



Reverend William L. Swafford

November 19, 1928 - January 25, 2025

Rev. William L. Swafford, age 96, of Talbott, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 25, 2025. William proudly enlisted in the US Navy serving during the Cold War Era. After serving in the Navy he attended Belmont College and then the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. William served as a Southern Baptist minister for 70 years. A member of Talbott Baptist Church and served for many years on several committees at the Tennessee Baptist Convention. He loved woodworking and was a talented and accomplished artist. He spent much time volunteering in many of the area's senior centers. William was a very loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. Preceded in his homegoing by his wife, Yvonne Malone Swafford; parents, James and Lestial Dooley Swafford, brother, Carlton D. Swafford. He will be greatly missed by his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Michelle Swafford; daughter, Patrice Swafford Welch; grandchildren, Ashley Swafford, Julia Welch Riddle, Lauren Burress, Patrick Welch; several great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; special friend, Charlie Roesser, and many other dear friends.

The funeral service will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 3rd at Fielden Funeral Home in New Market. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 PM prior to the service. Family and friends will meet on Tuesday, February 4th at East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery-John Sevier for a 2:00 PM service with full military honors provided by East Tennessee Veterans Honor Guard. Fielden Funeral Home is honored to serve the Swafford family.

Cemetery Details

East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery

2200 E. Governor John Sevier Hwy.
Knoxville, TN 37920

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

FEB 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fielden Funeral Home Inc.
910 Churchview St
New Market, TN 37820
(865) 475-3468
<https://www.fieldenfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 7:00 PM (ET)

Fielden Funeral Home, Inc.
910 Churchview St
New Market, TN 37820

Graveside Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (ET)

East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery
2200 E. Governor John Sevier Hwy.
Knoxville, TN 37920

Tribute Wall



“ *Fielden Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Reverend William L. Swafford*



Fielden Funeral Home Inc. - February 03, 2025 at 11:53 AM

MF

“ *Murray, Steve and Art Mallard and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Reverend William L. Swafford.*



Murray, Steve and Art Mallard and family - February 02, 2025 at 02:04 PM

MF

“ *Murray, Steve and Art Mallard and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reverend William L. Swafford.*

Murray, Steve and Art Mallard and family - February 02, 2025 at 02:04 PM

DN

“ Dan & Diana Newberry purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Reverend William L. Swafford.



Dan & Diana Newberry - January 29, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reverend William L. Swafford.



January 28, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Reverend William L. Swafford.

January 28, 2025 at 02:27 PM

PH

“ Thinking of you all and sending prayers of sympathy. Your parents were workers in God's kingdom and shared their gifts with us for many years at First Baptist in Jefferson City. Patrice, I have fond memories of singing with you and Julia and Patrick in our music programs during those years. With love. Pam Hester.

Pam Hester - January 28, 2025 at 06:42 AM

MP

“ *Mikkie Perry lit a candle in memory of Reverend William L. Swafford*



Mikkie Perry - January 27, 2025 at 08:33 PM

BA

“ *Jeff and Patrice, so many good memories of your mom and dad. He was very special; your mom very talented. They gave you some great genes! Thinking and praying for you during this time of letting go.*

Beth Antsl - January 27, 2025 at 05:46 PM