



Mr. James David "Catfish" Swanson

November 19, 1952 - February 9, 2026

Lieutenant James David "Catfish" Swanson age 73, of LaFayette, Georgia passed away peacefully Monday – February 9, 2026 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in LaFayette to the late James Harry and Clara Dee Swofford Swanson. David was of the Baptist faith and a lifelong resident of the LaFayette area. David started as a Correctional Officer with Walker Correctional Institute, lead the Mobile Construction Unit and retired as lieutenant over The State of Georgia from the Georgia State Department of Corrections after thirty-four years of service. He was a member of the LaFayette Elks Lodge and the Jaycees. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his granddaughter: Emery Reese Herring, brothers: Steve, Phillip and Tim Swanson, brother-in-law: Charles Littlejohn and nephew: Mark R. Littlejohn. David is survived by his loving wife: Joy Abbott Swanson of LaFayette, GA, their children: Jeremy David (Christy) Swanson of Ringgold, GA, Melody Jean Strickland of Chickamauga, GA, Jimmie Nicole (Joseph) Herring of LaFayette, GA, sister: Marjorie Jean Swanson Littlejohn of Enterprise, AL, sister-in-law: Linda Swanson, grandchildren: Annie Raine Swanson, Benjamin Wyatt Pemberton, Isaac Reid Pemberton, Lucas Keith Pemberton, nieces and nephews: Merrilyn (Keith) Lewis, Charles Laddie (Sylinda) Littlejohn, Richard Joe (Teresa) Littlejohn, Krista (Ron) Katkowski, Jeffrey Swanson, Kim Boling, Tim and Steven Hankins, great nieces and nephews: Michael and Lacey Gibbons, Britt and Caitlin Barnes, Cody and Autumn Lewis, Anna Bell McCray, Annie and Mark Allen Littlejohn, David and

Courtney Littlejohn, Brandon S. and Claudia Littlejohn, Marah Paige, Lucas Brewer, Taylor and Elijah Bonnett, Bobby Boling, Britney and Jake Miller, Daniel and Brandy Boling, Teagan Hankins, Aubrey Hankins (fiancé: Jarrett Jones, great-great-nieces and nephews: Layla, Loki and Freya Gibbons, Graylee and Brynlee Barnes, Walker Tate, Wells Coleman, Bambi Dawn Jones, Mallory Grace Littlejohn, Braeden, Mali and Gavin Miller, Bryce and Matt Boling, Gracelyn Shae Hankins. The family will receive friends Thursday from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, Friday from 12 noon until 8:00 pm and Saturday from 11:00 am until the funeral service. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm – Saturday – February 14, 2026 in the chapel with Pastor Malcolm Harris officiating. Burial will follow at Grand Center Cemetery in Chickamauga, Georgia. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel, LaFayette, Georgia. Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Grand Center Baptist Church Cemetery

1753 Grand Center Rd
Chickamauga, GA 30707

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - LaFayette Chapel
1779 North Main Street
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Visitation

FEB 13. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

ML

“ Marjorie littlejohn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. James David "Catfish" Swanson.



Marjorie littlejohn - February 12 at 11:21 AM

ML

“ Marjorie littlejohn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. James David "Catfish" Swanson.

Marjorie littlejohn - February 12 at 11:21 AM

JJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear of David's passing. I went to school with him and he was always a great guy. Thoughts and prayers for his family
Jenny Ramey Jackson

Jenny Ramey Jackson - February 11 at 10:09 AM

JB

“ James and Carolyn Burrows purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Mr. James David "Catfish" Swanson.



James and Carolyn Burrows - February 10 at 06:50 PM

JC

“ Joy and family. Mine and Jimmy's thought and prayers are with you. May God wrap you in his arms and comfort you during this difficult time.



James and Jewell Chason - February 10 at 06:46 PM

JS

Thank you so much

Joy Abbott Swanson - February 11 at 03:52 AM



“ Burrows Carolyn lit a candle in memory of Mr. James David "Cattfish" Swanson



Burrows Carolyn - February 10 at 05:46 PM