



## Mary Swaffer

November 9, 1940 - February 17, 2021

Mary Lynn Carney Swaffer, age 80, of Clarksville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at Signature Health Care.

Funeral services will be conducted at Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View at 1:00PM on Tuesday, February 23rd, with Dr. Kathy Gaines officiating. Burial will follow in Mallory's Church Cemetery with Billy Pentecost, Ray Gates, Larry Rediker, Richard Gillingham, Ann Swaffer, and Rachel Willhite serving as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday, February 22nd from 3:00PM until 7:00PM and again on Tuesday from 12:00 Noon until the hour of service at 1:00PM.

Mary was born on November 9, 1940 in Pleasant View, Tennessee to Phineas and Mabel Head Carney. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, William "Bill" Swaffer and three children, Gary, Ann, and Mark; two granddaughters, Abbie and Ellie. She is also survived by her brother, Jerry Carney and preceded in death by her sister, Vera McNabb.

Mary graduated from Cheatham County Central High School in 1958. She married Bill in 1960 and lived in both Tennessee and Texas during that time. She was a devoted, caring and loving wife and mother who was beloved by

family and friends. Mary had a remarkable 25-year career with the State of Tennessee retiring as the Finance Manager with Tennessee Supreme Court. She helped countless people gain employment with the State during her tenure and undoubtedly solved many of the world's problems with her carpool riders during that time driving to and from Nashville.

Starting at age 4, Mary was an active member of Mallory's United Methodist Church. She was involved in every facet of the church during her lifetime, especially after returning to Tennessee in 1974. She was a firm believer in doing what's right and what's good; to be kind and help others; would rather give than receive. She was so supportive, encouraging and uplifting to everyone she knew. Her light shined very bright and she will be greatly missed by family and friends.

If so desired memorial contributions may be made to Mallory's Cemetery Fund, 4776 Old Clarksville Pike, Clarksville, Tennessee 37043.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mallory's

Thomasville Rd.  
Chapmansboro, TN 37035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 22. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

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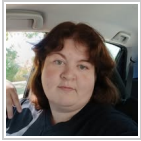
## Funeral Service

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FEB **23**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *My heart and prayers go out to the Swaffer family. Mrs. Mary was always sweet and kind. It was a joy to see her and her husband come into Dollar Tree, and I loved talking to them while ringing up their items. My husband and I send our condolences.*

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**Autumn Baggett** - February 25, 2021 at 11:27 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mary Swaffer.*



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February 21, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Swaffer.*



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February 21, 2021 at 12:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Swaffer.*



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February 20, 2021 at 04:12 PM

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“ *Bill, Gary, Ann, Mark, Abbie, Ellie, Rachell, Kathy purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Mary Swaffer.*



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**Bill, Gary, Ann, Mark, Abbie, Ellie, Rachell, Kathy** - February 19, 2021 at 05:07 PM

JS

“ *My condolences to Mary’s family. She was a wonderful advisor to a young new auditor when I first started working for State Audit. Any time I had a question about my insurance or W4 issues, she never hesitated to explain and advise. AND, she never steered me wrong. She surely must’ve been a wonderful wife and mother. I am so sorry.*

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**Jan Sylvis** - February 19, 2021 at 02:47 PM

JD

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. We always had such great times when we got together.  
My heart goes out to you all.*

*Judy Dusenbery*

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**judy Dusenbery** - February 19, 2021 at 02:11 PM

DS

“ Mary and Bill came to michigan every summer and it was a time we all looked forward to. I have many great memories from those times from eating, canoeing going on the pontoon and they were always made memorable with Mary's sense of humor and her insights into life in general. We had many deep conversations about everything and nothing but all are a memory i cherish. Rest in peace Mary. So sorry for your loss  
Bill and family.

*Don Selon*

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**Don Selon** - February 19, 2021 at 10:22 AM

JS

“ Mary introduced me to the art of garage sales! When she and Bill would come up to Michigan, we'd go look for bargains! We had great fun on the AuSable. When we visited she'd make biscuits for breakfast with such ease! I'll miss her smile and her wit. Such a gracious lady. My deepest sympathy to the family. Rest In Peace, Mary.

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**Jean Swaffer** - February 19, 2021 at 10:07 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Ann Swaffer** - February 19, 2021 at 09:55 AM



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - February 18, 2021 at 10:28 PM