



## Elbie "Buddy" Swindle

December 25, 1945 - July 18, 2025

Elbie "Buddy" Swindle, 79, of Goodlettsville, TN, passed away July 18, 2025. He is preceded in death by his parents, DW & Erva Swindle and siblings, Delores Aldred and Charlie Swindle.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Kathryn "Kathy" Hatcher Swindle; children, Jeffrey Swindle, Melanie Swindle and Jon Swindle; grandchildren, Jonathan Adabi, Joseph Adabi, Jon Wesley Swindle, Sawyer Ray Swindle, Addison Swindle, Madelynn Hamade, Kristopher Hamade and Emmi Hamade; siblings, Jimmy Swindle, Betty Nixon Glaeser, Loretta Gassaway, David W. Swindle and Linda Ryder; many loving nieces and nephews, loyal friends and his bluegrass family.

Visitation will be from 1:00 pm until time of service at 3:00 pm, Sunday August 10, 2025, at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jason Thompson, Paul Douglas, Chris Flatt, Larry Darks, Johnny Lucas, James Hitchman, Gary Sharp, Ed Sircy, Trey Sherrod and Ron Nollner. Interment to follow at Spring Hill Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Spring Hill Cemetery

5110 Gallatin Rd.  
Nashville, TN 37216

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 10. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home  
2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216  
Nashville, TN 37216

## Memorial Service

AUG 10. 3:00 PM (CT)

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home  
2707 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN US 37216  
Nashville, TN 37216

# Tribute Wall



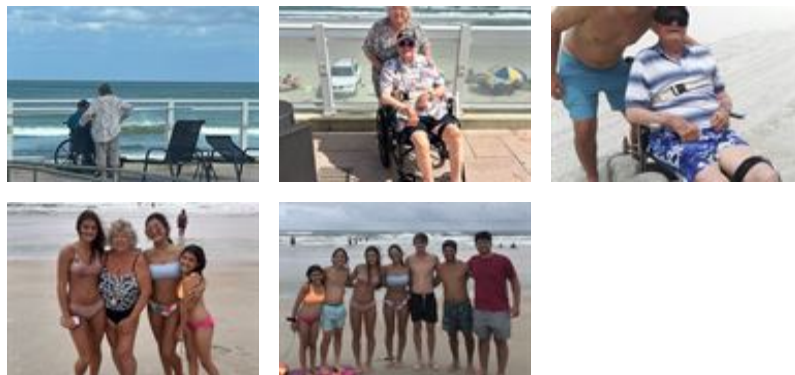
“ *Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle*



**Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home** - August 10, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ *165 files added to the album LifeTributes*



**Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home** - August 08, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ 176 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home** - August 08, 2025 at 01:41 PM

MF

“ *Mike and Melanie Cooper and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle.*



**Mike and Melanie Cooper and family** - August 07, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle.

August 07, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle.*



August 07, 2025 at 03:16 PM

TD

“ The Moshgelani Family (Maie and Daie) purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle.



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**The Moshgelani Family (Maie and Daie)** - August 07, 2025 at 12:32 AM

TD

“ The Moshgelani Family (Maie and Daie) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle.

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**The Moshgelani Family (Maie and Daie)** - August 07, 2025 at 12:32 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle.

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August 06, 2025 at 11:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle.



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August 06, 2025 at 11:40 PM



“ *Judy Meadows West lit a candle in memory of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle*



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**Judy Meadows West** - August 06, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle.

