



Dr. Leroy V. Swift Jr.

August 11, 1936 - September 5, 2024

Dr. Leroy V. Swift, Jr. was born August 11, 1936 to his parents, Leroy Swift, Sr. and Juanita Long-Swift. He went on to be with the Lord on September 05, 2024 at the age of 88. His mother Juanita Swift, father Leroy Swift, Sr., daughter Cheryl Swift, sister Rosa Lundy, and brother Edgar Swift, preceded him in death.

He was raised in the back woods of Gause, Texas in a community affectionately known as Two-Mile, where he gave his life to Christ at an early age. His grandfather, Augusta Long, was a deacon, superintendent, and a teacher of the Word at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, and was a great influence in his spiritual life, which encouraged him to grow up to be just like his grandfather.

Dr. Swift graduated from Wheatly High School in Houston, Texas at the age of seventeen. Shortly after graduation he enlisted in the United States Army, where his career in law enforcement began as a Military Police Officer at Fort Riley, Kansas, and a High Speed (Morse Code) Radio Operator. In the military he served throughout Germany for several years.

After leaving the military, he joined the Kansas City Missouri Police Department in 1958 where he was an advocate for the rights and due privileges of underserved officers. Throughout the 1950s and 60s there was no equal opportunity for black police officers, but he managed to move up the ranks quickly. To be a catalyst for change in the inequities that were faced by Blacks within the police organization and throughout the community, Dr. Swift

became one of the founding members of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, a public service organization at the forefront of providing solutions to law enforcement issues and concerns, as well as to the ever-changing needs of African-American communities, with 57 chapters in the United States, one in St. Kitts & Nevis and one in the United Kingdom. He was a founding and charter member of the National Association of Police Community Relations Officers (NAPCRO), and is a life member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

During this time Dr. Swift received his Associate of Art degree and Bachelor of Science from the University of Missouri in Kansas City (UMKC), and Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration from the University of Central Missouri (formerly CMSU). In 1975 he was led by the Holy Spirit to leave Kansas City, Missouri, and return to his hometown in Gause, Texas to his spiritual roots. And after 27 years of service on the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, he retired as Deputy Chief of Police. After a few years he returned to work as the Chief of Police of the Austin Parks Department, where he remained for ten years.

God had other plans for Dr. Swift and he was obedient. He wanted to get a better understanding of the Word, so he attended ITGW and in 2003 he received his Master's in Biblical Study. He continued his education through ITGW and received a Doctorate of Ministry in Christian Counseling (2005), Doctorate of Divinity in Philosophy (2008), and a PhD. in Clinical Pastoral Counseling (2013). He also became a Professor at ITGW. Dr. Leroy Swift was also called to become the Pastor of Mount Tabor Baptist Church where he attended as a child. He had well equipped himself by going to school to get a better understanding of God's Word and was obedient to the assignment he was given.

He leaves behind his wife Margie Swift, and four children Renee Ryan, Matthew Swift, Darrylyn Swift, and Duane Swift (Cardia). Leroy, also leaves to cherish his memories: seven sisters, Betty Cornwell, Jessie Cooperwood, Carol Crawford, Ruth Shepard, Marion Ware, Janice Shipp-Moore, and Tracy

Berry; five brothers Bennie Swift, Stacy Hughes, Mark Hughes, Troy Hughes, and Jason Hughes. He also leaves a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, whom he affectionately referred to as his “babies”, relatives and friends. Services will be 11 am, Saturday, September 14, 2024 at New Jerusalem Interdenominational Church, 103 Mulberry St., Rockdale Texas, with Dr. Dennis Brooks officiating. The family will receive visitors an hour prior from 10 am to 11 am at the church. Burial will follow at Long Family Cemetery US HWY 79, Loop 355, Gause TX 77857

Cemetery Details

Long Family Cemetery

1649 CR 355 Loop
Gause, TX 77857

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

New Jerusalem Christian Church
Mulberry & 4th Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Celebration of Life

SEP 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Jerusalem Christian Church
Mulberry & 4th Street
Rockdale, TX 76567

Burial

SEP 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

Long Family Cemetery
US HWY 79, Loop 355
Gause, TX 77857

Tribute Wall

JR

“ Condolences to the Swift family as you celebrate the homecoming of your loved one. His inspiration of strength, fortitude and kindness to me doing my formative years will never be forgotten. He taught me not to let go of classical piano by demonstrating his skill of playing Moonlight Sonata. Will always cherish this memory. Love you all. Jackie Roberts and family

Jackie Roberts - September 14, 2024 at 09:05 AM

JR

“ Jacqueline R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Leroy V. Swift Jr..

Jacqueline R. - September 14, 2024 at 08:56 AM

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“ Pauleen Hatch lit a candle in memory of Dr. Leroy Swift



Pauleen Hatch - September 12, 2024 at 03:04 PM

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“ Pauleen Hatch purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Dr. Leroy V. Swift Jr..



Pauleen Hatch - September 12, 2024 at 03:01 PM

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“ Pauleen Hatch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Leroy V. Swift Jr..

Pauleen Hatch - September 12, 2024 at 03:01 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Leroy V. Swift Jr..



September 10, 2024 at 10:55 PM