



## Mr. Gene Murl Swindle

January 13, 2016

Gene Swindle, 76, of Plant City, Florida, died on January 13, 2016, of complications from heart disease and asbestos exposure to his lungs. He loved just about everything about farming and the outdoors, especially riding his tractors. He grew up hunting, fishing, and farming, and in later years started investing in properties all over the South. Gene planted many acres of land over his lifetime from peppers to corn and was always happy to share. He had a 550 acre Pecan Farm in Georgia which he harvested, and also raised cattle. He loved catching catfish in his many ponds he had on his farm. One of his hobbies was digging up old arrow heads around central Florida. He and his wife Marion also loved to travel and have traveled many places in the United States and abroad as well as the occasional cruise. He was born in Dover not far from where he presently was living at the time of his death. He would love to tell everyone around him, "I was born right over there". He had many friends from his childhood that are still his friends to this day. When he finally would take a break from his countless endeavors and projects, he enjoyed playing cards and watching NASCAR races with his wife. He was also a pretty snazzy dancer and could cut a rug on the dance floor from the sounds of country music. In addition to his wife, Marion Swindle, he is survived by two sons, Richard Swindle and James Swindle, one Stepson, John Pearce, one daughter, Melissa Pratt, and one step-daughter, Jan Fogarty, 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Later in life he was blessed with an additional extended family which gave him an additional 3

grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. He loved his large family and enjoyed everyone to be around him in celebration. He is survived by one brother, Edward Swindle who he held a deep love and respect for throughout his life. Gene worked for his brother his entire career and later became part owner of the company his brother founded. He was preceded in death by his brother, Willard Swindle, and his sister, Adele Hodges. Gene also loved his Marion very much and there was nothing they couldn't do or achieve. Together they were inseparable and unstoppable, a match made in Heaven. We will be celebrating the wonderful life of Mr. Gene Swindle, devoted husband, father and grandfather. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, January 16 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Committal to follow at Dover Cemetery. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



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



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 15, 2016 at 08:47 AM

PT

*My deepest condolences to his family*

Pam Jaudon Tehrani - January 15, 2016 at 12:06 PM

ME

“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Swindle. With his accomplishments, and dedications, both in his professional life and personal one, he was an amazing man! I won't pretend to know what you're going through, but what has helped me deal with the loss of those I love is turning to the Scriptures, something that has been a real source of comfort. One Scripture that gives me hope is John 11:25, which says, " Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life." I hope that this verse will also comfort you and, I hope you and your family can get through this difficult time. Please accept my condolences for the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandpa and friend. Sincerely, Meryl

Meryl - January 17, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Hopewell Funeral Home** - January 16, 2016 at 01:45 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle.*



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January 15, 2016 at 10:00 PM



“ *LeeRoy Music purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle.*



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**LeeRoy Music** - January 15, 2016 at 07:05 PM

BR

“ Oh the memories we have of Gene. Going out west for a month with Gene and "Sis" in their motor home was such a treat. I'll never forget how loud they both snored when we spent the night at the bottom of the Grand Canyon along the Colorado River--didn't sleep a wink :-) wonderful, wonderful trip. Catching catfish in one of Gene's ponds and then Gene getting them all fried up for dinner-- WOW, doesn't get any better than that. Of course, the Pecan Farm was such a special place, I kept asking Gene go buy it back, in response, he told me to go buy it. I'm still making the baby back ribs the way he taught me, he was a very good cook, maybe a tad messy but never had a bad meal when we spent time with he and Sis at one of their many homes bought over the years. Sending good thoughts and love to both Gene and Sis.

*Barbara & Darryl Ryan*

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**Barbara & Darryl Ryan** - January 15, 2016 at 02:26 PM

JH

“ Jack and Luna Hogue purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle.



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**Jack and Luna Hogue** - January 15, 2016 at 01:56 PM



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



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January 15, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle.*



January 15, 2016 at 01:35 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle.*



January 15, 2016 at 12:50 PM



“ *11 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - January 15, 2016 at 12:00 PM



“ I have so many great memories of Gene. He was a childhood friend, he worked with Ellis and our children grew up together. He was a special man and will be missed by so many. Praying that God will give you comfort in the days ahead. Love, Jeanette Hall

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**Stella Hall** - January 15, 2016 at 11:49 AM

DS

“ Danny Smith purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle.



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**Danny Smith** - January 15, 2016 at 11:28 AM



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



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January 15, 2016 at 11:03 AM

ED

“ Eric & Patti Davis purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle.



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**Eric & Patti Davis** - January 15, 2016 at 09:26 AM

BR

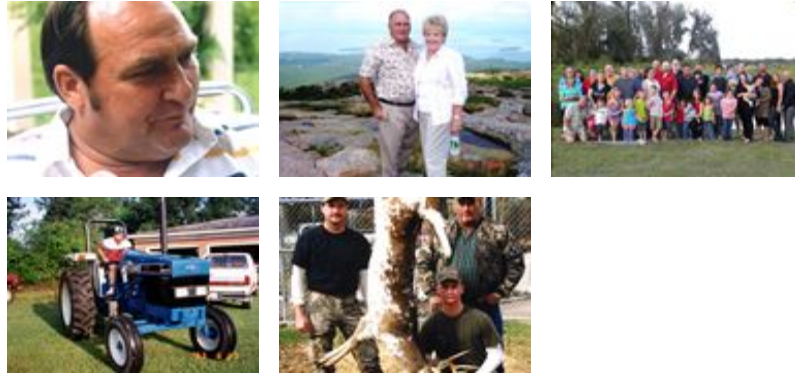
“ Brad and Shirley Risen purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle.



Brad and Shirley Risen - January 15, 2016 at 08:59 AM



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Hopewell Funeral Home - January 15, 2016 at 08:44 AM

RD

“ Ron And Norma Drawdy lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle



Ron and Norma Drawdy - January 15, 2016 at 08:17 AM

RS

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



**Ricky Swindle** - January 15, 2016 at 07:55 AM



“ *Lynn Ryan Kirkland purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle.*



**Lynn Ryan Kirkland** - January 15, 2016 at 07:06 AM



“ *Lynn Ryan Kirkland lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle*



**Lynn Ryan Kirkland** - January 15, 2016 at 06:12 AM

VG

“ *Our sincere sympathy comfort and peace to his dear family during this difficult journey. Ron and Vonda Gainey*

**Vonda Gainey** - January 15, 2016 at 04:19 AM

KM

“ *Our deepest condolences. ?, Chris & Kasey Morris*



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**Kasey Lynn Morris** - January 14, 2016 at 11:44 PM

MD

“ *Moody Damron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle*



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**Moody Damron** - January 14, 2016 at 10:47 PM

RA

“ *Ricky & Lorrie Ann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gene Murl Swindle*



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**Ricky & Lorrie Ann** - January 14, 2016 at 09:54 PM

RS

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**Ricky & Lorrie Ann Swindle** - January 14, 2016 at 09:33 PM

RI

*Ricky & Lorrie Ann Swindle  
Our Children  
Grandchildren*

**Ricky** - January 14, 2016 at 09:37 PM

RI

*We will love & miss you forever* ❤️

**Ricky** - January 14, 2016 at 10:01 PM



*Gene will be deeply missed he was a wonderful caring man with a heart a big as his smile. All my love to Gene and his family.*

**Lynn Ryan Kirkland** - January 15, 2016 at 05:58 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of  
Mr. Gene Murl Swindle.*



January 14, 2016 at 07:20 PM

JF

“ 5 files added to the album Love you Gene



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**Jan Fogarty** - January 14, 2016 at 07:11 PM