



James A. Swails

April 19, 1934 - December 18, 2021

James A. Swails, 87, of Sligo, PA, formerly of Midland, TX, passed away Saturday evening, December 18, 2021 at the Chicora Medical Center in Chicora, PA.

He was born on April 19, 1934 in San Saba, TX; son of the late James T. and Beatrice Matlock Swails.

James was a graduate of the Midland High School in TX.

He married the former Gwen Baillio in 1961, who preceded him in death in December of 2013.

James was a geologist landman and draftsman for various oil companies in Midland, TX. He also was a self-employed artist and craftsman, owning Swails Originals in Midland, TX. James last retired in his 80's as an Enterprise driver. In his spare time, He loved to work on arts and crafts.

James also enjoyed gardening and reading.

He is survived by his son, Guy Swails and his wife, Donna, of Sligo, PA; his daughter, Katie Hejny and her husband, Steve, of Dallas TX; and a daughter-in-law, Eva Plumber and her husband, Robbie, of Midland, TX; 5

grandchildren, Colby Swails, Kati Guthrie, Liza Heberling, Blake Lantelme, and Stephen Hejny; and two great-grandchildren, Avery and Gavin Guthrie.

James is also survived by his brother, Jan Swails of Germany; his sister, Sammy Beggs of Midland, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife; he was preceded in death by his son, Toby Swails; a grandson, Dustin Haney; and his sister, Peachy Whitaker.

The Burns Funeral Home & Crematorium, Inc. in Rimersburg, PA is handling the arrangements.

Per the family's request, there will be no services.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ Our deepest condolences to the Swails family. I met Mr. Swails when he became my Medicare Insurance client. He was always very polite and funny. I admired his desire to continue to work. Funny, right before he moved to PA, he asked me for advice, if he should move. I told him that if he wanted to move near his son that he should. He said, " but it's so cold in PA." I responded, true, but it sure is beautiful....He agreed. May God comfort the Swails family at this time.

*Ginger Hernandez
Independent Insurance Agent*

Ginger Hernandez - December 28, 2021 at 06:18 PM

JP

“ I met James in Midland, Tx. in the early 1980's. I was drawn to his artistic abilities and he made me some lighted glass globes for my new home that had beautiful birds in them and we hung them in our den. He came over and viewed what we had done with them and was pleased we appreciated his art endeavors. We also knew Toby, his son, and have fond memories of them both. Our condolences to the family. J. Phillips

James (Jim) Phillips - December 26, 2021 at 12:13 PM

GS

Thank You sir for your kind words

Guy Swails - January 16, 2022 at 06:31 AM

KP

“ I remember Jimmy as always getting in the mix of the conversation and the end always coming out funny. He could tell a story on Gwen, while she sat there and grinned at him, and it was fun to watch the two of them laugh and go back and forth. He had a smooth voice and often played peace maker over different family doings. He was always kind to me, a sweet Uncle that I looked up to and had a lot of respect for. I remember him coming to our house in the evenings when I was about 8 or 9, and teaching my Dad the skill of geological drafting, so Dad could practice at home and obtain a better job with his new skill, which Dad did. Granny and J.T. were so very proud of Jimmy and counted on him during times of stress. I remember one time J.T. sold Granny's car without her permission and she was fit to be tied. She called Jimmy and asked for him to help get her car back immediately. Well, he took J. T. back to the people and took my Dad with him and Jimmy explained the problem. Somehow they managed to talk the man into returning Granny's car and she was so pleased and hugged Jimmy's neck so much. Funny how those things stick with you and you can always see that person in your mind's eye just like they were back then. I loved you, Jimmy. Rest in peace and say hello to my Mom and Dad and Gwen and Toby and give Granny a kiss for me. Praying for Guy, I know you want him to have peace and comfort.

Kellie Pittman - December 22, 2021 at 03:20 AM

PB

Wow so many memories. I loved going to Jimmy and Gwen's house they were always so good to me. I miss the Christmas parties and watching them as they did arts and crafts. Can't believe they are both gone. Please Jimmy give Toby big hugs. Guy and Donna, so very sorry to hear this news. Love you guys prayers for all.

Penny Brown - December 23, 2021 at 08:58 AM

EH

“ *You have my deepest sympathy*

Ellen Horner - December 21, 2021 at 07:43 AM

GS

Thank you ❤️

Guy and Donna Swails - December 21, 2021 at 03:14 PM

GS

Did you know my father?

Guy Swails - January 16, 2022 at 06:32 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of James A. Swails.*



December 21, 2021 at 04:48 AM