



Stephen Van Swanson

June 23, 1950 - May 14, 2026

Today we lost our dad, husband, and Poppa. He went home to be with the Lord on May 14, 2026, his mom's birthday. He was born on June 23, 1950 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma to Roy and Eula (Wagoner) Swanson.

Stephen "Steve" Swanson was a great man. God broke the mold when He created Steve. He had the biggest heart and loved hard. Steve and Vicky shared more than 55 wonderful years of marriage, filled with laughter, adventure, and unwavering love. Joy carried him through life, and he always had a joke or one-liner ready for everyone about everything.

The only thing close to the size of his heart was his appetite! Dad loved food starting with his mom's chocolate pie, BBQ sandwiches, hamburgers, meatloaf, and any food mom made.

Dad lived with an adventurous spirit. He and Mom loved traveling together and stopping at every hole-in-the-wall place along the way. He would drive hours just for fun or to support a track meet. Dad never met a stranger. He could find someone he knew half-way across the country. He would know all their kin-folk in Beggs before they parted ways.

He should have been an engineer because there wasn't anything he couldn't fix — from '66 Mustangs and Jeeps to lawnmowers, water pipes, electrical

problems, and even building tree houses. If something was broken, Dad could figure it out.

Steve graduated from Beggs High School in 1968. He proudly served in the Army National Guard for 6 years. Steve worked for DuPont for 38 years before his retirement in September of 2012.

Steve also proudly served as a firefighter for more than 25 years and faithfully gave back to the Beggs community through the American Legion and VFW for many years. He was a proud third-generation Swanson to live in Beggs, where he raised his children and grandchildren and built a life rooted in family and community.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Eula Swanson, sister Deanna Crook and grand-daughter Irissa Swanson.

Steve is survived by his wife, Vicky (Wiles) and he was deeply proud of his children, Glen and Jennifer Duck and Todd and Richelle Swanson. And no Poppa could have been more proud of his grandchildren: Zoe, Zander, and Zavier Duck, Talon and Lilly Swanson, other survivors include his sister Stephanie Swanson Hampton and husband Dallas, and brother-in-law Wendell Crook, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Steve also had a great love for his fur granddogs, especially Daisy Duck.

Viewing will be 12:00 - 7:00 PM., Thursday, May 21, 2026, at the McClendon Winters Funeral Home of Beggs, Funeral service will be 10:00 AM at Crossroads Church with Pastor Ben Taylor and Reverend David Hamilton officiating.

Arrangements and cremation services have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs, Oklahoma. Memories,

condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Stephen's Tribute Page of our website. www.mcclendon-winters.com

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY **21**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs

205 West Main

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Beggs, OK 74421

(918) 267-4444

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<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

Funeral Service

MAY **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crossroads Baptist Church

Beggs, OK

Tribute Wall



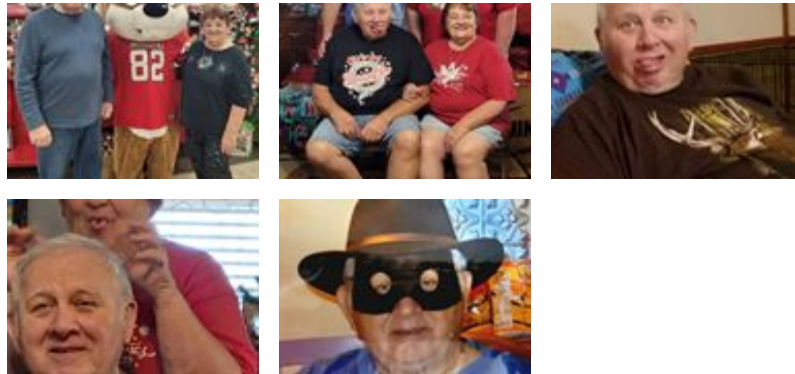
“ McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen Van Swanson



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - May 19 at 05:32 PM



“ 135 files added to the album LifeTributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - May 19 at 05:26 PM

VB

“ So sorry for the loss of Steve. Known him since he was a little boy. He was such a great guy. He will be missed by so many in and around Beggs. Prayers for Vicky and all his family. Fly high Steve.



Vicki Brose - May 18 at 07:07 PM

DM

“ *David Miller lit a candle in memory of Stephen Van Swanson*



David Miller - May 17 at 11:31 PM

SC

“ *SUe Culbert lit a candle in memory of Stephen Van Swanson*



SUe Culbert - May 17 at 07:03 PM

SW

“ *Suzanne Wise lit a candle in memory of Stephen Van Swanson*



Suzanne Wise - May 16 at 06:02 PM

ZC

“ *Zandra Christy lit a candle in memory of Stephen Van Swanson*



Zandra Christy - May 16 at 01:30 PM

KB

“ Kathryn Bell lit a candle in memory of Stephen Van Swanson



Kathryn Bell - May 15 at 10:01 PM

KB

Sincere condolences to Vicky and Steve's family- he was so much apart of this town

Kathryn Bell - May 15 at 10:02 PM

KC

“ Sending my condolences to Vicky and the family. Steve will be missed. Hold on to all those precious memories of Steve.



Kathryn Colbert - May 15 at 09:18 PM

JJ

“ JoAnn Johnston lit a candle in memory of Stephen Van Swanson



JoAnn Johnston - May 15 at 05:02 PM

JJ

Steve was a really good guy, that we will miss. My thoughts and prayers for the family

JoAnn Johnston - May 15 at 05:03 PM

JB

Everyone liked Steve. So friendly and nice to all. Love and prayers for Vicky, Jennifer, Todd and Stephanie!

Jan Bookout - May 17 at 05:19 PM

BD

Bobby Daniels , I worked with Steve at Dupont he was a very nice guy

Bobby Daniels - May 23 at 04:00 PM