



## Charles Michael Swinford

December 8, 1949 - August 17, 2019

Charles Michael Swinford (Mike), age 69, passed away Saturday, August 17, 2019 at St. Vincent Hospital in Hot Springs, Ar. Mike was born and raised in Dallas, Texas to the late Charles Edward Swinford and Delma Sue Swinford (Osteen).

Mike lived most of his life in Hot Springs as he had to escape the sweltering concrete of Dallas. Prior to moving to Hot Springs, he had a brief period of escape to Durango, Colorado in the early 70s that no one in the family really knows anything about, but we all speculate since we've seen some pictures. Mike lived life his way at all cost. He loved cheap beer and cheap cigars. He even wore cheap clothes and drove cheap cars. Mike was fond of the ladies but didn't like them well enough to stay married to them. As one ex wife proclaimed; "Mike was a harbinger of lost souls"; indeed he was, as many of his "friends" were soulless.

Mike was a hard worker, very smart, had a gift of gab, and loved helping people when they were down and out. He's going to be missed, and not by many, but by enough to matter. He worked his whole life serving people and was good at it when he wanted to be. Mike worked for the man most of his life, but was also a small business owner for several years in Hot Springs, AR. For a time, he owned a liquor store, but ran out of product.

Mike leaves behind three children, son Chase Swinford (Vicki) of Dallas, Texas, daughter Erin Hampton (Kevin) of Hot Springs, Arkansas and a son, Justin Swinford (Michelle) of North Little Rock, Arkansas and a host of grandchildren. Mike leaves behind one sister, Debbye Swinford and one niece, Michelle Smith (Kevin) both of Dallas, Texas. Mike is preceded in death by both parents, and one brother, Jerry Swinford, also of Dallas, Texas. We're going to spread his ashes on his property like he wanted and remember the good times. Come and join us, we're liable to have some cheap beer. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers or food, just help somebody that needs it.

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ I have some great memories of Mike, his love to cook and he enjoyed watching everyone eat it to! I have missed him sitting on the front porch watching and waving as you pass by. My sincere condolences to the SWINFORD Family during this difficult time. Miss you "SUNSHINE " Rest in eternal peace.  
Love and prayers to all..



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**Tana Batterton** - August 27, 2019 at 02:13 PM

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“ I don't think I knew Mike (but we may have crossed paths somewhere), I do know his son Justin and his family and considering them Mike must have done something right in raising a first class son. In the early 70s I too liked cheap beer, clothes, cigars and cars! A kindred soul for sure. I'm lucky to have survived those times and I'm sure Mike must have felt the same. Helping someone in need is certainly a lasting legacy to Mike and one that we all should take to heart. Justin & Michelle and the rest of the family I'm so sorry for your loss and offer prayers in this time of grief but know that he is probably remembered fondly by many more that you may know.

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**john cooke** - August 21, 2019 at 11:47 PM

AC

“ Keeping you and your family in our hearts. Now and always.

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**Amanda Houk Copley** - August 21, 2019 at 09:40 AM

TK

“ You'll be missed my friend.  
T.Kerr  
Sunshine, Ar.



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**Tommy Kerr** - August 20, 2019 at 04:06 PM

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❤️ *These pictures!!*

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