admire - July 15, 2020 at 08:05 PM

ML

“ *Mel Lewis lit a candle in memory of Richard D. Swift*



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**mel lewis** - July 15, 2020 at 07:24 PM

JC

“ *So very sorry for your family. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayer. JudyClark*

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**Judy Clark** - July 15, 2020 at 06:48 PM