



Sammie E. Swim

December 21, 1925 - July 19, 2008

SWIM

Sammie E. Swim was born December 21, 1925 in Crowell, Texas and was welcomed into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on July 19, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. He was preceded in death by parents Samuel A. and Bertha Swim. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jo Ann, daughter Terri Swim of San Antonio, son Michael Swim and wife Laura, both of Garland, Texas, grandchildren Christopher Paradowski of Berryville, Virginia, Matthew Paradowski of Dallas, Texas, Randall Paradowski of Dallas, Texas, Calen Swim of Garland, Texas, and Samuel Swim of Garland, Texas. He is also survived by brother Keith D. Swim and wife Vonna, both of Corning, Arkansas, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was currently serving as the Pulpit Minister of the Jefferson Church of Christ, in San Antonio, Texas, and had previously served in the same capacity at Urbandale Church of Christ, in Dallas, Texas, Park Row Church of Christ in Arlington, Texas, Beacon Hill Church of Christ in San Antonio, Texas, Harvey Drive Church of Christ in McAllen, Texas, and Lackland Terrace Church of Christ in San Antonio, Texas. He was also the original director of the Church of Christ Bible Chair at San Antonio College, teaching credited bible classes there for 16 years. He was a selfless, Christ-like man. He served God his entire life and loved doing things for people, never caring to receive credit for his actions. He loved to cook, travel, golf, and eat good food. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend and Pastor. His warm and caring spirit will be deeply

missed by all he touched.

Services

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM.

Funeral Services will take place at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, with Interment to follow in Mission Burial Park North.

Tribute Wall

JD

“ I knew Sammie when he preached at Hayti, MO. In fact my Sammy is named for him. It is such a blessing that he had so many years to serve the Lord.

June Dockery - August 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I am very sorry for your loss. He was a great man, and I loved to hear his stories about him and my dad Mike Stevens. I thought I saw Sammie and his wife at Niosa this year. I dont know if it was them or not. I was playing in a country band at the time, so I

deano stevens - July 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Praying God's Peace for you. You are in the thoughts and prayers of many who treasure so many fond memories of Sammie!! He was So special to our Harding class of '47, and what a Memorable 60th Anniversary Homecoming we had last year. Sammie was alwa

Lois Lemmons - July 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ JoAnn and family,
We retain many fond memories of you dear people. It seems impossible to imagine a world without Sammie Swim in it! May God be very near as you continue without him.

Keith and Connie Bolton - July 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Joann & Family-you are in our prayers. Sammie was my pastor since childhood, and great friends with my Grandparents, Robert and Louise Gietzen. After my Grandmother passed, he would always stop by to check on my Grandfather and uncle and ask why in the wo

Roxanne Stiteler-Reeves - July 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear JoAnn,
So sorry to hear of Sammie's death, Lois Lemmons called me yesterday informing of his passing.
My prayers are for you and your family, may you have comfort in the good life he lived and that we'll all meet our loved ones in that great "getti

Doris Harris - July 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ It was good to see you at the service and at Jefferson. There are so many ways our lives are connected. God bless you all!
jane and john owens

jane and john owens - July 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Beloved brother and friend. We will miss you dearly. I thank God for having allowed me the privilege to have known you as a brother in Christ and as my Pastor.
I choose this word to describe you as a follower of Christ and as a preacher of The Word. Than

Chris Sandoval - July 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I have fond memories of Sammie bringing me some banana pudding late in the evening while I was working on Bible school curriculum at Harvey Drive. His big smiles and hugs were so uplifting. His Christian love was felt by all.
Love, Karen Herring

karen herring - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ JoAnn, my prayers are with you. I was so sorry to learn that Sammie is no longer with us. I have many fond memories of my time with him at Harding class of 1947 and the subsequent homecoming get-togethers. He was one of the few classmates that continue

Millie Root - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Joann and Family, Sammie was a man you can never forget and admire for the rest of your life. I can offer you my sympathy but I know how it does not really help. If there is anything I can do please call. I know your sorrow is great and I also know frie

Shirley Garza - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Sammie was a wonderful person, and a great man of God.

