



## Fred Swanson Jr.

May 20, 1947 - November 11, 2017

Clarence Alfred “Fred” Swanson Jr., 70, of Bartlesville, died suddenly Saturday in Bartlesville.

Fred was born the son of Clarence Alfred “Swede” Sr. and Lupe (Cornejo) Swanson on May 20, 1947, in Bartlesville. A lifelong resident of Dewey and Bartlesville, Fred worked for his father’s Sinclair station and car wash in Dewey while growing up. Fred graduated with the College High Class of 1965. He met the love of his life Cathey Ann Woodworth at a social event. After a year of dating they were united in marriage on March 16, 1968, in Bartlesville and they made their home in Dewey for a few years before settling in Bartlesville. Fred worked various jobs in masonry and concrete before starting his 40 year career with National Zinc retiring in 2010.

Fred was a good natured guy who loved to laugh, known for his sense of humor and lifelong love for harmless pranks. While his boys Dane and Brandon were growing up, Fred coached their ball teams and earned the nickname “Free Bird.” He encouraged his sons to be good fathers and gave helpful advice, whether they asked for it or not.

Later in life Fred enjoyed working on his rental properties and became personally interested in his tenants’ lives. He was particularly known for his freshly baked Thanksgiving rolls that he labored on for hours until Cathey let

that cat out of the bag. Fred loved to give gifts to his family, usually items that were wants versus needs like a case of pop or candy for the grandkids, and usually these items just appeared when they were needed most. Fred had a special bond with each of his friends and loved spending time with them. Most of all Fred was a wonderful grandfather who spoiled his grandchildren, spending precious time with them and entertaining them.

Fred is survived by his loving wife Cathey of the home; two sons Dane Swanson and Bonnie Cawley, and Brandon Swanson and Darcy, all of Bartlesville; father Swede and Marjorie Swanson of Bartlesville; four sisters, Elaine Hamilton and Luther of Longview, TX, Anita "Bunny" Favors and Terry of Grove, OK, Kathy Swanson of Dewey, and Becky Tate and Mike of Alabaster, AL; four grandsons, Cameron Cruz, Gage, Eli and Mitch; one great granddaughter June; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother and one sister Gloria Swanson.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 10-8. Fred's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Wednesday, November 15, from 6-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Hopestone Cancer Support Center, 206 SE Frank Phillips Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74003.

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with Fred's family at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel  
113 S Osage Ave  
Dewey, OK 74029  
(918) 534-3030  
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Gathering of Friends and Family

NOV 15. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel  
113 S Osage Ave  
Dewey, OK 74029  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.*



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**Davis Family Funeral Home** - November 15, 2017 at 03:38 PM

BT

*Love*

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**Becky Tate** - November 15, 2017 at 04:09 PM

WH

*Such a beautiful video of Fred and family. Lots of wonderful memories to cherish forever. Prayers and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. Wendy Hall*

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**Wendy Hall** - November 16, 2017 at 11:57 AM

BT

“ *Freddy, you know I think of you often. It's still so hard to believe you are gone. It'll be Year in less than a week from now... love and miss you so much. Love you , and I'll see you again.*

*Becky*

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**Becky Tate** - November 06, 2018 at 08:41 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Fred coached our son in his early, scrawny years of growing up, and was so patient and kind. Not sure how you motivate 10-11 year olds to play hard, but it worked. Thank you both for the kindness and integrity you demonstrated to those around you. Jerri Meyer

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**Jerri Meyer** - November 29, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ Debbie Hough lit a candle in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.



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**Debbie Hough** - November 16, 2017 at 09:42 PM



Cathey, So sorry for your loss...sending my thoughts and prayers to you and the boys...all of my love...

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**Debbie Hough** - November 16, 2017 at 09:45 PM

LW

“ I just moved into the neighborhood a year ago across the street from Fred and Cathy, I enjoyed talking across the yard about mowing and how each others yard looked and just waiving saying, hello neighbor.  
Lora Willis

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**Lora Willis** - November 16, 2017 at 05:11 PM

PS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May you feel God during this time of need.

