



Leonard Paul Swihart, Sr.

May 26, 1931 - February 23, 2025

Leonard Swihart, 93, went peacefully to be with his LORD on February 23, 2025. He was born on May 26, 1931, in Jackson, Michigan.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, Ulysses and Eva Marie Swihart, four brothers and their wives, Dick and Rosemary Swihart, Harold and Bernice Swihart, Dale and Phyllis Swihart, and Phil and Rose Swihart, and a sister and her husband, Helen and Elson Raser.

Leonard was a veteran of the Korean War and served at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, from 1952-1954. While stationed there he married Carolyn Sue Moore on February 20, 1953. They were married 63 years before she passed away in 2016.

After his service, he returned to Michigan where he was saved. He surrendered to full-time Christian Service and was a missionary of the Gospel in Iran and Surinam. He also pastored in Arkansas before retiring to Florida.

He was pre-deceased by his son-in-law Dean Mereness and daughter-in-law Loretta Meixner. He is survived by his children, Paul Swihart and his wife, Candy, Pam Mereness,

Pat Swihart and his wife, Rhonda, and Peggy Wellman and her husband Jack.

Leonard has 21 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, and 3 great, great grandchildren.

The funeral service will be on March 12, 2025 at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, 40 N Orange Avenue, Sarasota, Florida. Visiting hours will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The service will be at 12 p.m. and will be officiated by Pastor Nicholson of the Community Baptist Church, Bradenton, Florida.

Interment will be 2 p.m. at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Rd, 72. Sarasota, Florida.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Carolyn Wellman de Cuenca (and Jorge de Cuenca), missionaries to Peru, granddaughter of Leonard Swihart, Sr.:

Carolyn Wellman de Cuenca
2526 13th Avenue
Gulfport, MS 39501

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel
40 N. Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 955-4171
info@toalebrothers.com
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Interment

MAR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Rd 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
(941) 922-7200

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Lenoard was a good and faithful man, the last of his generation. He will be greatly missed!*
Dale Swihart, Jr.

Dale Swihart - March 06, 2025 at 12:51 PM

LG

What a great testimony! Praying for Pam and the family!

Liz Gillit - March 06, 2025 at 03:45 PM

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It is hard to believe that he is gone, and I will sure miss our talks. It was not long ago that I had talked with him. What a wonderful generation of Uncles and they are all gone now. Those Swihart Uncles were a gem. God Bless to the family. God give the family comfort during this difficult time. Sending my love.
Dawn Swihart

Dawn M Swihart - March 06, 2025 at 07:33 PM