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George Frank "Sonny" Swain, age 73, of Bridgeville, DE, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at his residence. He was born in Cannon, DE on July 28, 1941, son of the late Howard Farring and Lenore Mae (Blades) Swain.

Mr. Swain was a 1959 graduate of Bridgeville High School who would later serve his country with the US Air Force from 1960-1964. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Mr. Swain embarked on a 34 year career with the DuPont Company.

As a young man, Mr. Swain drove stock cars locally and continued his love of car racing as a NASCAR fan. He was an avid bowler, serving 10 years as the President of the Lower Delaware Bowlers Association. Some of his proudest moments were receiving his ring for bowling a 298 game and one for his 300 game, also being inducted into the Lower Delaware Bowlers Hall of Fame. Mr. Swain and his teammate Grant White won the Delaware State Tournament Doubles. He also won the Men's Singles in a DuPont Employee Tournament. He was a proud member of the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department for 23 years. In addition to his bowling and NASCAR interests, Mr. Swain enjoyed an occasional round of golf with friends or casting a fishing rod on local waters.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Swain was preceded in death by his sister Bonnie C. Swain, brother in-law Richard H. Josephson, father in-law Henry W. Josephson and mother in-law Ruth P. Josephson. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Astrid L. Swain of Bridgeville, DE; 2 sons, Brock Swain and his wife Katrina of Georgetown, DE; Sean Swain and his wife Pamela of Cannon, DE; a grandson, Zachary Swain of Georgetown, DE; 4 granddaughters, Sarah Swain of Greenwood, DE; Victoria Swain, Abigail Swain and Grace Swain all of Cannon, DE; a brother, Howard F. Swain and his wife Daisey of Rhodesdale, MD, a sister, Linda M. Slaughter and her husband Howard of Seaford, DE; a sister in-law, Ann Marie Josephson of Gloucester, MA and many nieces and nephews.



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A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 PM Monday, March 30, 2015 at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Hardesty Chapel, 202 Laws Street, Bridgeville, DE 19933 where friends may visit beginning at 12 PM. Interment will be at 2 PM at the Bridgeville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department, P. O. Box 727, Bridgeville, DE 19933 or Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Please sign Mr. Swain's online guestbook at this site.

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Tribute Wall

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AA

Annette - Bob - Angelina posted:

Dear Cousin Astrid, Brock and Sean and family members ... So sorry about the death of your husband/father ... Anytime throughout my life whenever I saw Sonny he always had a smile and was a true gentleman. Memories are what keeps our loved ones alive in our hearts and I am sure you all have many fond memories. God Bless You all and may the Peace of the Lord be with you always. Love ... Cousin Annette Moulton Spanks ...

April 6 at 8:00 PM

EJ

Eric W. Josephson posted:

Uncle Sonny, We were, and are, so very blessed to have you as a member of the family. We will always have the memories of all the visits you all made during those years Brock and Sean and I were growing up, and those occasions we came to your house on holidays. I am especially grateful that I had the chance to see you during my visit last year. You will be sorely missed. Rest peacefully with God! Love, Eric

April 2 at 8:00 PM

GP

Gary Pusey posted:

Astrid, I am so sorry to hear about Sonny's passing. He was a first class gentleman and he will be missed my many! My prayers go out to you and your family. Gary

April 1 at 8:00 PM

DD

Dennis Dunkleman posted:

Sunny and I bowled in leagues and played golf over the years. It hurts to see such a fine person pass so young.

March 31 at 8:00 PM

DH

Dina Hill posted:

So sorry for your loss. Sonny will be missed. Thinking of all of you.

March 29 at 8:00 PM



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JM

Judy Moore posted:

So sorry to hear about Sonny such a sweet man. Love to family, your in my thoughts and prayers

March 29 at 8:00 PM

DW

Dale Wheatley posted:

Our condolence to Sonny's wife and family.

March 29 at 8:00 PM

RF

Rose Fisher posted:

Lind & "Pete", Prayers going out to you and your families at this very difficult time.

March 29 at 8:00 PM

DK

Dale Kenney posted:

So sorry to hear about Sonny's passing. He certainly was missed when he left Dupont and certainly will be missed by everyone now. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

March 28 at 8:00 PM

BG

Bill And Hiroko Goehner posted:

So sorry to hear of Sonny's passing. He was a wonderful friend and a fine gentleman. Our sympathies to his family.

March 28 at 8:00 PM

GS

Gene Scott posted:

Astrid and Family you have my deepest sympathy. Sonny was by far a very special friend. I enjoyed his company and conversation when we bowled together, not to mention our trips to the Nantionals. His Friendship will be greatly missed.

March 28 at 8:00 PM



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GK

Gary And Margaret Kinnamon posted:

Astrid and Family,I was deeply sadden to learn of Sonny passing.He was a true friend and will be deeply missed.I'll always remember the many fishing trips on De bay and our friendship.The world has lost a really Great person.My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

March 28 at 8:00 PM

RS

Ruth And Ray Sneller posted:

Sonny will be greatly missed.Ray said he loved his work ethics and enjoyed working with him at the plant for many years.He was an all around great guy.Our thoughts and prayers are for you Astrid, and the family.Our loss is heavens gain.

March 27 at 8:00 PM

DE

Dudley And Pat Ewing posted:

Astrid and family,We are so sorry for your loss.

March 27 at 8:00 PM

DC

Darl Chaffinch posted:

I was so sorry to hear of Sonny's passing. My condolences to Astrid, and the boys and to Pete and Linda and every family member.I regret not being able to be in Delaware to attend the services,Sonny and I and Piggy go back to our high school days. So he will be sadly missed by me and a host of other friends. My prayers will be with you all during this sad and difficult time.Darl Chaffinch

March 27 at 8:00 PM

BO

Beth Passwaters Overfelt posted:

As a former classmate and friend of Sonny's, I was saddened to hear of his passing. I have many fond memories of our school days. Many prayers and much love to his family.

March 27 at 8:00 PM



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BM

Bruce Mckinney posted:

May the Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept my sincere condolences. Sonny was a good man I will miss seeing him with you.

March 26 at 8:00 PM

GW

Golda And Harry Williamson posted:

We deep regrets to say good-bye to Sonny. I remember being a cheerleader when he played high school football at Bridgeville High. He was a lot of fun to be around. My parents Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sellars were very good friends of his parents growing up in Cannons back in the sixty. We extend our sympathy to the family. Your are in our prayers.

March 26 at 8:00 PM

DT

Daryl Tull posted:

A TRUE FRIEND AND FELLOW FIREMAN, HE MAY BE GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN. AS A ROSE FINDS THE CRACK IN A WALL AND CREEPS TO THE OTHER SIDE IT STILL LIVES. SONNY IS ON THE OTHER SIDE MAKING A BETTER LIFE FOR US. ASTRID, BROCK, AND SEAN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

March 26 at 8:00 PM

LW

Linda Wheatley Wheatley posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. Fond memories of Sonny and the good ole days of Bridgeville High. Sonny and my late husband Brooks were good friends. May God give you peace and strength during this difficult time.

March 26 at 8:00 PM

BD

Barbara Sellars Dunbar posted:

I was acquainted with Pete and Linda while living in Cannons. Deepest Sympathy to all the family.

March 26 at 8:00 PM



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Hank & Wanda Grabowski posted:

Prayers to the Swain family. Sonny was a wonderful man who was always smiling and was always nice... He will be greatly missed in our "bowling family", and by all that knew him. God bless.

March 26 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring George by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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