



William P. Swafford Sr.

February 14, 1940 - December 3, 2021

William Phillip Swafford, Sr. 81, was born on February 14, 1940, and was a native of Louisville, KY. That his birthday was on a day when love is celebrated could be no more fitting, as he exemplified love in every facet of his character. He instilled in his children and grandchildren the fundamental belief that God is love and that life's fundamental purpose is to spread God's love and be of service to others.

William, affectionately known as Billy or Bill by those near and dear to him, passed away Friday, December 3, 2021, as peacefully, quietly, and unassumingly as he lived his life. His loved ones will continue to honor his legacy by living the values he modeled throughout his life: humility, gratitude, selflessness, compassion, honesty, dependability, forgiveness, being slow to anger, always "taking the high-road", always finding the good in others, piety, and spreading love.

After graduating Central High School in 1957 William attended Livingstone College, graduating in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He then enlisted in the

U.S. Army,
serving in the Fort Knox Military Police. Choosing to pursue a career in social
work,
he completed his Master of Science degree, graduating from the University of
Louisville Kent School of Social Work in 1969.

The bulk of William's career was spent in service to children and youth,
working to
support the juvenile justice system and those who found themselves in
residential
care, followed by serving as an educator in the Jefferson County Public
School
System. A self-taught jack of all trades, he was renowned for his carpentry
and home
improvement skills. During his retirement years he continued to be of service,
working for the United States Census Bureau and volunteering in various
capacities
throughout the community.

He was first introduced to the Lord as a child, becoming a member and
eventually
Associate Pastor of Hughlett Temple AME Zion Church, his family's church.
By far one
of William's most dearly loved volunteer efforts was the service he gave to his
faith
and the Christian Science Church, serving both the First Church of Christ,
Scientist
and the Second Church of Christ, Scientist here in Louisville, KY throughout
most of
his adulthood. He faithfully practiced one of the core beliefs – understanding
the
power of prayer and therefore, praying about everything. He religiously

studied the
Word of God and journaled affirmations and tenets that are now treasured
gems for
the loved ones he leaves behind.

William enjoyed simple pleasures in life such as riding a bike, going to the
library,
going to the movies, caring for pets near and dear to him over the years, and
taking
road trips to visit family and friends. He absolutely adored his grandchildren –
being

a steadfast presence at all events and occasions – and equally adored his
great-
grandchildren – making as many weekly visits as possible to sugar them up
with
treats and share his wisdom and love.

William was preceded in death by his mother – Aberdeen Crumes, step-father
– Jack
Crumes, Sr., father – James Swafford, and sister, Ella Henderson. Those left
to cherish
his precious memories include: his children - William Swafford, Jr., Carlton
Swafford
(Kate), and Adria Johnson; his grandchildren – Brenlie Rhodes and Kenneth
Rhodes
II; his great-grandchildren – Kyeus Lee William Stark and Amerie Faith Stark;
his
great-goddaughter – Kamea Davis-McClendon; his siblings – Robert Swafford
(Pamela) and Jack Power Crumes, Jr.; his ex-wife – Brenda Swafford; and a

host of
aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation: 11am-12pm Saturday, December 18, 2021 at A. D. Porter & Sons
Funeral Home, 1300 W. Chestnut St., memorial service to follow at noon.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

A. D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home - Downtown
1300 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, KY 40203
(502) 587-9678
a.d.portersoutheast@gmail.com
<https://adporters.com/>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Swafford's passing. I first met him when he served as a substitute teacher and then lo and behold like a month later he's sitting in our living room. Turns out he and my late father George Shively were CHS classmates! Mr. Swafford was a kind, caring individual and I pray that your family is comforted knowing how many young people he set an example for!

Patricia - December 19, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William P. Swafford Sr..



December 16, 2021 at 04:01 PM

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“ Vance & Vivian Blade & Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William P. Swafford Sr..



Vance & Vivian Blade & Family - December 15, 2021 at 12:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William P. Swafford Sr..*



December 09, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *YPAL Board purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William P. Swafford Sr..*



YPAL Board - December 08, 2021 at 09:17 AM