William Gregg Swartz

January 24, 1954 - July 31, 2015

William Gregg Swartz passed away suddenly Friday, July 31, 2015 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He was born January 24, 1954 to Alice Rosalea (Gregg) Swartz and Donald F. Swartz, D.V.M., in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Gregg attended Oklahoma State University and received an Associate Degree from Connor's State University after graduating from Sperry High School in 1972.

Gregg joined the U.S. Army and served from 1974 to 1977 as an O5H, a Morse Code Intercept Operator at Field Station Berlin. He was assigned to Subsystem Papa which was higher secret than a typical top secret assignment. At that time, FS Berlin was operated by the Army Security Agency, which supported the National Security Agency.

He later served in the Army Reserve where he suffered a neck injury during a jeep accident. A man of many talents, an artist, musician and pilot were just a few. He was proud to have served as the Assistant Airshow Coordinator for the Muskogee Airshow for nine years. If you knew Gregg, you had a friend forever.

Gregg married Pam Ulrich on May 16, 1981 in Muskogee. They were married 34 years. After retiring from the U.S. Postal Service, they enjoyed travelling together and their farm together with their many pets. Gregg's laughter and friendship will be missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Pam; cousin, Dale Buy of Muskogee who was there for him day or night; three sisters, Fran Walden of Bentonville, AR, Mary Kay

Starbuck of Indianapolis, IN and Ann Wieczorek of Tulsa; cousins, Marinell, Kevin, Andrew “Andy”, Claudia, and Matthew; aunt, Kathleen Swartz of Sulfur, OK, stepmother, Martha Swartz of Owasso, in addition to many nieces and nephews and other members of the family.

A celebration of Gregg’s life will be 11:00 A.M. Monday, August 10, 2015 at the Committal Shelter at Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Ft. Gibson, OK, with Rev. Mike Murray officiating. Interment will be in Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Gregg’s honor to Oklahoma Alliance for Animals, Oklahoma Alliance For Animals, 1822 East 15th Street, Suite B, Tulsa, OK 74104 or online @ www.animalalliance.org, Wounded Warrior Project; Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or online at www.woundedwarriorproject.org; or Mental Health Association of Tulsa, 1870 South Boulder Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119 or online at www.mhaok.org.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.
Fort Gibson, OK

Previous Events

Service

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

William Gregg Swartz

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM

KR

Greg was my best buddy in 4th to 6th/7th grade. The Swartz family lived across the street from us in Sand Springs. Greg and I had fun playing together. We ran, climbed trees, jumped off the back of his dad's truck with a parachute too. He had a strong, playful and kind spirit. We laughed a lot, and I admired his creativity. Those were really good times for me and I was sad when he moved away. I remember his sister Fran had an old car with a rumble seat, and a couple of times she let Greg and I ride in the back. Wonderful memories.

Kristy Rice

Kristy Rice - July 23, 2017 at 08:26 PM

111 files added to the album LifeTributes

Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 07, 2015 at 04:37 PM

DB

These pictures are GREAT! David Best

David Best - August 09, 2015 at 08:23 PM

SH

I met Greg when he attended our Relationship Recovery Workshop back in April of this year. He also attended our support group on Thursday evenings at Christ United Methodist Church and we could all tell early on that he was a man of many talents! He will be sorely missed by all that got to know him.

God Bless his family and friends! Sheila Haney of New Direction Support Group in Tulsa

Sheila Haney - August 07, 2015 at 02:29 PM

LH

My condolences to all of Gregg's family and friends.

Louise E. Hamm

Louise E. Hamm - August 06, 2015 at 07:21 PM

WC

1 file added to the tribute wall

Wade Clapsaddle - August 06, 2015 at 11:11 AM

MM

Sad to hear of Gregg's passing. Thoughts and prayers for his family.

Mary Kay Tackett McQueen

Mary Kay McQueen - August 06, 2015 at 10:20 AM

DD

I was fortunate enough to meet Gregg in Berlin, Germany. I also worked in Sub Station Papa (the only place you needed to enter a separate code to get into the room) along with him. He was an excellent Morse Code interceptor and an even better friend. He taught me how to rappel (where I almost lost my life had it not been for the watchful eye of Hardman) and was one of the kindest, most gentle men I had ever met. We kept in touch over the years and will miss him a lot. Rest well, my friend.

Debbie Daugs - August 06, 2015 at 12:29 AM

MV

Greg was a kind friend and neighbor. I enjoyed visiting with him throughout the years and listening to stories varying from him being raised up on the farm as a child to flying airplanes. He was someone I could call if I ever had any problems. My condolences go out to his wife Pam and their many dogs, cats and beautiful horses. Prayers to all of his family members and loved ones.
Mike and Saucie Villines

Mike Villines - August 05, 2015 at 04:34 PM

LS

Greg's Father was my first cousin .Larry Swartz

Larry Swartz - August 08, 2015 at 09:57 AM

DB

I went to school with Gregg when they moved to Sperry. Doc was our vet. We were on the parliamentary procedure team together our freshman year of FFA. We later served on the meat judging team together. I have a lot of memories with Gregg. From hauling cattle in the middle of the night to the farm in Kansas, to playing music and singing. There are a lot of memories I would rather NOT share because I'm not so proud of them, but I would if I thought it might help some one through a tough time. He was for the most part always smiling. The laugh in the picture was a common occurrence. He flew to Nashville e a few years ago to visit his cousin in Murfreesboro. We met for a three hour lunch, it was great to see him. The last time I saw him was at our last class reunion. I wish I had called him more often. We should call our friends from time to time! He will be greatly missed. David Best

David Best - August 09, 2015 at 02:06 PM

KA

Mike and I extend our sympathy to Greg's family. We met him when we bought the airport business 13 years ago. He was a great man.

Kay Anderson - August 09, 2015 at 04:21 PM