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July 29, 2025 at 11:17 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Elbie "Buddy" Swindle.*



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July 29, 2025 at 11:17 PM

RD

“Buddy will forever be Chief Pickem All Night to me and my family. In spite of being an OG “Rude Dog”, Buddy was probably one of the kindest guys I’ve ever known. Genuine good hearted soul. I always enjoy the chemistry with Buddy and Snake at Camp Rude. They were like the resident , Good Cop/Bad Cop duo. Newbies would come through and Snake got a kick out of being Rude and leaving people wondering if they were welcome or even safe 🤔. Buddy would always smooth it over with his warm grin and make people feel welcome. Once they stuck around for a bit the theme of Camp Rude made sense. It was just a group of friends who shared a love for the music and the party surrounding it was simply Time Off for Bad Behavior. We all have to be polite , politically correct , conform to the norms of society all year and Camp Rude was a place you could come and do what you want , say what you want , and not care what anyone thinks about it and it was all set to the soundtrack of some of the best music on planet earth. That Music was all being made by an ever evolving group of friends they were more like family. Camp Rude was one of those rare magical places that you met people and became instant friends after a couple years you were family. It’s hard to describe but after knowing Buddy for only a couple years, never meeting his wife or going to his home , I always knew if I was in the area and needed a place to stay that Buddy would have a place on his couch for me. After meeting Kathy at Snake’s memorial she was 100% exactly the type of woman I knew Buddy would be married to. It takes special people to create a place like Camp Rude and Buddy and Snake (along with many others of the OG Rude Dogs) have taught multiple generations how to kick up their heels and have a good time while still being good people and valuing what’s really important, friends , family, and music. If Heaven has an HR department I know Buddy and Snake will be frequent fliers but I have no doubt they both have us a hill up there with bucket lights on, and playing the Martha White and PET milk theme songs waiting for us all to join them. They can breathe , dance , and act a fool again and for that I’m happy for them. I’ll miss them until I see them again. The Swindle family will always have family in Indiana with the Langley’s. Love you all and you’ll be

*in our prayers.*

***RUDE DOG!***



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**Rude Dog** - July 27, 2025 at 02:06 PM

PL

“ *So much of my childhood memories are filled with the times I spent at the Swindle house. Buddy and Charlie were so mischievous, and those times were so much fun. Times were so different back then. Times spent with them will always be etched in my memory. You were well loved my cousin Buddy. Your life was blessed.*

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**Patricia Carter Lewis** - July 26, 2025 at 08:56 AM

DC

“ *Buddy was a very dear friend of mine we had many good times at bluegrass festivals especially BeanBlossom he will be missed so much he was part of the rude dogs we played music all night and all day for many many days lots of fun I will miss you so much Buddy may you rest in peace I will see you on the other side. Your friend ,Don*

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**Donald R Clark** - July 25, 2025 at 08:14 PM

HA

“ I met Buddy through shared business 20+ years ago and always enjoyed our interactions. He was always eager to serve and treated everyone with respect. I’m saddened by his passing but know we’ll see each other again for the faith we shared. Prayers lifted for the entire family.

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**Henry Arellano** - July 25, 2025 at 05:00 PM

ES

“ I first met Buddy in Sunday School; maybe 1951 or 1952 and reconnected with him in junior high and high school. He was an easy guy to like because of his big smile and friendliness. He was the “Richie” of our high school “Happy Days” group and was well respected and liked but everyone who knew him. Go rest high on that mountain my friend, you will be missed.  
Ed Sircy

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**Ed Sircy** - July 24, 2025 at 07:05 PM

JL

I met Buddy when I moved up the street from him in the summer between my first and second grade.  
We became lifelong friends.  
We were baptized the same night when we were 16 years old.  
His mother was like a second mother to me.  
I kinda liked his cousin Peggy too !  
I was with Buddy the first time he ever saw the girl that would become his wife. He told me that he was going to marry her and he did.  
We remained friends all these years. On my birthday each we got together and Buddy bought the beer, when it was his birthday I bought the beer.  
We were both big bluegrass fans.  
I miss you big guy !  
Johnny Lucas

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**Johnny Lucas** - July 25, 2025 at 05:14 PM

PD

“ *Ive known Buddy all his life. We were cousins but more than that, we were lifelong friends. I will miss him*

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**Peggy Dill** - July 22, 2025 at 02:01 PM