



## Maudie Swagart

April 4, 1946 - February 29, 2024

Maudie Merle Swagart

Born April 4, 1946 – Passed February 29, 2024

Merle Swagart passed away suddenly at the age of 77 on February 29, 2024, in Tallahassee,

Florida surrounded by family. She was born on April 04, 1946, in Colquitt County GA, to the

late Burton and Eunice Cochran. Merle was preceded by her husband C.J.

Norman of 27 years

and her second husband Gary F. Swagart of 20 years, her unborn son Johnny Norman,

grandchildren James E. Surber Jr, Alicia Norman, C.J. Norman, and twins Zack, and Bret

Coupal.

She is survived by her siblings John Cochran, Ann Ross, and Earl Cochran, as well as her six

children, Angela Norman, Bobbie Bailey (and husband Alyn), Brenda Holley (and husband Kenny), David Norman (and wife Mishele), Lisa Langston (and husband Randall), and Mary Coupal (and husband Phil).

Additionally, she leaves behind many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Despite the many roles she embraced throughout her life, her most cherished title was that of

Memaw.

A vibrant and dynamic woman whose zest for life was as spicy as her personality. As a mother, wife, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she infused every moment with her unique charm and energy.

Beyond her familial roles, Merle embraced a multitude of professions, from truck driver to florist, wedding coordinator to painter, and even restaurant and business owner. She also was a courier for Pony Express and had a love for adventure, traveling, and gambling. Her green thumb extended to gardening, where she cultivated beauty and serenity amidst her many adventures. Her adventurous spirit and entrepreneurial drive were matched only by her warmth and creativity.

Known for her spunky personality, Merle lit up any room she entered with her bold presence.

Her friendships, especially with her beloved cousins, were as lively and flavorful as her favorite Dr. Pepper.

Though she has left this world, the memories of Merle will forever be seasoned with the joy and vibrancy she brought to all who knew her. May she rest in peace, her spicy spirit living on in the hearts of those she touched.

We will be having a Celebration of Life at Lake Ellen Baptist Church, in the Family Life Center

Saturday March 09, 2024, 4:00PM – 6:00PM. There will be finger food and fellowship. Please feel free to drop in between these times.

Skip and Trey Young, along with Paula and Kimberly are assisting the family

with arrangements. 850-926-5919, [www.familyfhc.com](http://www.familyfhc.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Reception

MAR 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lake Ellen Baptist Church  
4495 Crawfordville Highway  
Crawfordville, FL 32327

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maudie Swagart.*



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March 08, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ *Brian and Kelly Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maudie Swagart.*

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**Brian and Kelly Miller** - March 08, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ *The Tyer Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Maudie Swagart.*



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**The Tyer Family** - March 08, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ *Ken and Gina Deering purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Maudie Swagart.*



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**Ken and Gina Deering** - March 08, 2024 at 07:42 AM

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“ *Nell Rozar lit a candle in memory of Maudie Swagart*



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**Nell Rozar** - March 02, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maudie Swagart.*



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March 02, 2024 at 12:12 PM

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“ *Marion McCaskey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maudie Swagart.*

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**Marion McCaskey** - March 02, 2024 at 12:12 PM