



## Coach Harold Franklin Swinea

February 10, 1934 - September 26, 2023

Age 89 of Springfield passed away Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at his home. He was born February 10, 1934 in Union City, TN to John Emmett & Evelyn Bardill Swinea. He was employed as a coach and educator at Goodlettsville High School for 37 years.. He coached tennis, wrestling and football and taught special education children. He also loved farming and gardening, fishing, riding motorcycles and raising cattle. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during Korea and was of the Methodist faith. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Merle Swinea; sisters, Frances Littrell, Dot Warren and Margaret McNeal. He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Marilyn Swinea; son, Hal (Claudia) Swinea; daughter, Lynne (Dixie) Braswell, all of Springfield, TN 5 grandchildren, Rachael (Robert}, Ace (Shyloh), Seth (Claire), Ian (Hannah} and Erin (Tim); 8 great-grandchildren, Austin, Ethan, Lucian, Ani, Catherine, Fitz, Eliza, and Dashiell; 1 great-great-grandchild, Grayson. A private family burial will be held Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 11am on the family farm with Seth Swinea, Shyloh Timmermeier, Ian Swinea, Ethan Murray, Austin Murray and Lucian Murray serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Samuel Fitzgerald Swinea, Colt Murray, Dawson Braswell, Corey Braswell, Chris Braswell, Tyler Braswell and Tim Porter. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Owens Chapel Methodist Church. A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held at a later date and this obituary will be updated when those arrangements are finalized. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I can't tell you that I'm going to miss him. Because I can't believe he's gone. All of my memories center around a poker table. He would be so mad when I bluffed him and won. All of the parties and special times are etched in my heart. love all of you. Always, Lynda

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**Lynda Ellis** - September 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM

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“ Some of my best childhood memories were with Frank, Marilyn and their family! Summer vacation, riding horses and even bailing hay and cleaning out the barn. I learned so many great life lessons. So blessed to have him as a strong influence in my life!

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**Barbara Lydon Shockley** - September 28, 2023 at 09:17 AM

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“ Mr. Swinea is the reason I became a special education teacher. My career started by volunteering in his classroom. He made a great impact on my life! I am forever grateful.

Jennifer Patterson Graves  
GHS class of 1985

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**Jennifer Graves** - September 27, 2023 at 08:12 PM

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“ Mr. Swinea will always be remembered by me as a kind, fun loving, caring person of extraordinary character. I will miss his great hugs, robust laugh and generous smile. Despite difficult medical challenges he kept a positive attitude and zest for life. He was a true gentleman. He loved his family and especially adored his sweet wife Ms. Marilyn. He appreciated his country and community. We miss you Mr. Swinea.

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**Dr. Williams** - September 27, 2023 at 09:33 AM