



## Waldo Merl Swan

October 19, 1931 - February 1, 2022

Waldo Merl Swan, 90, passed away in his home after a brief illness on February 1, 2022.

Waldo was born on October 19, 1931, in Copan, OK, to Clarence L. Swan Sr. and Jessie Burns Forebeck. Waldo grew up and lived his whole life in rural Dewey. He graduated from Copan High School in 1950.

In August of 1952 he married the love of his life, Mary Ann Nations, also of Copan. Waldo enlisted and served in the U.S. Army as a private from 1952 to 1954 and was stationed in Germany and Paris. He received an honorable discharge and took great pride in serving our country.

Waldo was employed with Reda Pump and retired early after 36 years. After his retirement, he owned a trailer court north of Dewey. Much later he went to work mowing properties for Washington County. He was a hard-working man his whole life and continued working until the age of 90.

Waldo loved working outdoors from sunrise to sunset. He was an avid gardener and had a small fruit tree orchard. He also loved buying and selling old cars and tinkering with them. He was a strong Christian man of faith and was known in his church as "the most faithful of the faithful." He was also known for going around the countryside and witnessing about the Lord.

Waldo is survived by his three children, Sue Ann Gwin (Frank Gwin), Janet Rae Hamrick, all of Dewey, and Bruce Swan of Copan; seven grandchildren, Matthew Humberd, Jennifer Vander Werf, Amy Roberts, Christina Tholen, Hailey Hamrick, Kristi Draut, and Stephen Gwin; twenty-one great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews; and numerous friends who he loved dearly.

Mr. Swan was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Ann; his parents; two brothers, Clarence L. Swan, Jr. and Aubrey O. Swan, Sr.; and one sister, Thelma Egan.

Waldo's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75), Dewey, on Friday, February 11, from 6-8 p.m. Come and go visitation will also be held that same day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 12, at Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel with Pastor Greg Buie officiating. Interment will follow at the Dewey Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at [www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Dewey Cemetery

HWY 75 North  
Dewey, OK 74029

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 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

## Family and Friends Gathering

FEB 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

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FEB 12. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel  
113 S Osage Ave  
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## Funeral Service

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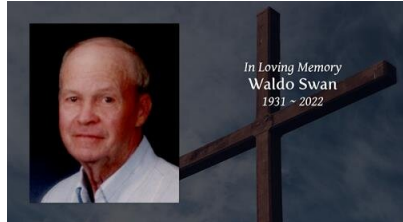
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Waldo Merl Swan*



**Davis Family Funeral Home** - February 08, 2022 at 06:15 PM

JH

*Updated video*

**Janet Swan Hamrick** - February 09, 2022 at 11:40 AM

MP

“ *Was glad that I had the opportunity to meet Waldo. His generation always impressed me very much. So hard working and the love of the Lord is always shared.*

**Michael Phipps** - February 09, 2022 at 09:36 AM

HC

“ *A true representation of glorifying our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*  
🙏

**Holly Cheney** - February 08, 2022 at 10:53 PM

MS

“ *Melissa Sweem lit a candle in memory of  
Waldo Merl Swan*



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**Melissa Sweem** - February 08, 2022 at 10:15 PM

NV

“ *Neva Vanderlinden lit a candle in memory of  
Waldo Merl Swan*



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**Neva Vanderlinden** - February 05, 2022 at 03:36 PM

NV

“Waldo was such a special man.

*My husband and I met him while he was mowing a lot for the city next to our house.*

*It was so, so hot outside so I took him all the ice water he could drink and a cool wet towel. He knocked at the door when he was done to return the glass and towel. We invited him in to cool off a moment before he headed off. That was the beginning of our friendship. He was so kind and so spiritual. Him and my husband would talk about the Bible and the Lord and he would tell me about his beautiful wife. You could tell he missed her very much. Waldo would come visit from time to time and then we didn't see him for a while. It was like he knew we were talking of him because just like that he was knocking at our door. We were so glad to see him and visit with him again. Made our hearts feel good. I noticed the lump on his neck and didn't ask him anything about it. I think I already knew. I also wanted to keep our visit as joyous as they always were. I kinda had a feeling we wouldn't see him for visits after this. It was just in the way he walked away. So I tried to inquire about him when I could.*

*On Sunday night, January 23rd, I had a dream of Waldo. He was sitting in the chair next to my husband Bob and I came into the room with a glass of water for Waldo like I had done before and Waldo was sitting there with the nicest smile on his face. That was it. Dream was over. I was peaceful when I woke up but had that feeling we wouldn't be seeing our friend again. One week later I read where our dear friend has gained his wings.*

*Thank you Waldo for your years of friendship. God graced us with your presence. Thank you for coming to my dream and smiling one more time. For not to say goodbye but to say we'll see you again.*

*We loved you Waldo💙*

*Prayers of comfort to the family and friends of Waldo.🙏*

*Bob & Neva Vanderlinden*

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**Neva Vanderlinden** - February 05, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ *Waldo was a very good man, always come across the street from the church to visit with us. He will be greatly missed by so many. Our Condolences in your fathers passing Sue and Janet God be with you in the days ahead.*  
*Deniece and Mike Bush*

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**Deniece Bush** - February 03, 2022 at 01:30 AM