Tom and Vivian Barnette - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Sammie Swim has been a part of our extended family dating back at least to 1960. We have loved him, JoAnn, Terri, and Mike all these years. So many special memories. What a great family the Swims are! How we will miss Sammie. He ministered to my moth*

Carolyn Halbert Bryan - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Although there are no words I know to convey an embracing comfort, I still wanted you to know that the Swim family will remain in both my thoughts and prayers. The church has lost a dedicated Christian man; he will be missed dearly. I know that the Lord*

Dorothy Christman - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *We will miss him greatly. He was really nice to us and encouraging while at Lackland Terrace. Be strong and rejoice for him JoAnn. In Christian Love.*

Luther & Classie Byrd - July 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *I was saddened to hear of his passing but I know he is going to a better place where we all hope to be someday. He was the minister who performed my marriage ceremony back in 1976 and we had spoke from time to time. He will be missed.*

Rachel Price - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ We have known him for a long time and have heard him preach at several congregations over the years. IRhetawas in one of his Bible classes at SAC. We will miss this wonderful man.

David and Rheta Wheeler - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ We were so sorry to hear of Sammie's passing. He was such a good example of what a Christian should be. I always enjoyed seeing him with his big smile and warm hug. He will definitely be missed.

Debbie and Mike Key - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ On behalf of the entire Graham family, we would like to pass along our most heartfelt condolences.
Sammie Swim--or PawPaw, as I liked to call him, was a sweet and gentle soul whose spirit I will always carry in my heart. His sharp wit, celebratory excla

Stephanie Graham - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ JoAnn,
Sammie and you were a blessing to the church in McAllen, and I have thought of both of you often throughout the years. Sammie was a wonderful man, who truly loved the Lord.
Paula Vasquez

Paula Vasquez - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I remember Sammie as a wonderful minister and teacher. He was so kind and friendly. The one thing I remember most is him visiting me in the hospital after the birth of my first child. That made a huge impression on me. He will be greatly missed but not

Renee Fulp - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ My grandmother, LaVerne Curry, loved Sammie and his wife so much!! My family got to know them through my grandmother and Jefferson Church of Christ in San Antonio. Our prayers are with his family.....what a sweet man he was!!!

DebbieCurryDent - July 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Jo Ann,

Robin and I only had a short time to come to know you and Sammie. We were looking forward to more opportunities together. We'll have all the time we need following that day we join Sammie in his new home. We love you both!

Chuck & Robin Bagby - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Joann and family,

I remember the day you moved to San Antonio and my dad, Curtis Rucker, met you. We had some wonderful times together and lots of good food. You were both so good to my parents, and my family really appreciates that. God bless

Sue Rucker Powell - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Sammie was the salt of the earth, a kind and gentle soul, a true believer who never abandoned his strong Christian outlook. My prayers and thoughts are with you today. It was a honor to know each of you, to share the good times, and to have been a part of*

Johnny Scott - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *JoAnn and family,*

My earliest memories of church as a child are at Beacon Hill and Sammy's wonderful smile. Like my mother said, you were so good to my family and my grandparents loved you so.

I am sure they are playing 42 together and catching up!

Carol Scott - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Dear Jo Ann,*

Sue wrote me of your loss. I have many fond remembrances of the times we all shared with Mother and Daddy at Beacon Hill in San Antonio.

Seems odd that I should be 73 years old now--and that Sammie was just 10 years older.

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Anne Rucker Hines - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Sammie E. Swim*

Milford & Marilyn Ratcliff - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Dear Jo Ann, we are so sorry for your loss. We can't forget the happy times we spent at the TV station recording for the "What Does The Bible Say" program. So glad we got to see you two last Feb. at Bonanza. It had been so long. God bless you.

Paul & Shirley Tuller - July 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Jo Ann, Terri, Sinker, We were truly saddened to hear the news today. Please know that we are lifting you all up in prayer that the Lord will comfort you in your loss, with the assurance of being together again in the place that Jesus has prepared for us

Larry & Cathy Giuliani - July 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM