



## Ernest Leland Swafford

October 23, 1945 - November 25, 2011

Ernest Leland Swafford, 66, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away Friday, November 25, 2011. He was born October 23, 1945 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Edgar Swafford and Bessie McMahan Swafford.

He loved to fish and hunt. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. He enjoyed them tremendously and loved spending time with them and the rest of his family.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, Edgar and Bessie Swafford; sisters, LaVonne Swafford and Diana Harwell; brothers, Ronnie Swafford and Terry Swafford.

He is survived by his daughter, Shelley Burris of Muskogee; son in law, Jerry Craig of Keefeton; sons, Richard Burris and wife Kay of Checotah, Chad Fields of Muskogee; grandsons, Anthony Burris, Earnest Craig, Tony Burris, Cade Fields; granddaughters, Bobbi Kay Burris and Madison Fields; great grandson, Kayden Craig; brothers, Edwards Swafford and wife Ginger, and Gary Swafford and wife Diane; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel with Jason Marlow officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Walter Kirk, Jerry Craig, Johnny Craig, Kevin Swafford, and Jimmy Swafford.

Funeral services are under the direction of Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory, 1830 North York Street, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com)



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel  
1830 N. York St.  
Muskogee, OK 74403

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ernest Leland Swafford*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Shelley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford*



**shelley** - October 21, 2014 at 10:21 PM



“ *Rick lit a candle in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford*



**rick** - January 13, 2014 at 05:32 PM



“ *Cherie Dovell lit a candle in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford*



**Cherie Dovell** - August 18, 2013 at 01:17 AM



“ Shelley Burris sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford



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**Shelley Burris** - June 05, 2013 at 10:52 PM



“ Shelley Burris lit a candle in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford



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**Shelley Burris** - June 05, 2013 at 10:51 PM



“ Almost fathersday I love and miss u. The kids are doing good. They both have babies on the way.

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**Shelley Burris** - June 05, 2013 at 10:38 PM



“ I wish dad would have gotten to see u before he passed

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**Shelley Burris** - June 05, 2013 at 10:33 PM

SI

“ Merry Christmas daddy, i miss you all the time. you are always thought of and please keep watching over me as i know you do. Kayden is getting so big and is spoiled rotten. he sees your picture all the time and when i ask him who is that he says; "papa". one day i know i will see you again.love always your daughter; sissy



sissy - December 25, 2012 at 08:43 PM

DS

Sissy,it does get better.I miss my friend Ernest and all the fun we use to have. David Sloan.

David Sloan - May 11, 2013 at 12:55 PM

SI

David I wish u could have got to see dad. My number is 9185778122.we talked about u a few times.I even have some pictures of u dad and two dogs holding holding catfish

sissy - June 05, 2013 at 10:25 PM



I wish dad would have loved to have seen u David.my number is 9185778122.I would love for my kids too meet u.

Shelley Burris - June 05, 2013 at 10:36 PM

SI

“ Sissy sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford



sissy - December 25, 2012 at 08:38 PM

SI

“ *dad it is almost time for ur birthday, its comin up fast. i sure do miss u and love you. I do thank God everyday that u are no longer sick. they have moved brother to Kanasa to do that program they have so maybe he will get to come home soon. i miss him too a lot. i pray every day that u know how much i love you and miss you. please continue to keep a watch on all of use for we need the guildance. love always your daughter;sisyy*



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**sisyy** - October 12, 2012 at 06:34 PM

SI

“ *Sissy sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford*



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**sisyy** - October 12, 2012 at 06:28 PM

SI

“ well dad it has been a minute sence u left the family. it isnt getting any easier either like everyone claims. it is almost fathers day and i cant give u a card, hug or even kiss u on the cheek. i miss u so much that it aint funny.. i dont even know were i belong any more in life. the one thing that ment more to me than anything in the world is no longer here to be with me and the kids..i love u dad and i hope u know just how much u mean to me. nothing even seems right without u here to spend time with. i never thought u was a burden or any extra for me to handle. i really enjoyed having u home with me the kids and especially baby.. he is sure growing and i know u would have gotten a kick out of him now. he see's ur pictures around the house, he still remembers u. he points and says PaPa...i love u dad and i will see u again one day



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**sissy** - June 09, 2012 at 11:30 PM

SR

“ Sue Rowan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford



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**Sue Rowan** - May 30, 2012 at 07:25 PM

SI

*thank u sue dad loved u.*

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**sissy** - June 09, 2012 at 11:31 PM

SI

“ *Daddy i been really missing u.i dont know why god seen it to take u so soon. I hope u keep a close eye on me. I really feel lost without u hear with me and the kids especially baby.*



**sissy** - March 25, 2012 at 12:15 PM

SI

“ *Sis lit a candle in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford*



**sis** - January 07, 2012 at 08:39 PM

SL

“ *Slimy lit a candle in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford*



**slimy** - January 07, 2012 at 08:38 PM

SH

“ *dad i love and miss u so very much. even thou my heart is still broken, we got or wish full filled the day i brought u home so u could die in peace w/ ur family. love u always and forever. your daughter, sissy*



**shelley** - December 15, 2011 at 05:43 PM

GS

“ We love you and miss you so very much, just glad your are at peace now !!!



Ginger Swafford - December 14, 2011 at 09:08 PM

SR

“ Sue Rowan sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford



Sue Rowan - December 14, 2011 at 06:45 AM

SR

“ Sue Rowan lit a candle in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford



Sue Rowan - December 14, 2011 at 06:42 AM

SR

“ Shelly, Im so sorry I couldnt make it to the service. My prayers are still with you and all your family. I know how hard it is to lose someone you love. I only wish I could have seen Ernest before he passed away. In someways I guess its good that I didnt tho. I remember him like he always was. He was a wise man He calmed me down a few times when I was having a bad day. I will always miss him. Just knowing he was always here was a comfort to me. My comfort is knowing hes in a better place than we are. Still praying for you to have peace and understanding. May your days of pain be filled with good memories of your dad.



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**Sue (Goad) Rowan** - December 10, 2011 at 06:16 AM

UD

“ Well dad I hope u r able to see just how much u mean to me I love and miss u so much my heart hurts because I do love u.



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**ur daughter** - December 05, 2011 at 09:37 PM

GS

“ We love you always !!!!



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**Ginger Swafford** - December 04, 2011 at 07:50 PM

GS

“ I think Sissy done a real good Job preparing your funeral! As hard headed as you were sometimes I know you would have approved.. It was beautiful !, and she wanted to do the most part by herself!. She is very special,, Love you for ever !! Ginger



Ginger Swafford - December 04, 2011 at 07:45 PM

MS

“ " hey uncle i sure do miss u but at least your with the rest of the family and the memories will always be with me "



melissa swafford - December 04, 2011 at 03:48 AM

Casey Lemp

“ I only have a few memories of my Great Uncle Ernest. All of them include him chasing me threatening to get my behind! I was a wild child, but always had fun at Uncle Ernest's house! I know he will be greatly missed by many, and I wished I could have got to know him more.

Casey Lemp - December 02, 2011 at 07:57 PM

SG

“ Sissy Goekler lit a candle in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford



Sissy Goekler - December 01, 2011 at 10:35 PM

ES

“ I'm going to right a few words for his brother, Bud you know that I have looked up to you sense we were little boys. I can remember when I thought I didn't need any one's advice any more, and I just want to say I Was So Wrong!! When you stopped being there for me I realized I didn't have you or Dad to ask when I needed part of ya'lls wisdom . I felt betrayed to a point. I love you Bud and I always will, tell all the family I love them too ..Bud

Edward Swafford - December 01, 2011 at 10:07 PM

GS

“ Where to start? Earnest was deffinatly one of a kind ! He loved telling jokes, and hearing them, He was a very talented man, and whatever he started it had to be right! You were so sick these past few months and you took it as good as you possibly could! You were right at home with sissy by your side, You know that we all loved you so much, and hated to see you go, but we know God was ready for you to come home and be with the rest of your family. This is not goodby, its only till we meet again. Love you Forever Gone but never forgotten !!!!!

Ginger E. Swafford - December 01, 2011 at 09:24 PM

SH

“ Shelley sent a virtual gift in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford



shelley - December 01, 2011 at 08:08 PM

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“ Shelley lit a candle in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford



shelley - December 01, 2011 at 08:06 PM

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“ Sue Rowan (Goad) lit a candle in memory of Ernest Leland Swafford



Sue Rowan (Goad) - November 29, 2011 at 06:42 AM

JP

*Ernest was my friend, he helped me so many times with various issues in life and he gave me some advise on tough decisions. Sometimes i didnt understand his method of doing things, but there was always a valuable life lesson to be learned. Ernest always treated me with respect and he definitely was one of a kind. he will always live in my heart.*

Judy C. Paden - December 02, 2011 at 10:56 AM

LC

*I will never forget the thrill Ernest gave me as a little girl....I was at the Muskogee Fair with the Swafford Family and no one would ride the Double Farris Wheel with me...He said "come on- I will go with you!" Even though he didn't like it either, he didn't want me to miss out...that was cool...and later in life I came to his rescue a few times...loved to hear the stories from him.*

Lee Ann Cooper - December 02, 2011 at 11:37 AM

SH

*thanks sue*

shelley - December 02, 2011 at 09:31 PM

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“ Ernest was a good friend. He will be missed by all of us that knew him. My prayers are with his family in the days ahead. God bless you all.

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**Sue Rowan (Goad)** - November 29, 2011 at 06:41 AM

DS

ERNEST,WE WERE FRIENDS FOR OVER 40 YEARS,I REMEMBER THE FUN WE USE TO HAVE OUT ON THE RIVER.I THINK OF YOU OFTEN.HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.YOUR FRIEND, DAVID SLOAN

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**David Sloan** - May 05, 2013 at 08:46 PM