



Lamar "Swish" Swisher

December 8, 2021

Lamar "Swish" Swisher, 87, of Columbia, PA, passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at Luther Acres in Lititz, PA. He was born to the late Anna Swisher in Shamokin, PA, and was married to Mary (Rust) Swisher.

Lamar served in the U.S. Army and Navy Reserves as a medical technician. He retired from Armstrong World Industries as an industrial waste treatment operator and also worked at the National Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia. During retirement, Lamar worked part time as a bailiff for Lancaster County Court. He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Lancaster, Columbia Lions Club, honorary member of Lancaster Liederkranz, and many Columbia organizations. Lamar volunteered with Hospice & Community Care. He was an avid Penn State Football Fan.

Lamar is survived by his cherished wife, Mary; four treasured children, Donna Brubaker (Scott), Mark Swisher (Terri), James Swisher (Mary Ellen), and Mary Ellen Kilp (Robert); nine beloved grandchildren, Ryan, Adam, Eric, Abigail, Daniel, Rebecca, David, Matthew, Samuel; and three adored great-grandchildren, Amelia, Evelyn, Emmeline.

Friends and family are invited to the Funeral Mass at St. John's Episcopal Church, 321 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA, 17603, on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. The family will receive friends during a

reception at the Lancaster Liederkrantz, 722 S. Chiques Road, Manheim, PA, on Monday from 4-7:00 p.m. Masks are required.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Lamar's name can be made to St. John's Episcopal Church.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 2:30 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
321 W. Chestnut Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall



“ Lamar "Swish" Swisher

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ Cougar and Mary Ellen were always welcoming to us as friends of Jim, he will be missed, Rest In Peace. Mark Nitroy

mark nitroy - December 13, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ We peeled potatoes for the Octoberfest for many years together!

Zach - December 13, 2021 at 03:52 PM

MW

“ Dearest Cousin, Mary and Family: Donna, Jim, Mark, and Mary Ellen and your Families,

Texas is so far ! I wish so very much that we could be there for you and for Swish's funeral in St. John's Episcopal Church. I know the service will be beautiful and solemn; and afterwards, he will be celebrated at Lancaster Liederkrantz, where you all have such wonderful memories !

Mine are much like my sister, Becky's: going to Mary and Swish's wedding, and dyeing Easter eggs. Family is important and whenever there was an event, "Swish" made sure they could be there. He drove his family down to Wilmington for Ralph's and my wedding 52 years ago. When my sisters and I took Mom on several memory trips, Swish was there with Mary to attend church with us at The Cathedral Church of St. John in Wilmington, Delaware and have brunch at the Hotel duPont. Special moments !

I remember another one when we visited you after taking Mike to The Naval Academy. It was a great visit at your home on Chestnut Street and getting to see Donna and the family. It was especially great to see Aunt Drucie.

I know you all will be there for each other and share lots of stories that bring smiles, maybe some tears, and giggles. "Swish" will be in your midst!

*All our Love,
Marcia and Ralph*

Marcia Wimer - December 11, 2021 at 05:37 PM

LB

“ Love, Marcia Wimer & Sisters Joyce & Becky purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lamar "Swish" Swisher.



Love, Marcia Wimer & Sisters Joyce & Becky - December 11, 2021 at 04:11 PM

DD

“ Dave Doutrich purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lamar "Swish" Swisher.



Dave Doutrich - December 10, 2021 at 07:42 PM

DD

“ I am sorry to hear about Lamar he will be missed by many. My condolences to the family
i am sorry i can not attend the service due to a previous obligation on Monday. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Rest in peace SWISH

Dave Doutrich

Dave Doutrich - December 10, 2021 at 07:32 PM

BA

“ My memories of Mary and Swish go way back to just before they were married! Our dad and mom (Beverly & Zenobia) would bring along us four LaDage girls to decorate those Hinkle Easter eggs at Aunt Drucie & Uncle Jim’s house. Those were the best of times! I remember our whole family attended the wedding , too! Now time has passed with all the matriarchs and patriarchs gone and now we’ve lost Swish. I remember coming to Mary Ellen’s wedding and Swish dancing the Polka with me. Boy, was I winded!! It was a hoot. And when I got remarried, cousin Mary , Swish, & Aunt Drucie had us (Becky & her husband Jim) over for brunch before we returned home to Virginia. Swish took my Jim to the clockworks! It was quite impressive. Your family is loved and held in the highest regard by all of us. Please accept our sincerest sympathy.

We love you all❤️

Becky, Jim, Heather Lynn, Shannon, Heather Ray & Kimberly and all the 9 grandchildren who will forever remember our Easter traditions of Hinkle eggs and all the family history and stories that go with those traditions! ❤️💕❤️

Becky LaDage Alexander - December 10, 2021 at 04:43 PM

PB

“ I would like to send my condolences to the family- we always heard so many family stories from Donna (we call her "Swish," too!) at work and I know he will be greatly missed. Wishing you all God's comfort, peace, and strength at this difficult time.

Patricia Ann Burkhart - December 10, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lamar "Swish" Swisher.*



December 10, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Irena lit a candle in memory of Lamar "Swish" Swisher*



Irena - December 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Lamar's passing. One of the things I loved about working at the Courthouse was getting to see his smiling face. You will be missed Lamar. Rest in Peace my friend.*

*Tammy Martin
former Secretary to Judge Leslie Gorbey*

Tamela Martin - December 10, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ I never met Cousin Lamar, but I remember my Dad, Herb Swisher, Jr. talking about him over the years at times. Dad is gone now and has been for many years, gone too soon.

Reading Lamar's obit and other's memories tells me that they had a lot in common! Those Swisher family traits. I wish you all much peace as you move through this adjustment in your lives without your cherished Lamar. My prayers to you all,
Katherine E. Swisher



Katherine Swisher - December 10, 2021 at 05:04 AM

MG

“ The infectious smile and sparkle in his eye always was such a joy to behold. Now off times at the German klub we would team up getting chores done. One time we were out prepping for a fest and collecting and transporting tables from the shed and Pauls words of Mike you do the lifting and ladders Gottcha hey pappy you drive the golf cart I will be the gopher!! Aye Aye Mike so we load her down and I go to the rear to steady the load!! Now he could be a talker and off we go down the lawn to the fest grounds dodging people tents and quickly he sees a short cut opening. Yup he made the tight squeeze between flagpoles but forgot about his gopher and tables. Steve is shouting doing a wave off Paul is holding his head NOOO! Well close but no cigar for Lamar clips the tables and they spill out taking the unsuspecting gopher. Well his posture getting off the cart to see he didnt damage the tables suddenly he is aware Mike is under the pile. Well for years we joked about this incident with good humor retaliating I know some good lawyers Mike I get you in touch!! Poor mom she gave us the stink eye! God love you Lamar and family!! I so enjoyed this man very much!!! Peace
Michael Gammache

Michael Gammache - December 09, 2021 at 04:53 PM

HH

“ My favorite memory of your dad is when he strongly encouraged me to dance a polka with him at Mary Ellen and Bob’s wedding reception at the Liederkrantz. Now I had no clue how to polka but he said “just follow my lead!” So I did and it was one of the funnest times I had dancing ever!

Thinking of all you at this time and sending prayers. May all your wonderful memories carry you through this difficult time.

Hilary Hershey - December 09, 2021 at 11:19 AM