



Donald B. Swindell

December 27, 1932 - January 30, 2025

Donald B. Swindell, 92, passed peacefully with his family by his side on January 30th, 2025. Don was born in Camden, NJ on December 27, 1932, the second child of Caleb & Mildred Swindell. Don attended Moorestown High School in Moorestown, New Jersey.

Don joined the United States Air Force in 1953 and served his country honorably. In 1960, he made his way to Florida fostering his career in professional sales. He retired in 1994 while living in Sarasota, FL.

Don was predeceased by his parents, his brother, Bob, and sister Ruth Ann. He is survived by his loving wife, of 70 years, Judith, his sons, Gary of Valrico, Jeff of Sarasota, and daughter Kim Sinclair of Sarasota. He is also survived by 9 wonderful grandchildren whom he adored, Megan, Kelly, Ryan, Kristin, Olivia, Kyle, Connor, Abby, and Anna. He was also blessed with four great grandchildren, Nora, Lucas, Brooks, and Jack. He also survived by his siblings, Carolyn and Karin.

Our Dad/Granddaddy was known for his love of family. From vacationing in the mountains, to hours spent coaching and attending sporting events such as baseball, football, golf, lacrosse, and cheerleading, he never missed an opportunity to be with family. He was an avid FSU fan, loved the Eagles, Dolphins and the Bucs. His vacations involved lots of fishing and playing golf.

He loved the holidays the most leaving a legacy for his love of Christmas. From the beginning, he was known for his determination, not only in his professional career, but later, for the resiliency he showed facing life's many challenges.

The family would like to thank all of the care givers that touched his life, Tidewell Hospice, and especially the United States Veteran's Administration.

Tribute Wall

KB

“ I'm so sorry to hear about my brother, Don passing away! He is now in Heaven with Mom, Dad, Ruth Ann; brother, Bob, & Nanny, & the rest of our family who passed before him!! You were a great brother. I can even remember being your Flower Girl in your Wedding and Judy's brother, Lindsay was the ring bearer. One thing I can remember is riding my ticycle in the road in front of out house with my hair wrapped in rags. Even though I had (and still do) curly hair my Mom wanted to make sure my hair would look good. So many of our neighbors came up to me and wondered why my hair was in rags. Well I had the chance to tell everyone I was in a big wedding, my brother's and his new wife to be, Judy Bailey from Maple Shade. We lived in the next town over, Moorestown, so I guess they met at Church, not sure!! I know Judy is very lonely without you. Please be Happy in Heaven!! God Bless you and your family you left behind. I Love you and so sorry Roger and I didn't get down to Sarasota to see you. Before Christmas Roger was in the hospital and then to rehab. Then I had my left knee replaced in January. I was home 1 week and lost my balance and fell backwards. My Doctor told me not to fall. I did what you said to get my knee fixed while I was young, but not too young. Anyway I Love you and will miss you as when I call sometimes I can talk to you!! I told your children to take care of Judy. She will be taken care of for sure. Rest in Peace, my dear brother!! Love your younger sister, Karin

Karin Blakely - May 30, 2025 at 06:54 PM

LB

“ Great memories of a great family growing up in Sarasota in the 60s and 70s. The Berkery boys would be over at the Swindell’s playing sports and hanging out all the time. My “second family” for many years. Always great memories of Don at their house or when he came to our ball games.
My thoughts and prayers are with the Swindell family. RIP Don.
Larry Berkery

Larry Berkery - February 11, 2025 at 12:49 PM

CC

“ I have lots of memories of my brother Don. One was when he lived in Sumter SC and with our parents I visited when his and Judy's first born, Gary arrived. I remember going to the beach and walked the boardwalk. Another memory was when my husband and I visited him in the mountains of NC in the 80's for his first granddaughter's birthday. I will always miss our holiday dinners celebrated at your home in Sarasota, Fl when all the family who could make it there got together with everyone. Thank you for being a wonderful brother. I love you and will miss you. Love, your sister Carolyn ❤️

Carolyn Canfield - February 11, 2025 at 10:33 AM