



## Mr. Edward Swindle

March 13, 1930 - February 2, 2024

Ed Swindle, 93, of Dover, FL passed away peacefully on Friday, February 2, 2024. Ed is survived by the love of his life Myrtle Lou Swindle, whom he was married to for 73 years. He is also survived by sons Larry (Debbie) Swindle of Lake Wales/Plant City and Rodney Swindle of Marianna. Grandchildren include Stephanie Conrad (Jason), Jonathan Swindle, Alysha Edenfield (Nick), Kimberly Cooksey (Stewart). His greatest joy were his great-grandchildren Anna Conrad, Madilyn Worten (Andrew), Shalee Conrad, Ava Swindle, Tucker Conrad, Gauge Edenfield, Alli Jo Swindle, Timberlynn Barber, and Aubrey Edenfield.

Ed was strongly rooted in his faith and lived his life to exemplify his love of Jesus. He was an active member at First Baptist Church of Dover, where he has served as a deacon, Sunday school director and teacher. He also worked as a part of various committees at the church, helped start the Dover Rod Run, and was always the first to lend a hand when growth was needing to be addressed.

Ed was the epitome of hard-work, dedication and tenacity. These traits were developed and grew at an early age. He is a proud veteran of the Marine Corps, serving in the Korean War. He loved his country and was committed to doing his part to make sure things were left better for the next generation.

Ed graduated from Plant City High School. He held several positions – including apprentice – at an insulation company in Tampa. He eventually purchased the company, and it evolved into ESI Group, an industrial insulation, scaffolding, and sheet metal contractor whose primary customer was power- generating facilities in Florida and the Southeast. Ed was committed to being actively involved in various trade associations, serving in a variety of leadership positions and earning numerous awards for that service.

Ed was a lifelong Agriculturalist. He was involved in agriculture in one way or another since his family moved to Hillsborough County from Davenport in 1932. His father grew fruit and vegetables and handed down a love of farming to his son. Throughout his life Ed has owned and operated numerous acres of tomatoes, strawberries, orange trees and timber, in Hillsborough, Jackson and Calhoun Counties. He was an active part in management and operations, even when he went to work in the insulation field. Ed also was an avid outdoorsman, sharing his love of hunting, fishing and conservation with his family. This legacy lives on today through his sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Over the years Ed has worked hard to support various causes - youth involved in agriculture, education, the local hospitals in Marianna and Plant City, the Florida Strawberry Festival, Warner University, the Florida FFA Organization and Foundation, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and more. Ed has been honored and recognized for his contributions to his community in a variety of ways. In 2010, he received both the Plant City Chamber of Commerce's Good Egg Award and the Citizen of the Year Award. Farm Credit of Central Florida honored Ed with the Support of Youth and Agriculture Award in 2012, and the Hillsborough County Fair awarded his family with the Farm Family of the Year in 2012. Ed received the Honorary State FFA Degree in 2010 for his contribution to Florida agriculture and FFA. He was inducted into the Florida FFA Hall of Fame in 2013. Ed's dedication to

giving back to his community will allow his legacy to live on forever.

Arrangements to honor the life of Mr. Ed Swindle will be:

Visitation - Thursday, February 8th from 6-8 pm at First Baptist Church of Dover

Services - Friday, February 9th at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church of Dover.  
Committal to follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches. Expressions of condolences at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Dover Cemetery

3223 Gallagher Road  
Dover, FL 33527  
<http://firstbaptistdover.org>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Dover  
3223 Gallagher Rd  
Dover, FL 33527  
(813) 719-2273

## Funeral Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Edward Swindle



Hopewell Funeral Home - February 07, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ My father, Gilbert Smith, loved working for Mr. Swindle, thankful for over 35 yrs with the company. They were dear friends, as well. Rest well... I'm sure my dad was right there to greet you!!! Prayers for Mrs. Myrtle and family.

Sheila Smith Hand - February 11, 2024 at 10:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Swindle.