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**Paul and Vickie(Young) Sigler** - November 15, 2017 at 11:59 PM

KH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Your families in our thoughts.* ”



Kimberly Henshall - November 15, 2017 at 05:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Fred Swanson Jr..* ”



November 15, 2017 at 03:32 PM

GD

“ *Gloria Divelbiss lit a candle in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.* ”



Gloria Divelbiss - November 14, 2017 at 06:44 PM

GD

“ I went to school with "Freddie" at Lincoln Elementary in Dewey during the first and second grade. I moved to Bartlesville in 1956 and hadn't seen him in over 60 years until I ran into him and his wife at Tuesday House a few weeks ago. He walked right by me and I asked him if he was Freddie Swanson. I saw him again last Tuesday at Tuesday House. My husband and I had gone to the lake Friday for the weekend and returned Monday! I was shocked and in disbelief when I read of his passing in the paper! I remember Freddie as being a fun loving really ornery kid when we were in school together; seems like he always had a little mischievous grin on his face. That is probably why I remembered him after all these years! My sympathy and condolences to his family for their loss. May God bring comfort and peace to you during your time of sorrow.

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**Gloria Divelbiss** - November 14, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ Fred will be missed with all the pranks and making people laugh!



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**Dona Tucker-Lively** - November 14, 2017 at 01:41 PM

KH

“ Rest in peace my friend you will be truly missed. Prayers for you Ms Cathey



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**Kelly Hainline** - November 14, 2017 at 10:40 AM


 Robin Betts

“ *Robin Betts lit a candle in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.*



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**Robin Betts** - November 14, 2017 at 10:37 AM

 Robin Betts

*My Prayers are with Miss Cathey and Family. Fred will be greatly missed by many.*

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**Robin Betts** - November 14, 2017 at 10:39 AM



“ *Fred always brought a smile to my face...hugs for Cathy and your family.*



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**Karen Flanagan** - November 13, 2017 at 09:01 PM

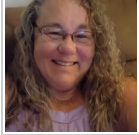
 Wendy Boukhari

“ *Wendy Boukhari lit a candle in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.*



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**Wendy Boukhari** - November 13, 2017 at 09:01 PM



“ *Melissa Sumpter lit a candle in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.*



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**Melissa Sumpter** - November 13, 2017 at 08:57 PM

BS

“ *Belva Foreman Steiner lit a candle in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.*



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**Belva Foreman Steiner** - November 13, 2017 at 07:02 PM

Gary Young

“ *Sorry Brandon. Fred was a good guy*



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**Gary Young** - November 13, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ *Good good it right here.....How's it going my friend? Gimmie the bird*

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**Dustin Ward** - November 13, 2017 at 03:57 PM

Betsy Phelan

“ I will certainly miss Fred. "How's it going, my friend"..was his greeting. Hugs and prayers for Miss Cathy and family.



Betsy Phelan - November 13, 2017 at 03:12 PM

Karen Smith

“ Karen Smith lit a candle in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.



Karen Smith - November 13, 2017 at 02:50 PM

Karen Smith

*Fred will greatly missed. Prayers and Hugs. Tim and Karen Smith*

Karen Smith - November 13, 2017 at 02:53 PM

GR

“ Gayla Foreman Ruble lit a candle in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.



Gayla Foreman Ruble - November 13, 2017 at 12:43 PM

AP

“ Adam Potter lit a candle in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.



Adam Potter - November 13, 2017 at 08:52 AM

EB

“ Ed Bridgman And Debbie Blais lit a candle in memory of Fred Swanson Jr.



Ed Bridgman and Debbie Blais - November 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ So sorry for your loss of your son. My prayers and hugs are with you at this dark time. Your friend from Delaware Tribal Luncheon. Sandy Barlow



Sandy Barlow - November 12, 2017 at 05:45 PM

SB

The above is for the whole family but especially for my friends-Swede and Margie at Delaware Tribal Luncheon. Sandy Barlow.

sandy barlow - November 14, 2017 at 05:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
*Fred Swanson Jr.*”



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November 12, 2017 at 02:27 PM