



Donald M. Swanberg

November 28, 1930 - January 22, 2021

Donald M. Swanberg (90) of Laurel, Mississippi, died Friday, January 22, 2021. A graveside service will be held Friday, January 29, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Lake Park Hills Cemetery in Laurel.

Pallbearers are Leonard Busby, Stan Burton, Scott Voge, Brian Hoda, Ronnie Butts, and Bobby Stevens. Honorary pallbearers are Randy Blakeney, Judge Charles Pickering, Billy Sumrall, William Wells, Ron Fredin, Terry Moore, Roy Ward, Risher Caves, and Dr. Eric Lindstrom. Reverend Ben B. James, Jr., and Reverend Randy Turner will officiate.

Don was born and spent his early years in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was a member of Park Avenue Covenant Church. He attended Minnehaha Academy, where he lettered in football and became editor of the high school newspaper. He attended the University of Minnesota and entered into the field of Radio Broadcasting, which included a position as staff announcer with KTIS-FM, Northwestern College in Minneapolis, during the tenure of Rev. Billy Graham as college president. He continued his broadcast career with WCCO-CBS and WMMR radio in Minneapolis.

A United States Air Force veteran, Don served with the Fifth Air Force in Korea and also the Eighth Air Force Strategic Air Command at Carswell Air Force Base in Texas. After the Korean conflict, he acquired his commercial

pilot's certificate. He was employed with Northwest Airlines for a number of years and in 1961 moved to Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, as a pilot for a Florida land company. The years that followed included positions in the advertising field, where he held directorships with the Fort Walton Beach, Florida, newspaper, with Sears for 13 years, as well as other newspapers in the South. He also served as a pilot for the Civil Air Patrol in Laurel, flying search and rescue missions.

Don was a member of First Baptist Church in Laurel, serving in the Sanctuary Choir and also as a director in the television ministry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin E. Swanberg of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and his sister, Mrs. Esther Peterson, also of Minneapolis.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Skelton Swanberg of Laurel; daughter Page Swanberg of Seattle, Washington; son Erick Swanberg, wife Teresa, and grandson Dane of Enterprise, Alabama; two favorite nephews, Bruce Peterson, Brian Peterson and wife Sue; and favorite niece, Mrs. Lynette Palmgren and husband Bob from St. Paul, Minnesota. He also leaves step-daughters, Ann Adele Blackledge and grandson Abel Nettles of Pass Christian, Mississippi; and Laura Leigh James and husband Rev. Ben B. James of Laurel, Mississippi.

To view and sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapel laurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Park Hills Cemetery

2806 Emmy Dr.
Laurel, MS 39440

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

PW

“ Judith, Brian and I are so very sorry to hear this sad news. Don was a wonderful person and you were so perfect together. We still love all the great videos Don created for so many May Day’s. Sending you love and prayers

Perri Boteler Wood - February 02, 2021 at 07:28 PM

SC

“ Charles and I have enjoyed being neighbors of Don and Judith. Years ago when our son was in Judith’s third grade class Mr. Swanberg (Don) entertained the class by playing his accordion. Later during our Children’s St John’s years he expertly videoed for the school it’s May Day programs for several years. I enjoyed conversations with Don. I especially enjoyed him telling of the time when he was a boy that he saw Lawrence Welk play in person (before there was a Lawrence Welk Show, when Lawrence Welk was young) and Don decided that he wanted to learn to play the accordion, and he did. He will be missed. Deepest sympathy and love to Judith and family. Susan Cannon

Susan Cannon - January 29, 2021 at 12:37 PM

RI

“ Robin Ishee lit a candle in memory of Donald M. Swanberg



Robin Ishee - January 28, 2021 at 07:40 PM

RR

“ *Renee Mott Russell lit a candle in memory of Donald M. Swanberg*



Renee mott Russell - January 28, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald M. Swanberg.*



January 28, 2021 at 02:07 AM

HP

“ *Praying for the Swanberg family. So very sorry.*
Helen Pilgrim



Helen Pilgrim - January 27, 2021 at 05:13 PM

PR

“ *Patti G. Reaves lit a candle in memory of Donald M. Swanberg*



Patti G. Reaves - January 27, 2021 at 11:34 AM

FC

“ Remembering all of you during this time. Keep looking to God for strength and faith.
Love and prayers,
Ralph and Fay Campbell

Fay C. Campbell - January 27, 2021 at 11:23 AM

FM

“ Freddie And Carolyn Moore lit a candle in memory of Donald M. Swanberg



Freddie and Carolyn Moore - January 27, 2021 at 05:45 AM

JB

“ Rest In Peace Don Swanberg. We will miss you, but heaven has got a great man. We are praying for all of the family. Judy, we love y'all.
Janie and Ronnie Butts



Janie Butts - January 26, 2021 at 10:58 PM

AB

“ Ann Adele Blackledge lit a candle in memory of Donald M. Swanberg



Ann Adele Blackledge - January 26, 2021 at 09:22 PM

AM

“ *Judith and Family,
John and I were so sorry to hear of Don’s death! Every occasion we
ever had to be with him exemplified his sterling character! Please be
assured of our continuing prayers for you!*

Ann McGraw - January 26, 2021 at 05:32 PM

BC

“ *Bryan And Debbie Compton lit a candle in
memory of Donald M. Swanberg*



Bryan and Debbie Compton - January 25, 2021 at 08:38 PM

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“ *Bryan And Debbie Compton lit a candle in
memory of Donald M. Swanberg*



Bryan and Debbie Compton - January 25, 2021 at 08:29 PM

GW

“ *Gail Welch lit a candle in memory of Donald
M. Swanberg*



Gail Welch - January 23, 2021 at 05:32 PM