February 08, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ Tim & Sharon Morris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Edward Swindle.

Tim & Sharon Morris - February 08, 2024 at 02:51 PM

BR

“ Brad, Shirley, Katie, Jonathan & RC purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Edward Swindle.



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**Brad, Shirley, Katie, Jonathan & RC** - February 08, 2024 at 01:33 PM

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**Brad, Shirley, Katie, Jonathan & RC** - February 08, 2024 at 01:33 PM

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“ Love, The Hiers Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Edward Swindle.

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**Love, The Hiers Family** - February 07, 2024 at 09:10 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Swindle.



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February 07, 2024 at 09:10 PM



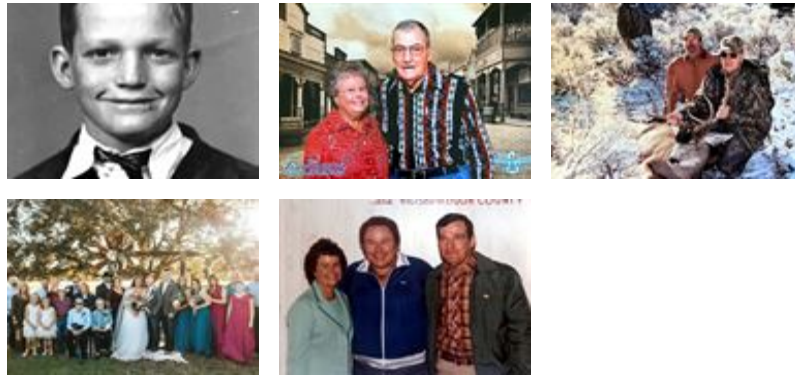
“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Swindle.* ”



February 07, 2024 at 01:52 PM



“ *42 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - February 07, 2024 at 12:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Swindle.* ”



February 06, 2024 at 05:19 PM

DF

“ Dan & Denise Baugh and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Edward Swindle.

Dan & Denise Baugh and family - February 06, 2024 at 05:19 PM

JF

“ Joel Connell and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Edward Swindle.



Joel Connell and Family - February 06, 2024 at 03:16 PM

FW

“ Mr. Ed was one of the finest men that I have ever known. I first met him when we served on the FL FFA FOUNDATION BOARD together. I used to tease him that if you looked up “Christian Southern Country Gentleman” in the dictionary there would be his picture.  
Fred Williams

Fred Williams - February 06, 2024 at 01:09 PM

RB

“ My condolences to Myrtle Lou and the entire Swindle family at this difficult time. Ed was a dear friend and mentor that accomplished so very much in his life. He was a compassionate and giving man that helped many people over the course of his life. A man of faith and integrity. A true Christian man that pointed others to his Savior.

Roy Brown - February 05, 2024 at 10:48 PM

KP

“ My sincere condolences to Rodney and the entire Swindle family during this most difficult time. Ed will be missed by all that knew him. Truly an ambassador for all things good. This world would certainly be a better place if it had more people like Mr. Swindle in it. Rest easy Mr. Swindle and thank you for your service to the United States of America.

Ken Parramore - February 05, 2024 at 08:36 PM

ED

“ Sending prayers and love to the family. Ed Swindle was a humble "Gentle-man", faithful to his Lord and to his family. God blessed this precious life abundantly and Ed shared those blessings with others. My family and I were privileged to know this special man.  
Elinor Dickey

ELINOR DICKEY - February 05, 2024 at 05:45 PM

RG

“ Oue deepest sympathies to his entire famiy. What a remarkable life well lived. Thank you for your kindness and good deeds for so many people. Rest in Peace  
Ron and Vonda Gainey



Ron/Vonda Gainey - February 05, 2024 at 05:15 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward Swindle.



February 05, 2024 at 03:27 PM

MJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers for the family!*



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**Maggie Johnson** - February 05, 2024 at 03:06 PM

JR

“ *John Ray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward Swindle*



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**John Ray** - February 05, 2024 at 01:12 PM