



## Ralph Swafford

June 14, 1948 - August 21, 2020

Ralph Swafford Sr. age 72 of Centre, passed away Friday, August 21st at Cherokee Health & Rehab.

Funeral services will be 3 PM Sunday, August 23rd at Perry Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Gary Brookshire, Rev. J.L. Stanley and Rev. Shane Swafford officiating, burial will follow in Cherokee Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 1 until 3 PM Sunday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers include Ralph Swafford Jr., Seth Swafford, Sam Swafford, Aaron Battles, Wesley Battles and Bill Harwood. Honorary Pallbearers will be David Lykins and Johnny Kelly.

Mr. Ralph Swafford, Sr. lived a life of faith, family, and friends. He was a Christian businessman who engaged in several ventures over the course of his life. This allowed him to make many friends and provide for his family. His greatest passion involved the auction industry. Whether he was an attendee, a seller, a buyer, or a ringman for the day; he loved the business.

Ralph was a family man who loved big and gave unselfishly to those he loved. He set a Christian example for his children and grandchildren to follow. He was blessed to have been married to Barbara Swafford for 28 years and then to Cynthia Swafford for 9 years. Perhaps his greatest joy was his children and grandchildren whom he loved enormously.

He was a devoted Christian and faithful member of the Kingdom of God. He

served in many capacities in the church throughout his life such as Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, council member, church building committee, overseer of new church construction, and much more. His faith was always on display for the world to see. It got him through many difficult times in his life and his faith -finally- got him home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Survivors include sons, Ralph Swafford Jr. of Centre and Shane (Dava) Swafford of Collinsville; daughter, Teresa (Aaron) Battles of Centre; sister, Linda Ledford of Yorkville; 7 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; niece, Mary Moore.

He was preceded in death by wife Barbara Swafford of 28 years, Cynthia Swafford wife of 9 years and brother-in-law, Lindsey Ledford.

Mr. Swafford was a native of Ellijay, Ga. and the son of the late Vester Cleborn Thomas and Mary Lou Hudson Swafford.

. The family will accept flowers or memorials may be made to Grace Pointe Church of God.

Special thanks to nurses and staff at Cherokee Health and Rehab, a special friend Marie Wright for your love, care and devotion to our dad.

Perry Funeral Home Directing

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Perry Funeral Home  
1611 Clarence E Chesnut Jr Bypass  
Centre, AL 35960  
(256) 927-3222

## Service

AUG **23**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Love and prayers to the family. Praying for you all*

Stacey - August 23, 2020 at 01:57 PM



“ *41 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Perry Funeral Home Inc. - August 23, 2020 at 12:08 PM

WR

“ *Family: My thoughts and prayers to each of you in the passing of Bro Ralph. Knew him for many years starting in Paulding Co, Ga on Bakers Bridge Rd . Ralph was a nice person that always spoke to you and would help you if you needed it.. May God bless and comfort you . Resp, Wendell O, Rakestraw, Centre, Al*

Wendell O Rakestraw - August 22, 2020 at 08:56 PM

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“ Heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the Swafford family. ❤️ Thank you for sharing Ralph with us! We all loved him very much! Remember this isn't goodbye, it's see you later ❤️  
From Station 1 Staff



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**CCHRC** - August 21, 2020 at 04:32 PM

JH

“ We have known Bro Ralph for about 28 yrs when we all went to church together. Bro Ralph was not just a friend, but family to us. He was a wonderful Christian man that loved the Lord & he was such a witness to others. Now he is with Jesus just rejoicing & praising Him. Bro Ralph is going to be missed, but he will never be forgotten. We love you Bro Ralph,  
Bill & Jean Harwood.

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**Jean Harwood** - August 21, 2020 at 03:16 PM

JH

We pray for peace today & the days ahead for the family. We love all of you. God bless! Bill & Jean

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**Jean Harwood** - August 21, 2020 at 07:37 PM